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ATTACHMENT A

Conservation Agriculture Research Application Form

Date of Application:	
Type of Application (New or Continuation):	
Title of Research Project:	
Name and Trading Name of the Institution/Employer:	
Name of Lead Researcher:	
Contact details of the Lead Researcher <i>E-mail address:</i> <i>Phone:</i>	
Duration of Proposed Study:	
Amount Required for 1st year of study:	

1. Brief outline of project (250 words)

Please provide a description of the project as an abstract.

2. Rationale (max 1000 words)

The rationale should include 1) the problem statement 2) the unique opportunity being pursued/novelty of the project (i.e. why is the project necessary or important?) and 3) an overview of key studies to illustrate work conducted previously (include relevant references).

3. Research objectives and aims

4. Relevance and importance to the South African maize industry

Please provide an explanation of how the project was conceptualized, stakeholders consulted and the envisaged benefits to the industry.

5. Research design

Please provide specifics of the research approach. Trials or experiments planned, replications, etc. Supply enough information for peer-review purposes and supply key references where necessary.

6. Deliverables and milestones

Please present the main deliverables which will be delivered by the end of the study.

Please present bi-annual milestones which represent key stages in the project.

See <https://www.clarizen.com/milestone-vs-deliverable-whats-the-difference/> for more information.

7. Gantt Chart

Please include a detailed Gantt chart to portray the expected timelines of the project.

8. Budget and budget justification

Please present the detailed budget for the full duration of the study, per individual year, as well as co-funding. Indicate the amounts requested from the Maize Trust (per year) for the duration of the project. State how each item of expenditure is relevant to the project, and how the amounts have been calculated (e.g. give a breakdown of travel costs per km, number of trips, etc. instead of only a total for travel cost).

The following items are not eligible for funding:

- The cost of the main investigator salary to undertake the research
- Bursary costs (Please refer to <https://agrimanage.co.za/> for bursary applications)
- Insurance costs; and
- Reimbursement of previous expenditure

NB: Overheads should not exceed 15% of the budget and any overseas travel costs and capital expenses should be specified.

See below for an example of a possible budget layout.

Item	Project total amount	Amount requested from MT	Maize Trust %	Justification
Year 1				
Subtotal year 1				
Year 2				
Subtotal year 2				
Year 3				
Subtotal year 3				
Total of Projects over 3 years				

9. Risk and mitigation plans

Identify the main risks which threaten the success of projects as well as strategies to overcome these.

10. Co-workers

Name	Affiliation	Role/contribution

11. Names of reviewers (*provide the names and contact details of 4 South African reviewers*)

Names of South African reviewers	Institute, e-mail address, and association with the applicant
Reviewers to be excluded	

12. Signatures of Applicant and Research Authority (*to be completed in full*)

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Name and Signature of Applicant; Place and Date

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Name, Signature, and Position of Authorized Manager; Place and Date

The Manager, by his/her signature, warrants that he/she is authorised to submit this application and hereby accepts the Maize Trust's Norms and Conditions for funding on behalf of the applicant.