GUIDELINES FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Technology Development and Transfer Centre (TDTC) of the Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) is pleased to announce this Call for Proposals for Technology Transfer Grants (TTG).

The TTG supports demand-driven projects that involve the identification of a business/scientific problem, need or opportunity and a demonstration of how the technology-based solution addresses the business/scientific problem, need or opportunity either for a specific firm, group or association. The TTG aims at promoting research collaborations between the University of Ghana and the private sector, and encourages the improvement/enhancement and transfer of innovative technologies to the private sector.

The grant also supports postgraduate students who have developed technologies. Such students will be required to work with researchers (who could double as supervisor) on the project.

All technology transfer activities are expected to be completed within a six (6) month period.

2. THE GRANT

The grant amount is up to GHS50,000 for researchers and up to GHS5,000 for postgraduate students.

3. ELIGIBILITY

a) All lead applicants must be full-time faculty members of the University of Ghana who should normally have completed at least one year’s service with the University; lead applicants must be at post for the duration of the project.

b) Postgraduate students must be enrolled on a programme at UG. The technology transfer activities to be undertaken must be completed before the student completes his/her studies at the University.

c) The technology should have already been developed and only needs to be improved/enhanced and transferred to meet the specific needs of the targeted private sector firm/association.

d) Proposals that demonstrate that technology transfer activities would be of benefit to women would be an added advantage.

4. APPLICATION CONDITIONS

a) All interested and eligible researchers and postgraduate students must submit an application for the grant by completing the attached application form.

b) Applicants are required to indicate in their application other grants related to or used in developing the technology in question.

c) Researchers on post-retirement contract cannot be lead applicants but are encouraged to serve as mentors on research teams led by a “younger” faculty member.

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1 For the purposes of this grant, a technology refers to the making, modification, usage and knowledge of tools, techniques, machines, systems, in order to solve a problem, improve upon existing solutions to a problem or perform a specific function. Technology includes processes or products and the know how behind technological innovation.
d) Applicants must forward the completed application form, curriculum vitae and other supporting documents via email to orid-ttdc@ug.edu.gh before or by the deadline.

5. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

All qualifying proposals will be independently reviewed by reviewers with the relevant expertise and experience in the proposal’s subject area. The review will be based on the following criteria:

a) DEMAND-DRIVEN FACTORS (COLLABORATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR)

b) TRANSFERABILITY OF THE TECHNOLOGY

c) MARKET POTENTIAL OF TECHNOLOGY

d) JUSTIFICATION FOR RESOURCES

e) RESEARCH TEAM

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ACCESSING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANTS

a) In view of the limited funds available, the TTG can only support one proposal (that meets all the requirements for funding) per person or multi-disciplinary team per year.

b) Proposals submitted without the endorsement of the Head of Department, Dean/ Director of School/ Institute and Provost of College will not be considered.

c) The decision of the Review Panel on proposals submitted for TTG will be considered as final.

d) All items purchased with funds from the grant will remain the property of the University Department/ Research Institute to which the lead applicant is affiliated and not of the person to whom the grant is made. However, the lead applicant will have first use of any such items.

e) Successful applicants will be required to assist the TDTC in identifying potential private sector firms/associations to whom the technology would be transferred; as well as work closely with the TDTC to engage these firms to facilitate the transfer of the technology.

f) The assistance of the Technology Development and Transfer Centre must be acknowledged in all publications resulting from any technology improvement and transfer that it finances by stating clearly on the document as follows: “This publication is made possible with funds from the University of Ghana Technology Development and Transfer Centre Project, sponsored by the World Bank”. Copies of all publications should be submitted to the Technology Development and Transfer Centre, Office of Research, Innovation and Development and also uploaded to the Publications database hosted by the Balme Library.

7. DEADLINE

This call is open until 5:00 PM ON Monday, 25th January, 2016. Please take note that uncompleted applications sent before the deadline will be rejected and will not be available to the applicant after the date and time indicated above.

Any questions on this grant can be forwarded by email to saddo@staff.ug.edu.gh or ekacquaah@ug.edu.gh or daowusuantwi@ug.edu.gh

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