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Dear TIA Seed Fund Implementing Partners

TIA PRE-SEED FUND CLOSED CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/27FY

Technology Innovation Agency hereby invites its Seed Fund Implementing Partners to submit applications as part of the SFP calls for the 2026/27 financial year. The call is open for only Pre-Seed Fund Instrument.

The 2026/27FY Pre-Seed Fund call for applications is open to Implementing Partners that have received funding allocations for FY2026/27- 2027/28. The call is intended to implement the funding commitments for the FY2026/27.

The call aims to support applications at the early stages of technology development, where funding is required to undertake activities such as proof-of-concept development, prototype development, technology validation, technical feasibility studies and relevant market research.

Focus Areas:

The call is open to projects across all TIA focus areas such as Health, Agri-biotech, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Industrial Biotech, Natural Resources, Energy, ICT, and Advanced Manufacturing - with preference given to projects that contribute to the following strategic priority areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Modernisation (Smart Factories, Smart Materials and Nano Materials, Advanced Robotics, Automation, Chemicals, Biobased Materials and Chemicals, Industrial Enzymes and Biocatalysis, Bioremediation, Biofuel Production Technology)
- Health Innovation and Well-being (API manufacturing and drug development, Precision Medicine, Medical devices, Pharmaceutical, Traditional Medicine, Nutraceuticals)
- Energy and Environmental Sustainability (Mining, Water, Circular economy, Renewable energy, Energy Storage, Fuel Cells, Hydrogen and Fuel cell technology)
- Digital Transformation and Inclusive Innovation (Digital Economy, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Communication Systems, Cyber infrastructure and Cyber security)
- Agricultural Innovation and Food Security Plan (Breeding and reproductive technologies, Animal health and nutrition, Plant health and nutrition, Agroprocessing and post-harvest technologies, Smart agricultural technologies, Biosecurity, Veterinary)

While applications from all TIA sectors will be considered, Implementing Partners are encouraged to identify and prioritize projects that demonstrate strong alignment with the above-mentioned strategic focus areas.

Call Parameter:

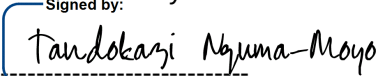
Item	Pre-Seed Fund
Funding Instrument	Grant
Funding Limit	Up to R1 Million Note: Take into consideration your institutional allocated budget, number of applications you plan to be funded to guide your call limit for your institution.
Enabling Activities	Up to 20% of the approved funding allocation, including management fee
TRL / Stage of Development	TRL 3–4
Funding Period Guideline	Maximum 12–18 months

This letter is accompanied by the following documents below, that you should familiarize with:

- Annexure A: General Call Guidelines
- Annexure B: Pre-seed Fund Investment Frameworks
- Pre-seed Application Form - to be completed by applicants.

The call closing date is **16 October 2026** by close of business. Please note that no late submissions will be considered.

Yours sincerely

Signed by:

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