

ENHANCING RESEARCH CAPACITY TO BRIDGE THE GENDER GAP

Objective

The objective of the scheme is to bolster research by women in general and more specifically in Engineering and Technology-related fields, where they are presently significantly underrepresented.

Financial Provision

- The Scheme provides for financial assistance, up to a maximum of MUR 500,000 over a period not exceeding three years.
- The grant must be used for funding the operating expenses directly related to carrying out the research project.

Conditions/ Criteria

- The principal investigator should be a female academic on permanent and pensionable establishment in a public TEI.

Implementation Modalities

- Applications should be submitted directly to the Executive Director, TEC.
- Each research proposal must be supported by:
 - a clear and detailed description of the research problem/objectives,
 - the methodology,
 - timetable/ Gantt Chart,
 - annual implementation plans including targets, budget and deliverables/ performance indicators to report progress on a regular basis.
- The principal researcher will be required to submit regular progress reports with regard to the project through the Head of Institution to the Commission.

Funding Mechanism

- At the end of each year, progress made will be assessed by a Technical Committee at the level of TEC.
- Grant will be released annually to the institution based on their implementation/ expenditure plan, their 4-monthly and annual progress reports respectively and statement of expenditure certified by the institution.
- 10% of the budget for the final year of the project will be retained for disbursement upon receipt of a copy of the Final Report.

Note:

- In case of poor and unsatisfactory progress, the Commission may at any point in time cease funding of the project.

Expected Output/ Outcome

- More qualified women in active research.
- Creating role models to inspire other women.
- Compliance towards meeting Sustainable Development Goals.

At the end of the research

- The Principal Researcher must submit a full report of output/outcome of the research project through their Head of the Institution to the Commission.
- Publish at least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal.