

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)**APPLICATION DEADLINE****20th July 2021****BACKGROUND**

The TIA Health Unit seeks to support the progression of needs-led, evidence-based innovations for the South African healthcare system and is therefore calling for applications. Key areas of intervention and focus for the TIA Health Unit in the current funding cycle are innovations that will respond to the burden of disease. South Africa faces a quadruple burden of disease resulting from communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS and TB, maternal and child mortality; non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, mental illnesses and chronic lung diseases like asthma, as well as injury and trauma. Applications in these areas will therefore be prioritised. Fundable activities within the project will include prototype/market testing and validation, technology demonstration, registration and regulatory compliance.

The technology focus areas are:

- Medical Devices and Diagnostics
- Pharmaceuticals and Biopharmaceuticals
- IKS and Complimentary Medicines

Please note that if funding is awarded for contract research (excluding scholarships), a **15% UP recovery** is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria must be considered:

- Have a locally-developed innovative technology that responds to South Africa's burden of disease and/or improves access to healthcare;
- Have a validated proof of concept;
- If near-market, letters of intent/support must be made available, and verifiable market interest must be indicated (these will be verified during due diligence with successful applicants);
- Possess protectable IP and/or competitive know-how;
- Where extensive clinical trials are required, the applicant and/or their partners must provide evidence of secured co-funding as TIA financial support, or support from its funding partners may be limited in this regard;
- Where the transfer of technology is expected, there must be a demonstrable commitment by the licensor or transferring party to commit to such and this commitment may be in some cases be a condition precedent to TIA funding;
- Demonstrate the contribution of the innovation, team, and project execution to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) agenda.

Please also see the attached document for additional information.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are to be made via the following [portal](#).

Please send a copy of all documents that you have sent online to the Faculty Research Office: natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za

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