

2019/20 Discretionary Funded Strategic Projects



merSETA
MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SERVICES SETA

merSETA FUNDING APPLICATION NOTICE

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) invites merSETA levy-paying companies, merSETA non-levy-paying enterprises, Non-Profit Organisations, Cooperatives, labour organisations, employer organisations, Public Universities, Community Education and Training colleges, Public TVET Colleges, Public Entities, Research Institutes and international partners to apply for discretionary-funded projects.

The discretionary-funded projects and programmes are aimed at addressing the merSETA's strategic imperatives, listed below:

1. The structural transformation in the mer-sector:

- Accredited skills development for operating Black industrialist firms;
- Accredited skills development for SMEs and cooperatives linked to the mer-sector manufacturing value chain;
- Accredited skills development pertaining to vocational and technical programmes for people with disabilities in the mer-sector industries;
- Accredited skills development for green and circular economy linked to the mer-sector industries value chain;
- Development of accredited training and skills development curriculum linked to emerging and transforming skills; and
- Skills development for youth entrepreneurship linked to mer-sector industries value chain.

2. Quality improvement of teaching and learning of Post-School Education Training institutions:

- Industry TVET partnerships for implementation of mer-sector occupationally directed learning programmes;
- Industry Higher Education Institution partnerships for research and development of programmes relevant to mer-sector industries and
- Partnership opportunities with public entities on Industry 4.0 training interventions and solutions.

3. Research and, or Innovation solutions:

- Gender-based violence programmes for mer-sector stakeholders;
- Innovative Career Development Proposals from professional bodies in the following areas;
 - > Training of Career Development Practitioners in technology-focused institutions to provide career development advice to young people and workers through career path mapping and skills development advice;
 - > Development of a micro-credential and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) system for career development practitioners within the mer-sector; and
 - > Conceptualise and implement a rural community-based partnership that utilises career development practitioners to focus on the entire skills pipeline and leverage existing and new approaches and methods to career and skills development.
- Research proposals in the following areas;
 - > Investigate current entrepreneur practices, skills, challenges and provide a model for future entrepreneur training in the manufacturing sector;
 - > Survey of firms to assess short, medium and long term skills needs in the sector;
 - > Skills forecasting methodologies to anticipate skills needs in the sector; and
- Develop and implement wrap-around learner support services to increase throughput of learners on merSETA-learning programmes.

Information on the scope of the research and/or innovation projects, listed above, is available on the merSETA website.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The merSETA levy-paying companies, merSETA non-levy-paying enterprises, non-profit organisations, cooperatives, labour organisations, employer organisations, Public Universities, Community Education and Training colleges, Public TVET Colleges, Public Entities/Research Institutes and International partners.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible entities must complete the application form which is downloadable from www.merseta.org.za and submit by email to discretionarygrants@merseta.org.za inclusive of the supporting documents.

The funding window opens on 18 November 2019 and closes on 17 December 2019. To access the application information please visit www.merseta.org.za and follow Discretionary Funded Window 2 Strategic Projects application information.

Please do not follow the Mandatory and Discretionary grants application NSDMS link.

ONLY SUBMISSION BY DEADLINE DATE AND VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS – discretionarygrants@merseta.org.za – WILL BE ACCEPTED

All enquiries regarding the window 2 discretionary grant applications may be directed to the merSETA regional offices or the merSETA Call Centre.