



THE MAIZE TRUST



FARMER DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PROPOSALS: PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Maize Trust is committed to funding Farmer Development research to the benefit of the maize industry.

Researchers and research institutions are hereby invited to submit funding applications (*Attachment A*) for Farmer Development to the Trust. Researchers who are interested in applying for funding are advised to take cognisance of the Maize Trust's Norms, Procedures, and Conditions for the Funding of Transformation Research (*Attachment B*).

Researchers who wish to submit a proposal for financial assistance can be made to the Maize Trust bi-annually. The closing dates for applications are respectively **30 March** and **30 September** of every year. The Trust kindly requests to complete and electronically submit the proposal form to marna@agrimanage.co.za and beatrix@llagri.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 proposals will be subject to review by both South African and international experts. Should a proposal be deemed appropriate for submission to the Maize Forum Steering Committee, the candidate will be asked to present the project. The Steering Committee will endeavor to evaluate and consider applications for funding by May and November of every year, but in any event not later than three months from the relevant closing date. The Proposal will be evaluated and prioritize on merit in terms of the review reports and presentations and make recommendations regarding the possible funding of the proposals to the Maize Forum Steering Committee, which will advise the Trust.

A final decision will be taken by The Maize Trust in May and November regarding the funding of the proposals, and the researchers and research administration offices of the various institutions will be informed about the Trust's decisions in June and December. The first 60% of the approved funding will be paid to successful applicants during July and January.



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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.

All administrative or financial enquiries may be referred to the Trust's Administrators at beatrix@agrimanage.co.za or at (012) 807 3958.