

Call for applications for joint projects: Bio-economy and Resource Management

South Africa and Germany have a long-lasting bilateral partnership in science and technology. The first call for joint research projects was launched in 2007, with simultaneous announcements of calls since 2009. In 2013, BMBF requested an assessment of this bilateral cooperation. The positive outcomes of this assessment have led to the launch of this renewed joint call.

With this new phase of funding, both Germany and South Africa have agreed to make fewer awards but with increased levels of support for longer periods (four-year funding instead of the usual three years) in order to facilitate the development of sustainable institutional links between the two countries. Extending the period of funding to four years will also ensure the development of research capacity in identified research fields through the support of PhD students within each project. Therefore, it should be ensured that a certain portion of the funds per project is used for the mobility and short-term placements of the assigned PhD students per project.

The aim with this programme is not only to build on existing, outstanding and established research partnerships, but to also foster new linkages and engagements with small cohorts of young researchers (i.e. PhD students) for new links between South Africa and Germany. Please note that the basis of selection from both countries will be excellence.

Purpose and aims of this new programme

Grants for joint research projects within this programme are aimed at promoting collaborative projects with clearly defined goals involving at least one partner based in Germany and one based in South Africa. Applications should describe ambitious applied research and propose innovative approaches. Projects are funded in the areas of bio-economy and resource management. The maximum grant scope is 100.000 EURO over a time span of 48 months.

Reciprocal visits and short stays in Germany for researchers and PhD students from South Africa and vice versa are also included within the scope of this programme.

For more information please follow the link below:

http://www.southafrica.diplo.de/Vertretung/suedafrika/en/__pr/__Embassy/2016/2nd__Q/06-Call-Joint-Projects-Bioeconomy.html?archive=4476218