

Proposal Cover Sheet

<p>Title of project proposal: Project Team Leader: [Title, Name & Surname, professional address, Email, phone]</p> <p>Additional Team Members:</p> <p>Has this invention been disclosed to your Technology Transfer Office (TTO): No_____ Yes_____ Contact person at TTO:_____</p>

SPARK SOUTH AFRICA supports development of **novel therapeutics and diagnostics, solutions** for unmet medical needs. SPARK projects receive mentorship from experts, education in workshops on how to develop a solution and what researchers need to understand about business and finance.

The program is able to provide financial support during a one-year period (based on accomplishing and milestones, the project can compete for a second year award). We also accept applicants that fit our scope and have their own financial resources that cover the costs of development work so SPARK SOUTH AFRICA can provide mentorship, training and guidance on translating scientific discoveries to the market.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Scope of unmet need in area of life science, medicine or health
- Novelty of approach
- Feasibility (point of maturity to be achieved within the time frame)

Eligibility:

Project needs to be developed within the boundaries of Ethekwini Municipality, KZN, South Africa. Researchers appointed at a higher education institution for at least the duration of proposed project. Clinicians, postdoctoral fellows, postgraduate students are eligible to apply but must include a faculty member as a co-PI on the application.

Proposal components:

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1. Description of the 'problem' / medical need
2. Description of your new solution / answer
3. Difference to the current 'Gold Standard' / uniqueness of new solution
4. Market niche and size (Africa and possibly other regions)
5. Current development stage and future development plan
6. Which part of your technology shall be patented?
7. Applicant credentials (brief description of why the team is suitable to pursue this project)
8. CV (not part of page limit)

Deadline: Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 18:00

Apply by sending an application in pdf format to MkhizeG5@ukzn.ac.za