



# THE MAIZE TRUST



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## PRODUCTION RESEARCH PROPOSALS: PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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 (*Attachment A*) for production research 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 Production Research (*Attachment B*).

Researchers who wish to submit a proposal to the Trust are kindly requested to complete and electronically submit the Research Proposal form by **31 October** to [admin@agrimanage.co.za](mailto:admin@agrimanage.co.za) [beatrix@agrimanage.co.za](mailto:beatrix@agrimanage.co.za). Kindly note, that 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 both South African and international experts. The reports of the reviewers will be assessed by the Trust’s Production Research Panel comprising South African experts. Should a proposal be deemed appropriate for submission to the Maize Forum Steering Committee, the candidate will be asked to present the project to the Panel. The Panel will evaluate and prioritize the research proposals 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 Trust in June 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 August. The first 70% of the approved funding will be paid to successful applicants during September.



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Researchers are encouraged to actively pursue the possibility of co-funding within their 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. Mieke Human at [mieke@grainsa.co.za](mailto:mieke@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 [beatrix@llagri.co.za](mailto:beatrix@llagri.co.za) or (012) 807 3958.