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***Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation***

The Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation and the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, in support of Law no. 04 / L-135 for scientific research activities dated March 28, 2013 (Official Gazette no. 11/02 May 2013) and Administrative Instruction no. 26/2016 dated 22.11.2016 for grants for small scientific projects, announce:

**COMPETITION**

**(For small scientific projects 2020)**

By which are invited Kosovar science institutions and Kosovar scientists who are supported by any research-scientific institution, to compete for the benefit of scientific grants in these categories:

* **Small scientific projects** (5000 up to 10.000 euro per project, with a duration of 6 to 12 months). The implementation of the project can be postponed even after this period, if it cannot be implemented due to time causes, e.g. atmospheric conditions. In these cases, the project continues in the next year.

The project proposal is preferred (but not necessarily) to belong to the priority scientific fields according to the National Science Program which includes::

* Natural Resources, Energy and Environment
* Agricultural Production and Food Safety
* Medical Studies
* Economic and Social Studies
* Linguistic, Cultural and Historical Studies
* Interdisciplinary Researches for Information and Communication Technology

**Special application conditions:**

1. Application completed, signed and stamped by the holder and leader of the supporting institution;
2. Applicant ID card (copy);
3. The bearer must be with PhD;
4. Three researchers who are employed in the same support institution;
5. Inclusion of at least two Master / PhD students;
6. An external expert of the field;
7. The letter from the dean that the project has never been implemented before in any form;
8. Notarized statements of researchers in the project;
9. Formal statement of the external expert;
10. CV and Publications of the bearer and researchers engaged in the project;
11. List of submitted documents;
12. List of abbreviations and citations;
13. Application in electronic form;
14. Project submitted on CD.

Successful application is any application that meets the conditions provided by the AI for application in small scientific projects.

**Funding:**

Duration: minimum 6 months; maximum 12 months.

The grant covers the costs related to the project: special equipment (laboratory equipment, consumable means, software, books, etc.), short-term visits, conferences where the results of the beneficiary project are presented, travel and accommodation expenses, field work expenses, expenses for external advisors, payment for students engaged in the project.

**Application - submission of documents:**

The competition of the interested institutions is done on the basis of the provisions of the Law on Scientific Research Activity and on the basis of the relevant instructions for each category which can be downloaded from the MESTI website: www.masht-gov.net which will be available from: **26.05.2020.**

The deadline for the competition for the category of small scientific projects 2020, will be from **26.05.2020 to 19.06.2020.** Submission of complete documents according to Administrative Instruction no. 26/2016 published on the website and according to the requirements based on the Law on Scientific Research Activity is done in the archive office at MESTI.

In addition, an electronic version of the draft proposal must be submitted electronically to the email address: sebahate.jupolli@rks-gov.net.

When sending the application, the subject of the email must have this content:

Application for small scientific projects, along with your name and surname or the institution’s name

The use of the wrong form and the incomplete form with the required data will be considered invalid.

Beneficiaries from previous years who have not fulfilled their obligations under the signed contracts will not be supported in this competition.

The project leader can be bearer of one project only, and cannot be a member of any other project at the same time. Also, the project leader cannot compete with a new project and cannot be a member of any other project until he has completed the previous project.

**Evaluation criterion:**

Applications that do not contain all the required documents will be automatically rejected.

Applications that pass the technical assessment will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific achievement and originality of the proposal (quality of expected outcomes, innovative potential, quality and efficiency of methodology, feasibility);

- Scientific quality of project partners;

- The interdisciplinary inclination of the project;

- Staff composition (e.g. involvement of young researchers and female researchers);

- Managerial and financial capacities as well as commitment to the principles of good governance (accountability, efficiency, non-discrimination, participation and transparency).

**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the application process, please visit the official website of MESTI or contact the authorized person in the Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation at MESTI.

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