



Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) an entity of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) was established in terms of the TIA Act, 2008 (Act No. 26 of 2008), with the objective to stimulate, intensify and exploit technological innovation to improve economic growth and the quality of life of all South Africans.

### PURPOSE OF THE CALL

TIA is calling for the submission of funding applications for projects in the Agriculture Business Unit, under Bio-Innovation Aquaculture Programme focusing primarily on:

1. Fresh water and marine production systems (particularly on increasing production output/yield).
2. Aquatic animal feed, health and disease management technologies.
3. Aquaculture Value addition and Post-harvest technologies for food security and nutrition.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Technology innovators that are eligible to apply are:

- Start-up companies
- Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)
- Private Individuals
- Science Councils (SCs)
- Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

Applications will be assessed against:

1. Details on the proposed technology innovation.
2. **Intellectual property (IP):** specific description of what the IP is, management strategy, IP ownership and proof of freedom to operate (if available).
3. **Commercial:** Market analysis and business model.
4. **Budget:** Budget in alignment to the project plan.
5. **Team:** Suitability and capacity of team to execute plan.
6. **Multi-stakeholder collaboration:** Coordination of multi-partner projects among consortium members.

Applicants applying for funding must meet the following mandatory requirements:

1. Applicants must be South African citizens with valid identity documents.
2. Already existing legal entities:
  - Must be registered or in a process of registering with CIPC.
  - Must be registered or in a process of registering on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD).
3. Primary technology development activities must be operated within South Africa.
4. For foreign-owned IP this should be licensed or assigned to a local institution – applicant must provide proof during TIA due diligence phase.
5. Applicant must attend compulsory briefing session.

### CLOSING DATE

The completed proposals must be submitted through the portal <https://gms.tia.org.za/funding> on or before **29 March 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information regarding the call for proposal, please contact **Mr. Sibusiso Nomnqa** on [sibusiso.nomnqa@tia.org.za](mailto:sibusiso.nomnqa@tia.org.za) and/ or **Ms. Mbali Mondlana** on [mbali.mondlana@tia.org.za](mailto:mbali.mondlana@tia.org.za).

### COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

The Compulsory briefing sessions will be conducted to facilitate and assist applicants to understand the TIA application requirements. The briefing sessions will take place at TIA offices on the following dates; (**Gauteng – 05 March 2019**); (**Durban – 06 March 2019**); (**Cape town – 08 March 2019**) from **10h00 to 16h00**.

Individuals who are interested to attend the compulsory briefing session, must send through a confirmation email, to [callforproposal@tia.org.za](mailto:callforproposal@tia.org.za) by no later than **28 February 2019**.



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