

South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)

Ninth Call for Proposals

South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes, initiated in 1998, is a regional initiative to foster networking amongst economic research institutions in South Asia. SANEI in its ninth round is inviting research proposals with thematic focus on South Asian Agriculture – Post Doha. Proposals could relate to a single country or more than one in a comparative framework.

Eligibility

- Proposals are invited from researchers and applicants from all social sciences.
- Applicants must be a national of any of the following countries in South Asia - Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, currently resident in these countries. Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams of researchers.
- An applicant cannot submit more than one project or be a member of more than one research team. A SANEI Steering Committee Member cannot be a project holder or a researcher in a SANEI supported project.
- A formal application must be made by the institution (e.g. Universities, research institutes or non-profit organizations) with which the applicant is affiliated and if the project proposal is funded, the institution will be responsible for the administration of the grant.

Guidelines for Proposal Submission

Proposals must include the following components:

- A **cover sheet** clearly specifying the project title, names of principal researchers and **e-mail contact address**.
- An **abstract** of no more than 200 words outlining the significance of the research and the methodology to be used.
- A **research proposal** of no more than ten (10) doubled-spaced pages
- A brief **survey of literature** and some indication of the availability of data.
- A **bibliography** of relevant literature
- **Short CVs** of participating researcher/s (not more than ten pages).
- Information on how many other project/s the researchers/s will be involved at the same time as the proposed study.
- The proposed budget on a separate sheet in the format below. **All figures must be in US\$**. If more than one institute is involved, the budget must clearly state the expenses for each institute in respect of all cost-heads, viz.
 1. Salaries
 2. Field Survey/Data Collection
 3. Books, Stationary and Software
 4. Communications
 5. Subtotal
 6. Overheads (up to 5% of the subtotal) Total

Proposal Review

Selection will be made on a competitive basis. The Research Advisory Panel (RAP) of SANEI comprising of internationally renowned economists will evaluate the research proposals.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation of the research proposals will be based on:

- Clarity of the proposed research question
- Originality (preference will be given to projects that develop new methodologies or use the transition experience to obtain new insights into fundamental questions rather than those that call for mechanistic application of conventional techniques to new data).
- Cost effectiveness.
- Preference will be given to collaborative research proposals involving collaboration of two or more research institutes in different member countries in South Asia.

Funding

Maximum funding per project will be US \$ 10,000. Grants are awarded for one year only. The disbursement pattern would be 25% on award of the grant and signing of the contract, 50% upon receipt of the progress report at the mid-point of the grant and 25% upon receipt of final deliverables from the grant.

No funds will be paid directly to the individuals. Grants cannot be used for buying computers, hardware and other acquisitions of a capital nature

Application Procedure

The closing date for submission of proposals is July 24th 2007.

The proposals should be forwarded both by email and by post to the following address.

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