

Overview of RSIF Research and Innovation Grants

4th Cohort of RSIF PhD Scholars Orientation

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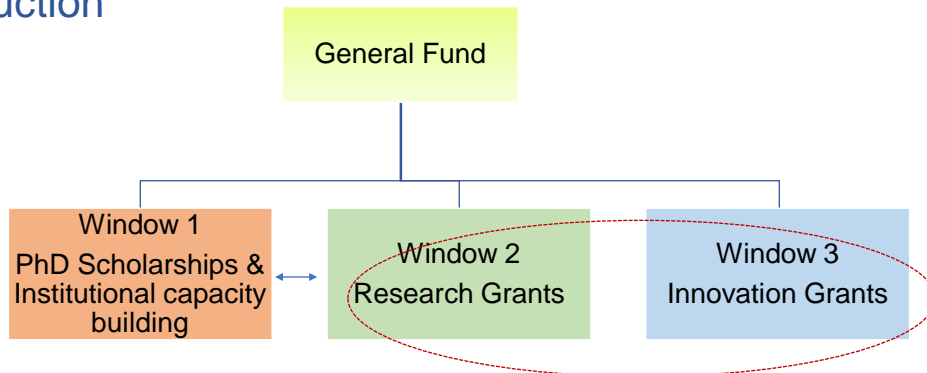


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Introduction



RSIF Research grants (W2) and Innovation grant (W3) complement the PhD training (W1); to promote research excellence, innovation development and commercialization

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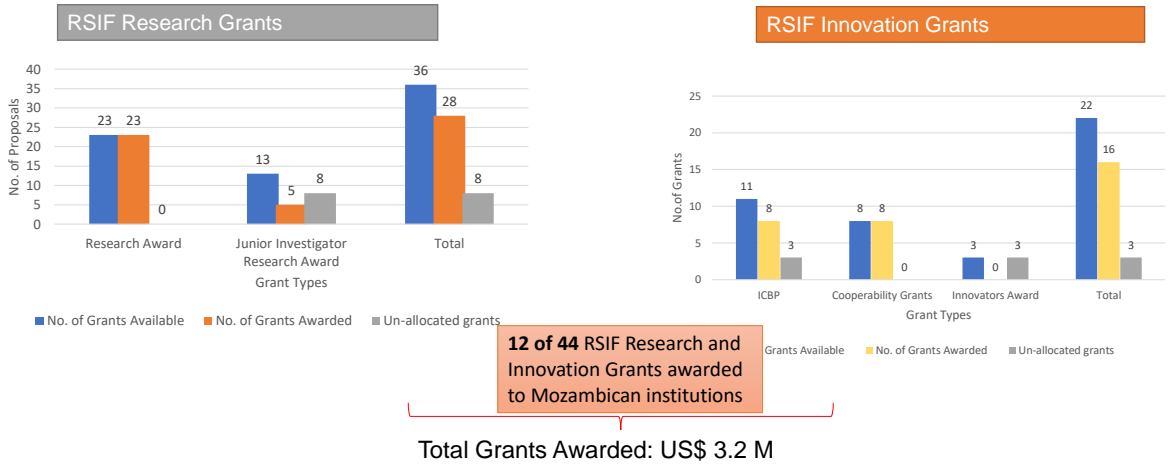


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Enhancing Research and Innovation Excellence



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Overview- Window 2, Research Grants

Type 1, Research Award

- Grant size:** US\$ 90,000
- No. of Grants Awarded:** 23
- Duration:** 2-3 Yrs
- Eligible:** Faculty & Supervisors involved in RSIF PhD Program in AHU & International Partners

Type 2, Junior Investigator Research Award

- Grant Size:** US\$ 80,000
- No. of Grants awarded:** 5
- Duration:** 2 Yrs
- Eligible:** RSIF PhD graduates who get postdoc or permanent position at university or research centre in SSA & Int'l partner

Status: 2nd Call for Proposals opens September 2022

Expected Outputs

- Prototype development
- Manuscripts
- Publications
- Networks / partnerships with private sector & other actors

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Overview- Window 3, Innovation Grants

Type 1, Institution Innovation Capacity Building(ICBP)

1. **Grant size:** US\$ 50,000
2. **No. of Grants Awarded:**8
3. **Duration:** 2 Yrs
4. **Eligible:** RSIF AHU in collaboration with Private sector, Hubs and Intl'l partner

Type 2, Cooperability Grants

1. **Grant Size:** US\$ 50,000
2. **No. of Grants awarded:** 9
3. **Duration:** 2 Yrs
4. **Eligible:** Faculty of RSIF Host Univ. involved in PhD training in partnership with private sector.

Expected Outputs

- Enabling innovation policies
- Tech Transfer Offices
- Innovation & entrepreneurship courses
- Commercializable products
- Market analyses
- Networks / partnerships with private sector & other actors

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How you can participate

1. Discuss opportunity with your supervisors and work together to respond to new up coming calls.
2. Find out from your supervisors/department how you can be part of an ongoing project.
3. Participate in guest lectures and online courses on special topics on innovation, entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property Management

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Expected benefits to scholars

1. Better qualified scientific workforce through PhD student mentorship (including postdoctoral researchers)
2. Competitive advantage for career growth within higher education academic and industry
3. Increased opportunities to translate your PhD research outputs into commercial products
4. Contribute to solving regional developmental issues and creating societal impact
5. Increased opportunities for networks and partnerships with industry and other stakeholders

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Conclusion

The RSIF Research Grants (W1) and Innovation Grants (W2) are integral parts of the innovation ecosystem. They complement the RSIF PhD scholarships, providing an opportunity for RSIF scholars to advance their research excellence and career growth.

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