

**RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION (RDI) PROJECT PROPOSALS’ SUBMISSION AND SELECTION AND CONTRACTING DATES FOR THE 2022/ 2023** (For 01 April 2023)

The WRC plans and implements Open and Directed Annual Calls for research, development, and innovation (RDI) projects proposals. These are the stages and activities of receiving and reviewing project proposals during the 2022/ 2023 Annual Call and their respective planned dates and timeframes.

The submission of project proposals is accessible on the WRC BMS portal that you can gain access by creating a new profile or logging using existing login details at <https://wrc.microsoftcrmportals.com>. The research, development, and innovation priorities for the 2022 annual call for project proposals has all thrusts and programmes that are being prioritised in thus Call as well as an indication of budgets and/ or funds available against each research area, optional.

1. **THE START OF OPEN AND DIRECTED CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

 18 March 2022 Deadline for submission of KSAs, Thrust and Programmes Priorities and budgets, including titles for directed calls (if available) that must be in the 2022 call for proposals, with a notice that directed calls will be open on the 1 June 2022, with ToRs available on 1 June 2022.

 01 June 2022 BMS is enabled to receive project proposals for the Open Call of the 2022 Cycle.

 01 July 2022 BMS is enabled to receive project proposals for the Directed Calls of the 2022 Cycle. Terms of Reference (ToRs) are published on the WRC website.

 31 July 2022 Deadline for submission of project proposals on the 2022/ 2023 Annual Call.

1. **REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**
	1. **SCREENING AND PRE-SELECTION SUBMITTED PROJECT PROPOSALS**

01 - 15 August 2022 Completion of internal screening and pre-selection of RDI project proposals and nomination of reviewers (in accordance with specified screening criteria) by the Research Manager

31 August 2022 KSAs peer review Screening meetings: Pre-selection/ screening by KSAs and confirmation of external reviewers who were identified and recommended by the Research Managers to review project proposals.

* 1. **EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**

 01 September 2022 The WRC requests and invites external reviewers to peer review project proposals and the RDI project proposals review, and selection process starts.

 30 September 2022 The last day to submit project proposals peer review reports to the WRC.

 01 – 21 October 2022 The WRC Research Managers studies and consolidate RDI project proposals peer review reports and makes recommendations. The WRC business units or KSAs considers the recommendations of the Research Manager and makes further recommendations to the Research, Development, and Innovation Branch.

 24 – 28 October 2022 Research, Development and Innovation Branch considers the recommendations of the business units or KSAs and make final recommendations to the WRC Executive.

 04 November 2022 The last day to finalise and submit project proposals that are recommended for further an last review and evaluation by the WRC Executive.

 16 - 18 November 2022 The WRC Executive meets and considers the recommendations of the Research, Development and Innovation and makes its own review and evaluation. The project proposals that are successfully reviewed and evaluated are selected with such amendments as the executive deems fit.

 21 – 30 November 2022 The outcome of the WRC Executive review and evaluation decision and conditions of grant are communicated to proposers. Conditions of grant are clearly recorded.

 09 December 2022 The last day for proposers to confirm if they accept the WRC’s EXCO funding conditions. The successful RDI project Proposals are amended on BMS in accordance with the conditions of grant.

 13 January 2023 The last day to for project leaders and/ or proposers to complete RDI project proposals’ amendments and comply with the WRC’s funding conditions.

1. **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED AND NEW RDI PROJECTS STARTS**

15- 31 January 2023 The WRC verifies compliance to conditions of funding and the prepares and signs the memorandum of agreements and make them available to the lead organisations/ contractors/ recipients to also sign.

 15 March 2023 The Last day for the Lead organisations/ Contractors/ recipient properly and fully sign the memorandums of agreements and make original or electronic copy available to the WRC.

 01 April 2023 Project funds become available and new projects commences.

 31 December 2023 The last day for Project Leaders to submits student verification documentation, i.e., student identification and official proof of registration to the WRC. This date