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To All Partner Institutions

Dear Colleagues,

University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP) National Collaborative Project: Strengthening Academic Staff Development in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences in South Africa

We are heading towards the end of this project and the limited remaining funding under the above project is still available until 31st December 2023 or until funds are depleted. Funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The University of Pretoria (UP) continues to be the lead university in this project.

The Strategy and Steering Committee has decided to have a formal evaluation of the programmes and will collect data from member institutions that we will be made available to evaluators. We request cooperation from Node Leaders and HoD's since we aim to use the report to motivate to the DHET for another cycle of funding.

For your convenience, please, find attached

Annexure A: Updated and useful information about the following aspects of the project:

Annexure B: 2023 Funding Guidelines

Annexure C: Template – request for project-related information

I would like to further iterate that one of the goals of the UCDP is “to increase the number of permanent academic and professional staff at South African universities who hold doctoral degrees and to build postgraduate supervisory capacity in South African universities.” It is, therefore, imperative that both established and emerging academics take full advantage of this opportunity.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who have been supportive of this endeavor. We also want to encourage the beneficiaries of this project to continue mentoring the next generation of young graduate academics in their respective environments.

Yours sincerely

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