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REQUEST FOR MAIZE PRODUCTION RESEARCH PROPOSALS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – 31 MARCH 2021

The Maize Trust is committed to funding production research to the benefit of the maize industry in terms of the primary objective in its Trust Deed, namely “To fund market and production related scientific and/or technical research in respect of maize.”

Researchers and research institutions are hereby invited to submit funding applications for production research to the Trust on the applicable prescribed application forms (*Attachments A and B*). Researchers who are interested in applying for funding are advised to take cognisance of the Maize Trust’s specific Norms, Procedures and Conditions for the Funding of Production Research (*Attachment C*).

Researchers are kindly requested to complete and electronically submit the Research Proposal form before or on 31 March 2021 to leon@llagric.co.za. Kindly note, only proposals (saved as pdf) that are submitted before or on the stipulated closing date will be considered. The application forms have been designed to provide a logical flow of activities and outcomes that are necessary to reach the project goal(s).

All research proposals will be subject to review by the Trust’s Production Research Panel comprising of South African experts. Should a proposal be deemed appropriate for formal recommendation of funding, the candidate will be asked to present the project to the Panel. The Panel members will evaluate and prioritise the research proposals on merit and the presentations made to them; and make recommendations regarding the possible funding of the proposals to the Maize Forum Steering Committee, which will in turn advise the Trust.

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A final decision will be taken by the Trust regarding the funding of the proposals, and the researchers and research administration offices of the various institutions will be informed about the decisions. The first 70% of the approved funding will be paid to successful applicants during June 2021.

Researchers are encouraged to actively pursue the possibility of co-funding within their own institutions, or from other sources, as the Trust has limited funds and is compelled to focus on critical research for the maize industry. Researchers are also encouraged to collaborate with other researchers in their projects.

You are welcome to approach Dr. Miekie Human at miekie@grainsa.co.za, as the Vice Coordinator of the Maize Production Research Panel of the Trust, should you require clarification on any research or technical matters related to the proposals or the application process. All administrative or financial enquiries may be referred to the Trust's Administrators at leon@llagric.co.za or at (012) 807 3958.

Yours faithfully



LEON DU PLESSIS
ADMINISTRATORS