TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRY PROGRAMME (THRIP)

APPLICATION WINDOW OPEN

The application window is now open for the Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP) at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Companies need to be aware of potentially qualifying projects to allow them enough time to gather the required information, should they wish to apply for funding under this programme.

Benefit

THRIP is a cost sharing grant of up to R8 000 000 per annum for a period of three years. The cost sharing ratio can be between 50% to 90% depending on the size of the company and their B-BBEE level. Applications need to be submitted by the industry partner i.e. company/industry association.

How to identify potential qualifying projects

Qualifying projects include R&D and innovation projects which require contributions from public research institutions such as universities, CSIR, industry research bodies and other non-profit research organisations. Projects should fund students (Honours, Masters and Doctorate levels) and other researchers to assist in achieving the project outcomes.

Nature of the project supported

- Science, engineering and/or technology projects that will contribute significantly to the company’s competitive edge;
- Creation and transfer of knowledge into a new process or product;
- Project must have clearly defined scientific and technology outputs and human resource outputs expected for each year of support; and
- The project must demonstrate causality, implementation, and additionality that will follow from the THRIP support.
In the case of first time black-owned entity as an applicant, the project will qualify even if no specific technology related outputs are expected during the first year of support in first year.

**Qualifying Costs Covered**

- Researchers and technical personnel remuneration;
- Running costs (including materials) and overheads (renting of laboratory space and equipment owned by the private sector and not by university or public research institutions);
- Traveling and accommodation costs;
- Equipment and machinery;
- TIPTOP (relocation of researchers); and
- Cost of legal advice for SMMEs.

**Interpretation Note Updates**

THRIP funding offers R500 000 per academic researcher or students in Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) to work in industrial laboratories per annum for a 3-year period.

THRIP covers 100% of the bursary grants where:

- PhD candidates will receive R200 000 annually;
- Masters candidates will receive R150 000 annually; and
- Honours/BTech will receive R80 000 annually.

**Timelines**

The 2018/19 call for applications is open from **28 September 2017 to 15 November 2017**.

**Conclusion**

Should you have any projects that exhibit the above qualities, please contact us to see if there are any potential opportunities for THRIP funding.