

MU-HU-NMBU Collaboration

Phase IV, Year II (2009 EC)

Call for Project Proposals and Action Plans

Office of the Institutional Collaboration of
Mekelle and Hawassa Universities and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences

SN	INITIATIVES	ACTIVITIES BY UNITS TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS	UNITS	DEADLINE
1.0 CAPACITY BUILDING				
1.1	PHD TRAINING IN MU: 15 SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS ARE OPEN	The Program will support 15 PhD candidates pursuing their studies in MU. Hence, Pertinent institutes/ colleges shall carry out the selection of faculty applicants for MU-based PhD scholarship in: (a) Energy Engineering, (b) Plant Breeding, (c) Soil Sciences, (d) Public Health, (e) Climate Change and Rural Development; and (f) Other Programs. Then, the institutes/colleges send the names of selected candidates to the Office of the Collaboration for Scholarship Award.	PhD Running Colleges	Nov. 30, 2016
1.2	ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE ON ENERGY	The Program shall support the establishment of a university-level institute of energy. Therefore, EiT-M sets up a working team: (a) to establish a University-level Institute of Energy, and (b) to establish four energy labs; and submit an approved action plan with funding request to the Office of the Collaboration.	EiT-M	Nov 30, 2016
1.3	ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE ON MOUNTAIN R&D	The Program shall support the establishment of a university-level institute of mountain R&D. Thus, CDANR and IWRE are carrying out projects on the Initiative. They are required to submit approved action plan with funding request to the Office of the Collaboration.	Pertinent Colleges	Nov 30, 2016
1.4	STRENGTHEN PHD OFFERING PROGRAMS	Colleges/institutes running PhD programs shall submit action plans for capacity building of the programs through provisions of education and research inputs (i.e. equipment and tools and publications). Funding shall be released to the colleges/institutes upon submission of approved action plans.	Pertinent Colleges	Dec 31, 2016
1.5	SUPPORT ICT & LIBRARY SERVICES	The two units (i.e. the ICT and Library Directorate Offices) are required to submit the action plan to the Program Office for funding.	ICT and Library	Dec 31, 2016
1.6	PROMOTING MU REFORM	The Office the Institutional Transformation and Internal Quality Assurance is required to submit the action plan on University Reform to the Program Office for funding.	IT & IQA	Dec 31, 2017

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2.0 DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION				
2.1	MEDIUM-SCALE RESEARCH	Four multidisciplinary, medium-scale research projects shall be initiated in 2017. They will last for up to two years. Research works are expected to address/tackle multiple problems through inter- or multidisciplinary approaches. All colleges and institutes shall prepare one institutional proposal in collaboration with faculty members/institutional units from NMBU for competition. Once the selection of four proposals is made, winning proposals shall be enhanced based on comments and recommendations of the Program Office.	Colleges and Institutes	Jan 31, 2017
2.2	SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH	There are 40 small-scale research projects to be supported by the Program. Small-scale research projects will be aligned with masters' researches to assist in the learning and development of young professionals for instructorship. Hence, MU instructors studying for masters' degrees shall submit proposals for funding through competition. Thesis research advisers assist the applicants and shall serve as Co-PI in the proposals.	College and Institutes	Dec 31, 2016
2.3	THESIS-BASED RESEARCH	There are 30 master thesis-based research projects to be supported by the Program. These research projects are entirely dedicated to young professionals and senior faculty members (assistant professor and above, except medical specialists) are involved as research advisers. They will be managed by departments or colleges. Awards shall be on competitive basis at MU level. Calls shall be made by VPRCS.	Colleges and Institutes VPRCS	Dec 31, 2016
2.4	PUBLISH JOURNALS AND PROCEEDINGS	The Office University-Industry-Community Linkage shall develop an action plan to use the allotted funding for: (a) publishing MU journals, (b) proceeding of research review, and (c) hosting one international/national conference. Then, the Office gets its action plan approved by its supervisory unit and submits the approved action plan to the Program Office for funding.	Research and PG Director	Dec 31, 2016
2.5	TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER	The Collaboration Program will support the development and transfer of technologies to end-users. Pertinent colleges and institutes are required submit approved proposals/actions plans to the Office the Institutional Collaboration Program for funding.	Colleges and Institutes	Dec 31, 2016
2.6	DISSEMINATION AND POPULARIZATION OF CROPS	The Program will support initiatives of dissemination and popularization of some crops to end-users. CDANR and IEGDS will be supported to jointly disseminate and popularize the crops. Hence, the institutes shall jointly prepare action plans/proposals for dissemination and popularization, have the action plans/proposals approved by their supervisory units, and submit them to the Program Office for funding.	CDANR and IEGDS	Dec 31, 2016

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2.7	APPLE DISSEMINATION	The Program will support dissemination of apple varieties to end-users. The CDANR will be supported to disseminate and popularize the apple varieties. Hence, the College shall prepare action plans/proposals for dissemination, have its action plans/proposals approved by its supervisory units, and submit the action plans/proposals to the Program Office for funding.	CDANR	Dec 31, 2016
2.8	TRAININGS ON FISHERIES TO COOPERATIVES	The Program will support projects for offering training on fisheries and fisheries' associations. The CNCS will be supported to carry out the training project. Therefore, the College: prepares action plans/proposals for training, gets its action plans/proposals approved by its supervisory units, and submits the action plans/proposals to the Program Office for funding.	CNCS	Dec 31, 2016

3.0 SUPPORT FEMALE & DISABLED STUDENTS

3.1	SUPPORT FEMALE MASTER'S STUDENTS	The Collaboration plans to support five thesis-based research projects by females. These projects are entirely dedicated to female candidates where senior faculty members (assistant professor and above except medical specialists) can only involve as research advisers. Such projects shall be managed by departments/ colleges. Awards shall be on competitive basis at a University level. Call for competition shall be made by the Office of VPRCS.	VPRCS and VPA	Nov 30, 2016
3.2	SUPPORT TO FEMALE AND DISABLED STUDENTS	The offices of Gender Affairs, Student Services, and vice President for Academics jointly prepare action plans/ project proposals to carry out activities related to: a. offering tutorials for first year students, b. tutor-mentoring to high school female students, c. financial support to needy female students, d. awarding and recognizing top performing female students, e. support to disabled students, and f. financial support to visually impaired students. The plans/project proposals are approved by pertinent unit/units of MU and are submitted to the Program Office for funding.	Gender, Student Services, and VPA	Nov 30, 2016