



Call For Proposals

African Laser Centre 2024 Research Collaboration Program

The African Laser Centre is a NEPAD flagship initiative and is funded by the Department of Science and Innovation. The CSIR Photonics Centre, a key node of the African Laser Centre (ALC), and the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) would like to take this opportunity to introduce the ALC Research Collaboration program and to invite proposals from South African researchers planning to collaborate with partners on the African continent to apply for support from the ALC Research Collaboration program.

The grant scheme focusses on the promotion of laser and laser-applications related research on the African continent, with the purpose to stimulate and grow laser research programs within the African continent. The main aim of this program is to establish research capabilities on the African continent and to support human capacity building in laser- and laser-based application sciences. The fund will allow research collaborations and student/researcher exchanges for participating institutes. The fund also makes provision for limited support for consumables required for research projects. The research collaborations supported under this Grant Scheme should be between a South African research team and an African research team, outside the borders of South Africa.

The program has Masters, Doctoral and Post-doctoral studies as key drivers and focus on laser and laser-based application research. Applications will be evaluated in line with the approved ALC research guidelines.

An ALC Research Collaboration Program Manual document is available from nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za which provide eligibility criteria, as well as information on what can qualify for funding support.

Please extend this invitation to all researchers active in laser- and laser-based application research in the natural sciences, health, and engineering fields within your institution.

Important dates are:

Opening of the call: **22 September 2023**

Closing of the call: **3 November 2023**

The following documents are available for prospective applicants:

- ALC Research Collaboration Manual for 2024
- For NEW projects: ALC R&D Collaboration application form for 2024
- Call for African Laser Centre Research Collaboration grant applications for 2024

Applicants must submit their proposals in MsWord format as well as a signed PDF to the CSIR Photonics Centre by e-mail, using the following e-mail address nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za or tiduplooy@csir.co.za

The application needs to be accompanied by the required documents as stipulated in the ALC proposal template, and the ALC research Collaboration Program Manual.

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