

NASAC-IAP CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT SCHEME (2022)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Capacity Building Grants Scheme is aimed at empowering Science Academies and their members through provision of grants of up to a maximum of US\$5,000 per academy. This scheme supports strengthening operations of older academies. The purpose of these grants is to improve the functionality of NASAC-members and support intra-networking through provision of science-policy advice. Additionally, in the implementation of these grants, the inclusion and participation of national young academies, women and early-career researchers is highly encouraged.

TIMELINE

20 January 2023	Deadline for receipt of proposals at NASAC Secretariat
23-27 January 2023	Review of applications by Grants Review Committee
1-3 February 2023	Approvals of selected projects by the NASAC Board and development of contractual agreement
6 February 2023	Notification of the successful proposals

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

A Grants Review Committee (GRC) shall be appointed, whose members have expertise and experience in at least two of the following: (i) science-based policy advice; (ii) capacity enhancement for science-based organizations; (iii) networking and communication; and (iv) developmental issues. The members of this committee will operate with a significant level of independence and shall not include officers, board or council members of either NASAC or its member academies.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

The criteria against which proposals will be reviewed are as follows:

1. **Scope** – Grants should aim to provide support for shared virtual activities across a number of different NASAC members. This is so as to enhance the NASAC's core mission of ensuring intra-networking among science academies in the continent, and strengthen its membership to undertake regionally relevant activities/initiatives. When considered important by the academy, part of the grant can support infrastructural development at the secretariats of academies that have been in existence for less than ten (10) years.
2. **Results** – A clearly defined set of outputs from the project especially in terms of tools that NASAC member-academies can use regionally to influence policy while strengthening those academies is important. Therefore, the efforts of the projects should produce deliverables that will have a lifespan beyond the duration of the grant-support, as well as allow NASAC to share the results regionally.
3. **Structure and value for money** – A clear budget for the activity, including the support requested from NASAC for the duration of up to three (3) months, indicating the academy's own financial or in-kind contributions, and where possible involvement of other institutions or provision of a credible scientific referee is required. In each application, specific milestones and/deliverables shall be determined so as to gauge the overall outcome of the grant support being requested.

DURATION

The activity financing contracts shall run for a maximum period of three (3) months. In the unlikely event that a no-cost project extension shall be requested, then a further one (1) month shall be considered.

PROCESS

Once all applications have been received, an independent review process will take place. The applications will be sent to Grants Review Committee (GRC), which will evaluate and select the best application against the application review criteria highlighted above. The Board of NASAC, based on the GRC's recommendation, will approve budgetary allocation for the application accordingly. The results of this process will be communicated to all applicants soon thereafter.

APPLICATION FORM

Forms must be submitted to the NASAC secretariat (nasac@nasaonline.org) electronically and in English
By **20 JANUARY 2023**

1.	Title of Project

2 ▪	Short summary of the project (100 words maximum)

3 ▪	Key words (broad and specific topics)

4 ▪	Starting date and duration (3 months maximum)
	Applicant (NASAC Member Academy)
	Project Coordinator/Contact (name, telephone and email)

5 ▪	Cooperating Organizations (note that the listed organizations should confirm in writing that they agree to participate in this activity)		
	Name of Organization	Contact Person	Country

6.	Detailed description of the project (350 words maximum)

7.	Information about the project
	a) Objectives of the proposed project (100 word maximum)
	b) Benefits of the project to NASAC's core mission to strengthen the policy role of science academies and networking (100 word maximum)

	c) Work-plan, including milestones and deliverables

8.	Anticipated outcomes and expected results (100 word maximum)
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