

SOUTH AFRICAN – SWEDISH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Seventh Call for Proposals 2006

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND SWEDEN

DUE DATE: 04 MAY 2006

In November 1999, an agreement was signed between the South African and Swedish governments creating the South African – Swedish Research Partnership Programme which seeks to fulfil the following main objectives:

- * To produce new knowledge and enhance the understanding in fields of mutual concern and relevance in all disciplines
- * To promote research excellence and quality
- * To establish a basis for long-term research co-operation between researchers in South Africa and Sweden
- * To contribute meaningfully to research capacity development
- * To encourage the internationalisation of South African and Swedish higher education institutions

The modalities of co-operation shall include

- * joint research and development projects
- * exchange of scientists, specialists, researchers and experts
- * exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation
- * organising scientific and technological conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions and training courses of mutual interest
- * promoting the commercialisation of scientific and technological achievements
- * promotion of knowledge and technology transfer

In order to facilitate and promote redress, equity and research excellence, proposals and projects with strong elements of research capacity development, especially at historically disadvantaged institutions, as well as those reflecting principles of gender equity, shall enjoy favourable consideration. Joint projects that involve researchers from historically disadvantaged and advantaged institutions and which reflect gender equity will be encouraged.

Research projects within all areas/disciplines will be considered.

The joint application must include two principal investigators, one in South Africa and one in Sweden. The principal investigators have the main responsibility for the scientific and financial reporting, as well as the technical and administrative co-ordination of the project.

Ideally, both principal investigators should hold a Ph.D. and must be affiliated to a higher education institution in Sweden or South Africa.

Only applications forwarded via the research office or its equivalent at universities, university colleges from both countries will be accepted /considered.

Funding will be available for three years, with a possible extension of one year in order to complete the project. A fourth year of funding will only be considered after submission of a progress report and a financial report.

Three copies of the application must be submitted on a special form available from the NRF or from SVR. **[See web-site details below to access application forms.]** Proposals have to be submitted simultaneously in South Africa and in Sweden. Details are contained in the guidelines which can be obtained from the contacts given below.

A project description of not more than ten pages will include the following:

- * detailed description of the collaborative project
- * scientific and technological background
- * specific objectives and expected significance of the research
- * methodology and work-plan
- * record of preliminary results
- * mode of co-operation between the South African and Swedish researchers
- * budget description

Curriculum vitae of the principal investigators and of other participating researchers are to be included.

Applications must be submitted by the **04th May 2006.**

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Details of the bilateral agreement, the guidelines, application forms and this call will soon be available on the following web-sites:

- * www.nrf.ac.za/funding/swedishcall.stm
- * www.vr.se/srl go to South African – Swedish Research Partnership Programme under Areas of Work, to Research