

Application for SLCARP Research Grants Concept Paper Format

1. Title of the Research Project:

SLCARP National Priority Area:

2. Details of the investigators

a. Principal Investigator:(Prof. /Dr. /Mr./ Ms.):

Designation:

Department/Research Institute/University:

Official Address:

Email:

Tel:

b. Co-investigator: :(Prof. /Dr. /Mr./ Ms.):

Designation:

Department/Research Institute/University:

Official Address:

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Tel:

(If you have more than one co-investigator the details of each Co-Investigator should be provided)

3. Relevance to the Economic Development of the country

Briefly describe the contribution of the proposal to the nation's economic development by improving productivity, fostering diversification, and promoting sustainable practices. Indicate how the proposal could lead to increased agricultural output, higher incomes for farmers and entrepreneurs and greater food security ensuring overall economic growth and social stability of the country.

4. Mini abstract (Maximum 150 words)

Briefly summarize (1) the significant problem or gap you will address and why it is important; (2) the expected outcomes; and (3) the potential broad (grandiose) impact.

5. Background and Purpose (Maximum 200 words)

a. Background

Include a brief summary of the literature – citing only seminal, significant, and compelling sources – to provide the context for your project and discuss what others have discovered and/or accomplished.

b. Purpose of the Research

Identify the problem or need you intend to address and how your project will address it. Provide evidence to support the contention that your research project addresses a significant and/or timely problem

c. Importance of the research

Describe the importance of the research highlighting short-term and long-term impacts, number of beneficiaries and ways and means of socio-economic development and farmer welfare.

6. Project Description (Maximum 300 words)

Concisely describe your research project, including what **(not how)** you plan to do. Highlight the innovative aspects of your research approach to set your project apart from the other proposals. List the research questions, goal(s), and objectives of your project. Briefly describe how you will conduct the research, including the research methodology; the data you will collect; and how you will analyze the data. Based on your Project Work Plan, describe major milestones and a general timeline for what you will accomplish. Describe the expected outcomes of your project.

7. Estimated Project Cost

Include an estimate of total costs (direct and indirect) and categories of expenses

8. Project timeframe (start and end dates in months/years).	Budget Category	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	Total
	I. Personnel				
	II. Equipment				
	III. Consumables				
	IV. Travel & Subsistence				
	V. Contingencies				
	GRAND TOTAL				

months/years).

Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4

9. References

(Include only 2-3 most relevant references)

10. Declaration of the Head of the Institution of the Principal Investigator:

I recommend the concept paper of and I certify that the research is submitted herewith is in line with the institutional mandate and facilities of the Institution will be made available for conducting the research project.

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Date :

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Signature & Official seal of the Head of the Institution