

CALL FOR FUNDING APPLICATION 2012

MASTERS, DOCTORAL, POST-DOCTORAL STUDENTS, SENIOR RESEARCHERS

IFAS-Research would like to remind research teams, researchers and students in the Human and Social Sciences working on Southern Africa, that all applications for the financing of research works, events, field trips or publications for **2012** must imperatively reach us by email only (research@ifas.org.za) **before the 30th of November 2011**.

All applications will be considered. However, research in line with that of the Institute will be an advantage. As a reminder, we list hereunder our four current focus areas. **No conditions of nationality apply**. This call is therefore clearly intended to elicit projects from researchers **from both Europe and Southern Africa**. Beyond the themes indicated below, Southern African researchers willing to submit projects of a comparative nature (between Southern Africa and Europe) requiring fieldwork in France are welcome. **The 3 essential eligibility criteria** are:

- an existing or potential scientific partnership between France and Southern Africa, and with Francophone countries when applicable; if in doubt the applicants may contact IFAS to be put in touch with researchers likely to collaborate with them
- an overall budget of less than 40 000 South African Rands or 4000 euros;
- financial participation from another institution (details of which should be provided in the project).

Focus areas :

1. Southern African Cities: Urban Dynamics and Governance

Issues of security, privatisation of public services, local government and the adoption of "best practice" models, participation, migration and xenophobia, historical development of Southern African cities, spatial justice and the right to the city, neighbourhood and city memory.

2. Democratic Transformation in the Region

- a. Mapping of electoral dynamics, party politics, republicanism;
- b. Law and transformation : constitutional changes, protection of minority rights, equity policies; human rights regime, refugee & asylum regimes, citizenship and its transformation, challenges posed by right of access to basic services;
- c. Education and transformation: school and nation-building processes, language policy, higher education transformation, elite formation.

3. Long Term Perspective on the History of People's Settlement in Southern Africa

Multidisciplinary knowledge of Middle and Late Stone Age; past and current migration trends in the field of history, archaeology, rock art, socio-anthropology, linguistics, current issues of memory and the celebration of history in contemporary Southern Africa

4. Comparative Development Economics

Formal/informal labour, economic policy development, governance, effects of liberalisation on Southern African economies, sector-focused studies, SADC-NEPAD – EU relations, critical and comparative approaches to development economics, in particular to sustainable development issues (such as environmental justice).

Selection process of applications:

- Deadline for applications : 30 November 2011
- Pre-selection of applications and sending to the reporters of the Research Advisory Committee : mid-December 2011
- Feedback from the Research Advisory Committee members and validation: end of January 2012 – early February 2012

Responses will be sent to applicants by e-mail **by mid February 2012.**

*Please note that financing of research projects will be granted with the condition precedent that IFAS has enough allocated budget to this end in the year 2012.
Priority will be given to doctoral students.*

Appl. N°
Date received :

Post-graduate student / PhD candidates /
Post-doctoral & Senior Researchers
APPLICATION FORM

IDENTITY		DECISION***
LAST NAME		
First name		
Nationality		
Supervisor		
Research Unit / University		
Main field		
Degree / Year*		
Research theme (specify full title)		
FIELD TRIP		
Duration of stay and dates		
Location / Itinerary		
Goal (interviews, archives, etc ...)		
FUNDING		
Other grant, scholarship or salary (yes /no and specify)*		
Funding required from IFAS		
Nature		
Amount of total funding		
Other sources of funding**		
DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS****		
In Southern Africa		
In France		
Publications		
Agreed date of final submission*		
Impact on institutional partnerships		

*Only for students.

Specify funding applications made and confirmed. **WARNING: IFAS shall not be the sole donor.

***Do not write. To be filled in by IFAS.

**** Such as presenting a paper in a seminar, participating to a conference, workshop, preparing an exhibition, etc.... For senior researchers, setting up a research programme, sensitizing the public to a research theme, collaborating with national / multilateral agencies.

Projects / Events
APPLICATION FORM

INSTITUTION		DECISION**
NAME		
Address / Telephone / Fax / E-mail		
Country		
Contact person		
Contact details		
Main field		
PROJECT		
Full title		
Nature		
Duration and dates		
Location		
Main objective		
FUNDING		
Funding required from IFAS		
Nature		
Amount of total funding		
Other sources of funding*		
DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS***		
In Southern Africa		
In France / in French		
Publications		
Impact on institutional partnerships		

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***Advertising, publications, course, exhibition, etc....

List of documents to enclose in the application

1	A short introduction letter from the applicant (that can be included in the e-mail);	
2	A detailed description of the research project not exceeding 10 pages and containing: a problem statement, the state-of-the-art on the issue, indications on the methodology, a detailed work plan including the itinerary, dates, objectives, an introductory bibliography, a short list of previous publications (for senior researchers only), indications regarding the dissemination of results, institutional partnerships;	
3	A provisional budget indicating the amount of total funding, other sources of funding applied for and obtained, funding required from IFAS (nature of expenses);	
4	An abridged CV;	
5	A reference letter from the research supervisor (for students) possibly indicating the Department or research unit's financial support;	
6	The application form filled in electronically	