

Conference/Workshop Organisation Funding Scheme

General Information

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Purpose of the Scheme

The Conference/Workshop Organisation Funding Scheme (CWOFS) is a scheme intended to support knowledge sharing among policy makers, researchers, administrators, young graduates and the public in general with external organisations and individual.

Eligibility

The scheme is targeted to meet the needs of Mauritius in terms of exchanges/capacity building through conferences and workshops. Each request will need to fully justify as to why such a conference or workshop should be held and how it will benefit Mauritius. The Conference or Workshop may be organized by one lead institution and/or in collaboration with other organizations. Only Ministries, Parastatal Bodies, Tertiary Education Institutions and registered NGO's shall be eligible to apply for support under this scheme.

Amount funded by the MRC

The MRC will fund up to a maximum of Rs 250,000 or half the total cost, whichever is the less. Co-funding, sponsorships and part-funding are highly encouraged.

Application procedure

Applications have to be submitted to the MRC through the Head of the institution in the prescribed form at least three months before the event. The application will be assessed by an independent committee which will make recommendations to the Board of the MRC. The decision of the Board will be final. The applicant institution will be informed of the Board's decision and follow-up action will be initiated.

Evaluation Criteria

Individual applications will be selected and approved depending on the following criteria:

- Potential to help policy makers concerned with the design and implementation of national and international science, technology and socio-economy policies and strategies;
- Be of interest to Members of Academia, Research Institutions and Private Industries;
- Capacity to update knowledge in a specific sector of national relevance

For more details on the scheme, please consult the CWOFS: Guidelines for Applicants available at the Mauritius Research Council or on its website http://www.mrc.org.mu

<u>Important Note</u>: A call for Proposals is advertised for specific schemes at least once every year. Only applications submitted as a response to the call for Proposals and within the prescribed delay will be considered by the MRC.

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