

UNAM Networking Series

Namibian Innovative Research Management Structures

RESEARCH MANAGEMENT:



- Enable staff to implement research management strategies
- How to transform research ideas into grant proposals
- How to engage with a clear research aim and develop it into a detailed work plan
- Budgeting of research projects
- How to identify the most appropriate funding organization(s)
- Information on third-party funding opportunities from European and/or German organizations
- Build networks with peer researchers

BUILDING UP NETWORKS FOR PROPOSALS:

- Building up networks in Europe
- Support by an academic mentor and research management structures
- Scholars act as change managers

WORKSHOPS:



Online

WORKSHOP I: Supporting Proposal Writing - Basic Workshop

Supporting academic staff to prepare funding proposals for European research institutions
University of Cologne

WORKSHOP III: Project Management and Implementation

Exchange on best practices amongst the partner institutions
SWOT analysis of existing structures
KU Leuven

WORKSHOP V: Internationalization Strategies

Seminar for research management office staff
Stellenbosch University

WORKSHOP VII: Building up Graduate Schools and Welcome Centers - Basic Workshop

Best practices in project planning, budget tracking and fund administration
Establishing central research and transfer facilities
University of Würzburg

WORKSHOP II: Supporting Proposal Writing - Advanced Workshop

Transferring theoretical knowledge to practical experience
University of Turku

WORKSHOP IV: Supporting Female Research and Leadership

Awareness about female-led start-ups & social and economic change
University of Groningen

WORKSHOP VI: Building up Research Management Structures

Training on the establishment and optimization of RMOs
Exchange with research management offices on international best practices in research management
University of Groningen

WORKSHOP VI: Supporting Start-ups/Funding

Economic valorization vs. social valorization
University of Würzburg and University of Cologne

OUTPUTS



- Improving the proposal writing capacity of academic staff
- High quality research proposals of visiting scholars
- Improving institutional university management especially in the area of research management
- Building up research networks



The European partners will gain further knowledge regarding the socio-economic, cultural and political transformations in specific countries in sub-Saharan Africa and build up a long-lasting network with Namibia and partner countries.



The project will support universities to build up vis-à-vis research management offices, while supporting academic staff in the area of proposal writing, project design and access to funding opportunities for their research ideas. The entrepreneurship component has the potential to engender the setting up of innovative start-ups that could create business opportunities.

OUTCOMES

- University and faculty staff at the Namibian and other African partner universities are trained in proposal writing for grant acquisition and research management.
- Participants will establish relevant networks in Europe for their research proposals.
- Institutional university management is improved by the establishment of professional research management structures.



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