

REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE



**PASRES**  
Programme d'Appui Stratégique  
à la Recherche Scientifique



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



**PROGRAMME D'APPUI STRATEGIQUE  
A LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE  
(PASRES)**

**UGANDA COUNCIL FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(UNCST)**

**CALL FOR JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS  
COTE D'IVOIRE AND UGANDA**

**APPLICATION PERIOD: 25 SEPTEMBER, 2018 TO 25 OCTOBER, 2018**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 25 OCTOBER 2018 At 17:00 GMT**

**DURATION OF THE PROJECT: ONE (01) YEAR**

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**SUMMARY OF THE CALL**

The Strategic Support Program for Scientific Research (PASRES) of Côte d'Ivoire and the Uganda Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) supported by Theme 3 of the Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI) are pleased to announce the launch of a call for joint research projects in the fields of Agriculture and Health.

This call for joint research projects is the realization of the scientific partnership agreement between the Strategic Support Program for Scientific Research (PASRES) of Côte d'Ivoire and the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), which will allow selected joint research teams to benefit from funding over a period of one year.

**Purpose of the Program**

The SGCI aims to design and implement joint research projects involving researchers affiliated with research institutions, public universities in Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda.

**Areas of cooperation**

As part of this call, joint research proposals may be submitted in the fields of Environment, Human Health, Social Sciences and Human Sciences with the following themes:

- Environment and Human Health Domain:
  - o Resilience of populations to the effects of climate change on health
- Agriculture and Plant Health Domain:
  - o Diseases of food and cash crops, livestock and fisheries

### **Who can apply?**

The research partnership must involve researchers from both countries (one from Côte d'Ivoire and the other from Uganda) with two principal investigators (PIs). Both PIs must present a joint project and be researchers in the field of Health, the Agriculture or related fields. They must be affiliated with a research organization or an officially recognized University, Ministry or Institution (Public) dealing with scientific research officially recognized by the Ivory Coast or Uganda. Proposals must be submitted in conjunction with the formal approval (letter of agreement) of the NP parent institutions. Candidates from each country must find their own partners in the other country.

### **Project duration**

Each funded project will be supported for a duration of one (01) year.

### **How to apply and submit**

The joint proposal should be submitted online via <https://sgcigrants.uncst.go.ug/> on the UNCST website. All applicants will be required to use the online system. You must first create an account on the online system to be able to proceed.

- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Make sure to attach the required documents in PDF format in the following order: Partner's CV, Partner Budget and Partner's Signed Page and Project Summary Sheet.

For inquiries about specific criteria, please contact:

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**1. Context and objectives of this call**

**1.1 Background**

The Science Granting Council Initiative (SGCI) is a five-year initiative aimed at strengthening the capacity of scientific research funding institutions in sub-Saharan Africa to support research and encourage evidence - based policy that will contribute to economic growth and social development. The program is jointly funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), Canada's International Development Research Center (IDRC) and South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF).

One of the elements of the SGCI is "Strengthening Scientific Research Partnerships among science, technology and innovation system actors in Africa.

Under "SGCI theme 3" is the Collaborative Grants Initiative (CGI) implemented by the African Center for Technology Studies (ACTS) in collaboration with the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization (STIPRO). The initiative involves funding five bilateral, trilateral or regional projects involving at least two scientific councils and research organizations in areas of research of mutual interest.

**1.2 Objectives of the program**

- Primary objective

The SGCI through this program aims to design and implement joint research projects involving researchers affiliated with structures, laboratories, centers and public universities dealing with research in Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda.

**• Specific objectives of this call are:**

- i. to find technological and scientific solutions for the societal challenges of Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda in the areas of Agriculture and Health;
- ii. Strengthen collaboration between researchers and research institutes and universities in Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda;
- iii. Promote the development of joint research and innovation projects by teams of researchers from both countries to take care of the needs of the populations.

**2. Areas of cooperation**

As part of this call, joint research proposals may be submitted in the fields of Agriculture and Health with the following themes:

- Environment and Human Health Domain:
  - o Resilience of populations to the effects of climate change on health
- Agriculture and Plant Health Domain:
  - o Diseases of food and cash crops, livestock and fisheries.

**3. Who can apply?**

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**4. How to apply and submit**

The joint proposal should be submitted online via <https://sgcigrants.uncst.go.ug/> on the UNCST website.

All inquiries concerning this call can be directed to:

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- Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants will be required to use the online system. You must first create an account on the online system to be able to proceed.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.
- All mandatory sections that are applicable must be completed. Make sure to attach the required documents in PDF format in the following order: Partner's CV, Partner Budget and Partner's Signed Page, Project Summary Sheet.

For any inquiries, please send requests for both countries to:

[pasres@csrs.ci](mailto:pasres@csrs.ci) and [info@uncst.go.ug](mailto:info@uncst.go.ug)

## **5. Financing information**

A total amount of US \$ 120,000 (including all project costs) is available to fund this appeal. Two (02) projects, one for each of the two above mentioned fields, will be retained at the end of the Call for a maximum amount of 50 000 USD per project, for a duration of one (01) year. The balance of USD 20,000 will contribute towards project supervision and evaluation by PASRES and UNCST.

### **5.1. Funding allocation**

The funds received will be intended for:

- 70% for direct costs of research activities;
- 30% maximum for consumables.

### **5.2. Disbursement of funds**

Funds will be disbursed to the parent institution to which the lead sponsor of the project for both countries belongs. They will then be distributed by the sub-teams of each country in accordance with the agreed content and costs for the project.

Project funds will be disbursed in phase upon completion of agreed milestones.

- 20% of the funds will be disbursed at the signing of the contract;
- 40% of the payment will be made in the second quarter (subsequent payment following a satisfactory review of the technical and financial progress presented in the PASRES and UNCST reports);
- 50% of payment will be made in the mid-term (following mid-term review).
- 10% final payment (after completion and approval of the final report).

### **5.3. Actions eligible for funding**

The following specific activities under the project will be funded:

- Research activities, including data collection through laboratory research, field research, stakeholder consultations and field visits;
- Consumables and indirect project costs, which may include stationery, laboratory reagents and telecommunications;
- Subsistence allowance for up to three (3) project members in each country, provided the cost does not exceed the percentage limit;
- Reciprocal visits of research and exchange of scientists and staff in joint research;
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#### **5.4. Actions not eligible for funding**

The following costs are not eligible for this call:

- salaries
- capital purchases
- foreign exchange losses
- direct taxes
- Overheads (structural expenses)

### **6. Country-specific eligibility criteria**

#### **6.1 Eligibility criteria and submission procedure of the PASRES**

The following are eligible:

- a. Accredited public research institutions.
- b. Accredited public higher education institutions.

Eligibility to submit a proposal follows the PASRES Standards and Procedures Manual and the Uganda National Science, Technology and Innovation Programme (NSTIP) Guidelines.

Projects funded under this call should be located and executed in one or both countries.

The project may contain eligible activities that can be carried out abroad when fully justified in achieving the objectives of this call.

#### **6.2 Eligibility of expatriate researchers**

Expatriates working under contract with one of the above institutions may apply.

However, the project must have an Ivorian and Ugandan co-researcher who works permanently on the project in an institution in the country, well aware of the project, to ensure its mainstreaming and sustainability.

The applicant's service contract must be valid for the duration of the proposed project and the contract documents must be provided as proof of employment for the period.

#### **6.3 Location of project activities**

The joint project selected for financing under this call should be based and carried out in both Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda. In addition, the project may contain eligible activities that can be carried out abroad when they are fully defined in the fulfilment of the objectives of this call.

For more information on the specific criteria for PASRES or UNCST funding, the grant management rules and the procedural document are available at the following addresses: <http://www.csrs.ch/pasres/> and <http://www.scgigrants.uncst.go.ug>.

### 7. Criteria for evaluation of proposals

The scientific evaluation of joint research proposals will be organized by PASRES and UNCST in the form of a joint evaluation to be carried out by experts from both countries. The following will be taken into account:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Scientific quality and innovation of the joint research proposal	30%
2. Feasibility of the joint research proposal (Practicality, feasibility and consistency of proposed activities with the objectives of the call, and feasibility of the methodology provided)	15%
3. Added value to expect from collaboration Technological capacity building	15%
4. Competence, expertise and experience of principal investigators and relevant scientists / research teams	5%
5. Clarity of expected results	15%
6. Relevance and impact of research (Industrial Development, Technological Capacity Building, Marketing of Research Results, Agricultural Production, Improved Health Outcomes, Economic Growth Improved Livelihoods)	10%
Potential to promote equity and ethics of the joint project	5%
7. Budget (Consistency with the budget ratio or percentage provided by the appeal guide, Basis of estimates – How well the proposed expenses reflect the actual cost of the proposed action?)	5%
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 8. Reporting of project progress

Technical progress reports and financial reports will be submitted after three (3) months of PASRES implementation, and to UNCST. The financial releases will be made following the attainment of the following milestones:

- The first tranche of the project budget (40% of the total grant) will be paid at the time of contract award.
- The second tranche of funds (50% of total grant) after the submission and validation of the second report which coincides with the mid-term review.



- The third mobilization of funds (10% of the total grant) will be made after submission of the final report.

Failure to submit reports for one period will be interpreted as a breach of contract and will automatically result in the suspension of the next tranche of funds.

A final joint technical and financial report will be submitted to PASRES and UNCST by the two Principal Investigators (PI) at the end of the project. A template will be provided for this purpose.

## **9. Intellectual property**

- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) refers to any patent, patent application, know-how, registered and unregistered trademarks, trademark applications, trade names, registered designs, unregistered model rights, copyright topography of semiconductors, copyrights, database rights or any other intellectual or commercial right similar to Ivory Coast and Uganda.
- Intellectual property will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the contractual agreement between the funding institutions and the beneficiary.

## **10. General information**

- Proposals that take into account gender issues by integrating upcoming researchers and maintaining gender parity in the composition of their research teams, as well as research work aimed at promoting these social strata will be better considered.
- Proposals must be submitted via the online system at <https://sgci.grants.uncst.go.ug/>
- Applications submitted outside the bidding process will not be accepted;
- Only applications referred to and approved by PI research institutions will be accepted;
- Ivorian candidates must themselves find their own partners in Uganda and vice versa;
- The partners will be informed within two weeks of the selection of their project and will start the project no later than one month after their official acceptance.

## **11. Date of submission**

Proposals must be submitted no later than: **25 OCTOBER 2018 at 17.00 GMT**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

## **12. Publications of the results obtained**

At the end of the project, the Principal Investigator can publish the results obtained, either in electronic format or in paper format in national or international scientific journals. He/ she can also edit datasheets and audio / visual media.

The beneficiary undertakes to display on any publication, in any form and on any medium whatsoever, the words: "This document has been produced with the financial assistance of PASRES and UNCST within the framework of the SGCI".

### **13. Calendar of important dates of this call:**

- Launch of the call: **25 September simultaneously in Ivory Coast and Uganda**
- Deadline for submission of projects: **25 OCTOBER 2018 at 17.00 GMT.**
- Evaluation of proposals: **26 OCTOBER to 16 NOVEMBER 2018**
- Deliberation / proclamation of results: **19 NOVEMBER 2018**
- Award notification to the winners: **22 NOVEMBER 2018**
- Signing of contracts: **29 NOVEMBER 2018**
- Disbursement of the first financial tranche and start of activities: **3 DECEMBER 2018**

Technical and financial reports for the first semester will have to be submitted to PASRES and UNCST in **June 2019**.

Project Completion and Project Closure Report: **November 30, 2019**.

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