

Call for proposals

HEI ICI - Higher Education Institutions Institutional Cooperation Instrument

HEI ICI PHASE II; CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2010

Background and objectives of the programme

The main objective of the programme is to support the higher education sector in developing countries and to strengthen their institutional capacity through cooperation with Finnish higher education institutions. The Finnish higher education institutions will offer their expertise and experience to support partner higher education institutions in the south. Cooperation is based on the needs defined by the partner institutions in developing countries and is built on the principles of mutual learning and equal partnership.

The first phase of the HEI ICI programme – preparatory visits - was carried out in spring 2009. 72 applications for funding were received and 20 projects were supported.

Activities supported

Funding can be awarded to projects the aim of which is to strengthen administrative, methodological and pedagogical capacity in the south. The focus of the activities should be on capacity building of higher education institutions in developing countries, in particular on developing their basic operational functions, such as administrative structures, study programmes, libraries, information systems, service production, or promotion of international dimension or peer learning among teaching staff.

Higher education institutions and research institutions in developing countries in the south that have the right to grant higher education degrees and Finnish higher education institutions can participate in the programme. In 2010, a total of about 4.5 million euros is available through the programme. One project can receive from 50,000 to 500,000 euros.

The contractual period for HEI ICI projects in phase II is from 1 April 2011 to 31 December 2012.

Application process

The call for proposals is announced on Monday 1 November 2010 and closes on Tuesday 30 November 2010.

The Finnish main partner shall submit the English-language application on CIMO's online application form by 4 pm on 30 November 2010. A hard copy of the project proposal with required annexes that should be signed at least by one main partner in the north and the south to: CIMO, P.O.Box 343, 00531 Helsinki. The envelope should have a postage stamp of 30 November 2010 at the latest and be marked "HEI ICI".

If the application is brought to CIMO in person, it should be left in the reception by 4 pm on 30 November 2010 at the latest.

If all the partners in the project have not signed the project proposal by the application deadline, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by all partners should be submitted to CIMO later. However, the MoU must be submitted in good time before the start of the quality assessment of the applications.

To fill in the application, applicants must follow the guidance given in the HEI ICI Programme Document (version 3, 25.10.2010). The document is available on HEI ICI website.

Selection

Applications are assessed by an Advisory Board with representatives from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Culture, CIMO, and universities and universities of applied sciences. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs makes the final decision of grants awarded to projects in March 2011.

Contact

Guidance on the application process and administrative and technical support is available from the administrative coordination unit for the programme at the Centre for International Mobility CIMO. All queries about the programme should be addressed there.

The Unit for General Development Policy and Planning (KEO-10) is responsible for the programme in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Please send any queries about the application process to heiici@cimo.fi.

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Further information about the programme, a link to the online application form and the HEI ICI Programme Document that serves as application guidance are available at:

<http://www.cimo.fi/Resource.phx/cimo/apurahat/verkkoyht/hei-ici.htx>