

Competitive Research Funding Schemes for the Local Self-financing Degree Sector

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How an Application is Assessed

Assessment Process



Major Assessment Criteria

Faculty Development Scheme (FDS)

1. Objective and research agenda
2. Research design and methodology
3. Feasibility
4. Innovativeness
5. Research impact

Panel's Observation on FDS

1. Quality of proposals varied across subjects
2. Seasoned investigators usually put forward stronger proposals
3. Proposals can be more innovative
4. Conceptual framework and research design are important

Major Assessment Criteria

Inter-Institutional Development Scheme (IIDS)

1. Objectives
2. Proposed research related activities
3. Feasibility
4. Impacts

Panel's Observation on IIDS

- Overall quality of the proposals is good
- PIs are advised to pay attention to:
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Speakers of symposium / workshop
 - c. Budget

Major Assessment Criteria

Institutional Development Scheme (IDS)

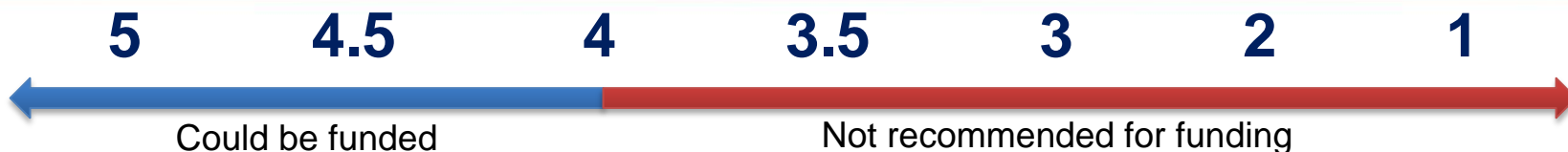
1. Long term impact and sustainability
2. Expected deliverables and likelihood of building up research capacity of the institution
3. Feasibility and implementation strategy
4. Financial arrangement

Panel's Observation on IDS

Applicants are advised to pay attention to:

- a. Linkage between the proposal and strategic areas of institutions
- b. Scope of the proposal
- c. Budget
- d. Outcome of the proposed programmes of activities

Rating



Grading	Detailed Description
5	Outstanding and internationally excellent. Provides full and strong evidence and justification for the proposal. Should be accorded the highest priority for funding.
4.5	Demonstrates very high international standards. Provides strong evidence and justification for the proposal. Should be funded as a matter of priority.
4	Demonstrates high international standards and provides good evidence and justification for the proposal. Worthy of consideration of funding.
3.5	Demonstrates good international standards but in a competitive context, it is not of sufficient priority to recommend for funding.
3	Has adequate qualities but is not internationally competitive. Not recommended for funding.
2	Has some strengths and innovative ideas but also has major weaknesses and flaws. Not recommended for funding.
1	Has numerous and significant weaknesses and flaws. Not recommended for funding.

Feedback on Assessments

Purpose:

- To enable researchers to revise their research proposals, including methodologies, workplan, etc.
- To advise researchers on how to proceed with research projects to achieve project objectives.

Research Misconduct

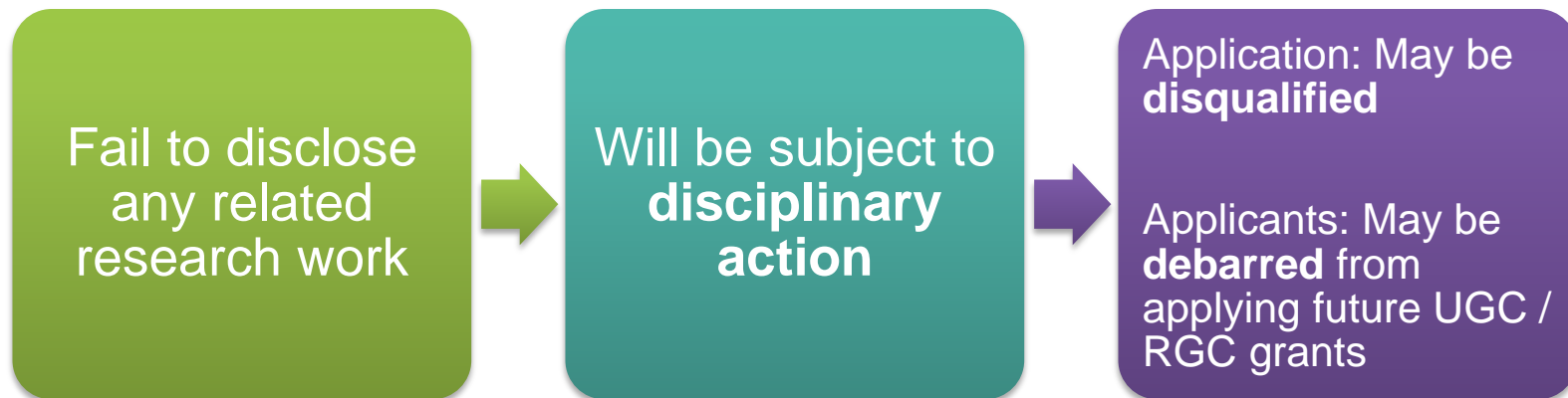
Common Types of Research Misconduct:

- Non-disclosure of related research proposals / projects
- Plagiarism
- Falsification / Fabrication
- Double-dipping

Declaration of Related Research Work

Investigators should:

- not seek duplicate funding
- declare all related research work



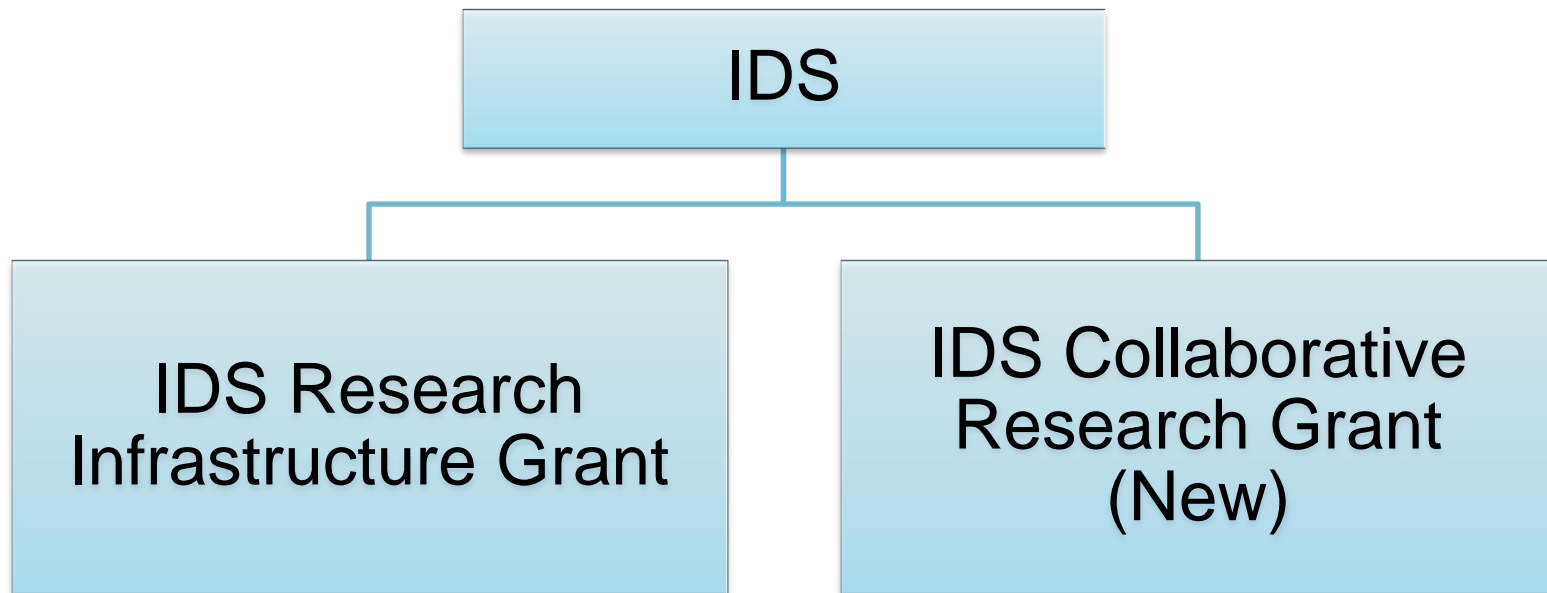
Declaration of Related Research Work

Related research work

It refers to any related research work that is being / has been conducted in relation to the proposal, including but not limited to data collection, preliminary research, working papers, publications (such as journal papers, conference papers and books, etc.), presentations, media interviews and other submitted proposals, etc.

Revised Framework on Institutional Development Scheme (IDS)

Revised Institutional Development Scheme



New IDS Collaborative Research Grant

- Objective:
 - To encourage and support collaborative research involving two or more SF institutions, and / or group research activities that operate across disciplines within an institution with a view to enhancing the research output of self-financing institutions in terms of the level of attainment, quality, dimensions and / or speed.

IDS Collaborative Research Grant

- Similar to FDS, expenditure items which support the conduct of a research project will be considered, including:
 - a. teaching relief
 - b. equipment
 - c. research support staff
 - d. conference expenses
 - e. expenses for dissemination of research deliverables, etc.

IDS Collaborative Research Grant

- Funding Level:
In the range of \$2 million to \$10 million (inclusive of 15% on-costs)
- Merit-based assessment criteria:
 - a. Academic merit
 - b. Potential to develop into an area of strength
 - c. Opportunities for effective synergy
 - d. Viability
 - e. Potential research impact

Thank you