**APPLICATION FORM FOR INNOVATION CALL 2023**

**Team Members Details**

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| Project Leader | Full Name: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Faculty/School/Unit/Centre: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Student/Staff Number: |  |
| Collaborator 1 | Full Names of Collaborator: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Faculty/School/Unit/Centre: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Student/Staff Number: |  |
| Collaborator 2 | Full Names of Collaborator: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Faculty/School/Unit/Centre: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Student/Staff Number: |  |
| Collaborator 3 | Full Names of Collaborator: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Faculty/School/Unit/Centre: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Student/Staff Number: |  |
| Collaborator 4 | Full Names of Collaborator: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Faculty/School/Unit/Centre: |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Student/Staff Number: |  |

**Project Summary**

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| Provide a brief description of the proposed innovative project by outlining what you want to achieve as an innovation. Also, emphasise the specific problem(s) the project intends to address. |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Background**

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| Provide a detailed project background and describe in detail the specific problems the project intends to address and the outputs your innovative project expects to realise. Clearly describe the project objectives and strategies for how you are going to address the identified problem. |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Innovativeness and Rationale**

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| What is the innovativeness of your proposed idea, product or service?  Why do you think your chosen idea is innovative or better than existing products or services? |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Market Awareness**

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| Who are the potential customers?  Who are the potential competitors?  Are there any specific challenges or barriers to market entry? |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Project Sustainability**

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| What resources including people, premises, equipment, materials, transport, will be required to progress the project further? |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Risks**

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| What are the challenges that need to be addressed in order to progress the project? |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Commercial Case & University fit**

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| How will UNAM benefit from a successful project (increased revenue or reduced costs)? |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Work Plan**

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| Work plan/ Activity Plan |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Budget[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| Please provide your budget breakdown below |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Other Sources of Support**

Is this innovation proposal currently being supported by other sources?

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| Yes | No |

If yes, please indicate the sources, amounts and period of support.

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| Please provide the details below |
| *Expand the box if necessary or use additional pages* |

**Terms & Conditions for the Chancellor's Innovation Fund Call 2023**

**Background**

The University of Namibia has positioned itself as a sustainable international hub of excellence in higher education, training, research, and innovation that responds to the national high-level developmental agenda as contained in the Vision 2030, National Development Plan Five (NDP5) and the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP). The Centre for Innovation and Development (CID) under the Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Development (RID) is bestowed with the responsibility of championing innovation development, commercialisation and management of intellectual property rights and technology transfer of research outputs into commercially viable products and services.

In order to accomplish the above aspirations, the UNAM has created the Chancellor's Innovation Fund (CIF) to provide funding to the innovation and commercialisation value chain. Furthermore, UNAM has successfully partnered with Telecom Namibia (Pty) Ltd in financing calls dedicated to building capacity, nurturing local talent, and promoting entrepreneurship development in selected or agreed thematic areas.

**Purpose of the Call**

The purpose of this Call is to invite prospective UNAM staff and students to submit their proof of concepts of being supported by the Fund. The outline of the proof of concept is found in the CIF application.

**Eligibility**

This Call is open to all UNAM staff (full or part-time) and registered students. Interdisciplinary collaboration is highly encouraged.

**Focus area**

* 1. Innovations in Agrarian and Nutrition
  2. Innovations in Health and Allied Health
  3. Innovations in Energy and Environmental Sustainability
  4. Innovations in Education/ Mathematics/Statistical Modelling/Content Digitalization
  5. Innovations in Engineering: Automation and Robotics
  6. Innovations in ICT: Internet of Things and Blockchain Technologies
  7. Innovations in Creative Fashion & Design
  8. Innovations in Financial Technologies (FinTech)
  9. Innovations that address Climate Change Resilience

The UNAM incubation space offers workspace, mentorship, and tailor-made training.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated in line with the UNAM's innovation decision-making tool designed to evaluate the innovativeness of projects. Interdisciplinary collaboration proposals will be prioritised.

**Awarding Criteria**

Applications will go through three screening steps, namely:

1. Determination of proof of compliance with application requirements;

2. Proof of concept submitted to the Innovation Review Panel (IRP) for approval; and

3. Selected proposals from IPR are invited to pitch their ideas for final selection (maximum 10

minutes)

**How to Apply**

Eligible applicants are invited to apply through an application form available on the website www.unam.edu.na/cif/

or on request from Mr Leonard Imene limene@unam.na Ms Millicent Maswahu mmaswahu@unam.na

The completed application forms are to be addressed to the above email addresses.   
Closing Date: Friday, 21 April 2023 at 23:59.

1. Alternatively, you can attach the budget Excel sheet if you prefer so. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)