



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: LIVING LABS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRES (CLC) MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), an entity of the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) is calling for applications for mentors for Community Learning Centres (CLCs) under the Living Labs pilot Programme in the following Provinces: Kwa-Zulu Natal, North West and Northern Cape.

The aim of the Living Labs programme within the CLCs and post school education sector is to stimulate a culture of innovation and co-creation by setting up innovation facilities and programmes to promote economic participation and production in marginalised communities.

The Mentorship Programme aims to drive the implementation of the Living Labs Programme at the CLCs. The programme will facilitate the following:

- The establishment of new Living Labs,
- Setting up fully functional and operational Living Labs,
- Ecosystem study of local economic drivers and production systems in the locality of the CLC,
- Facilitating an innovation support programme that includes recruitment and training of beneficiaries and CLC staff, mentorship and delivery of innovation programmes.

Requirements for application:

- Demonstrable ability to set up new Living Labs **with** innovation facilities and infrastructure in a community-based setting (track record of setting up similar structures).
- Experience in delivering innovation programmes with communities.
- Delivery of comprehensive innovation support programmes (capacity building, mentorship, train the trainer, assessment of trainers, learning materials and transfer of skills to the locals).
 - Provision of entrepreneurial capabilities, support/guidance to establish enterprises and mentorship as well, for qualifying beneficiaries.
 - Modules offered should be accredited
- Ability to ensure the Living Lab visibility is established in the area and promotes relationships with local stakeholders such as local structures, agencies and organisations in the community
- Ability to identify financial and non-financial support and other business development opportunities.



- Ability to provide ongoing mentorship programme to organisations, and beneficiaries of the programme.
- Demonstrable track record of working with local government on the Local Economic Development agenda, production systems and innovations that can result in economic participation and productivity.
- Project management capability.
- Financial management capability.

REQUIREMENTS

- South African registered entity.
- An existing Living Lab or an existing entity with a strong track record of setting up innovation infrastructure and innovation support programme.
- Track record of governance, project management capability and good financial management systems in place.
- Experience in developing project management and monitoring tools.
- Track record of delivery of innovation programmes in marginalised communities.
- Able to provide subject matter expertise in project meetings
- Knowledge of financial and non-financial support trends for technology development.
- Track record in developing and writing funding proposals.

FUNDING

A maximum of R750,000 is provided for the mentorship programme.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, kindly complete the [application form](#) and submit by email to Ms Sibongile Radebe on sibongile.radebe@tia.org.za Applications on incorrect application forms will not be accepted. **An entity can only apply for mentorship of a CLC in the Province in which it is located.**

ENQUIRIES

For more information or questions on the submission, please contact Ms. Sibongile Radebe on sibongile.radebe@tia.org.za or call 012 472 2773 between 08h00 – 17h00, Mon-Fri.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for applications is 27 October 2021, 17h00. Late applications will not be accepted.