

ICGEB Special Programme with South African HDIs

RE-OPENED: Meetings and Courses Call

3rd Closing date: 8 July 2024

The South African Department of Science and Innovation and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) have partnered in a Special Programme to develop and support capacity development in South African Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDIs)*.

The ICGEB invites proposals from Principal Investigators (PIs) in South African HDIs to run joint scientific events, workshops and practical training courses in the Life Sciences, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology and the bioeconomy, co-organised with ICGEB researchers.

There is also an additional funding opportunity for researchers and students from HDIs to apply for funding to attend [ICGEB Meetings and Courses](#) in Africa, as well as a limited number in Trieste, Italy and New Delhi, India.

Programme Activities

A: ICGEB provides support for the organisation of scientific events in South African HDIs, to be co-organised with ICGEB staff and researchers

- Funding is available for workshops, theoretical and practical training courses
- Particular attention will be given to scientific events addressing issues of provincial, national and regional interest
- Scientific event to be hosted by end February 2025

B: Funding is also available for researchers and students from HDIs to apply for funding to attend [ICGEB Meetings and Courses](#) in Africa, Trieste, Italy and New Delhi, India.

Eligibility Criteria

- This call is only open to South African HDIs
- This call is only open to South African citizens and South African permanent residents
- The Scientific Organiser must be an employee of the HDI (Organising Institute) in charge of the meeting organisation
- By applying to this ICGEB call, the applicant (scientific organiser) agrees to utilise ICGEB logo and branding requirements, as well as associated publicity for the event and inclusion in the ICGEB official Meetings and Courses [Calendar](#)
- Researchers and students applying for funding to attend ICGEB Meetings in Africa, Trieste, Italy and New Delhi, India must be registered at an HDI

ICGEB Contribution

A: ICGEB encourages applications within one of the following two categories:

- **ICGEB Workshop:**
To be co-organised and co-sponsored by the HDI, 50-80 participants from laboratories working on a focused topic, oral and poster sessions.
HDI to host the Workshop at their selected Campus and contribute in terms of facilities, equipment and local organizing staff, providing administrative and logistical support.
Maximum funding contribution ZAR 180 000.00
Workshop to be hosted by end February 2025

***Eligible HDIs:**

University of Fort Hare, Durban University of Technology, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, Walter Sisulu University, University of the Western Cape, University of Zululand, Mangosuthu University of Technology, and Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University

- **ICGEB Course:**
To be co-organised and co-sponsored by the HDI, theoretical and/or practical, 25-50 participants and 5-10 instructors
HDI to host the Course at their selected Campus and contribute in terms of facilities, equipment and local organizing staff, providing administrative and logistical support
Maximum funding contribution ZAR 135 000.00
Course to be hosted by end February 2025

B: ICGEB encourages applications for funding to attend ICGEB Meetings in Africa, Trieste, Italy, New Delhi, India in 2024 (see attached calendar which highlights the ICGEB meetings eligible for the 3rd Call).

- Local accommodation cost (max amount of US\$600.00 – ZAR equivalent at time of award)
- Meeting registration fee (max amount of US\$ 250.00 – ZAR equivalent at time of award)
- Contribution to travel (max amount of US\$ 350.00 – ZAR equivalent at time of award)

Submission of Proposals and Applications:

A: Proposals for hosting Workshops and Courses must be submitted via email to Claudia Russo – email: icgeb.hdi@icgeb.org

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Documentation required for submission:

- Meeting proposal - indicating what the training needs are – type of course and training level etc. and how it will support the research of the institution
- Meeting budget
- Draft meeting programme
- Letter of support from the Head of the Institution with motivation on how it will benefit the institution
- Letter of support from ICGEB Group Leader to co-organise

B: Applications to attend ICGEB meetings in Africa, Trieste, Italy and New Delhi, Italy, must be submitted via email to Claudia Russo – email: icgeb.hdi@icgeb.org

For full calendar of 2024 [ICGEB Meetings and Courses](#)

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Documentation required for submission:

- Award pending receipt of letter of confirmation of acceptance to participate from the Meeting organisers
- Provisional breakdown of expected costs
- Letter of recommendation from Head of the Department of the Institute (HDI) to attend the Meeting

**For further queries on this Programme call
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