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Guidelines for Research Proposals 2023

(Call ID: DBBL-CSR-GraTA-1st/2023)

1. BACKGROUND

Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd. (DBBL), one of the leading commercial banks in Bangladesh, is looking for the research proposals under its special CSR program in agriculture sector.

The DBBL-CSR-GraTA-1st/2023 call is looking for research proposals on readily available and scalable (on-the-shelf or in-the-field elsewhere) technologies/innovations in the agriculture sub-sectors (agricultural engineering, crops, livestock, fisheries) that have been developed by scientists/faculties from public agricultural research institutes/universities.

2. RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND FUNDING

For the 1st call (to be implemented during 2023-24), a total of 8 projects, under 4 sub-sectors of agriculture, will be supported under DBBL-CSR-GraTA funding scheme. The following table describes priority research themes against different agriculture sub-sectors and their estimated budget allocations.

Sl.	Agriculture Sub-sector	Priority Research Theme	No. of projects to be funded	Maximum allocation per project (Taka)	Estimated budget (Taka)
1	Agricultural Engineering	(a) Farm mechanization	2	10,000,000	20,000,000
		(b) Irrigation & Water management	2	5,000,000	10,000,000
2	Crops	Validation of improved production technologies and Improved crop varieties	2	5,000,000	10,000,000
3	Livestock	Validation of improved health and production technologies	1	5,000,000	5,000,000
4	Fisheries	Validation of improved production technologies /variety/strain	1	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total:			8		50,000,000



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In words: Taka fifty millions only

3. PROJECT DURATION

The process of awarding the projects will be completed by June 2023. Maximum duration of each project will be 18 months (July 2023 - December 2024).

4. PROJECT PROPOSAL AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Competitive grants will be awarded to research proposals led by scientists/faculties of public agricultural research institutes/universities. Proposal should be submitted through proper channel (of the lead institution). This DBBL-CSR-GraTA funding scheme is aimed at incubating and disseminating scalable projects with readily available technologies/innovations, varieties/species/biologics/drug or any useable/patentable product/tool/equipment/system/design/protocol, etc.
- The research proposal should be submitted using the prescribed format. Incomplete proposal will not be considered for evaluation.
- A principal investigator (PI)/co-PI is not allowed to submit more than one research proposal.
- The PI of the selected proposal will have to present her/his proposal before an expert committee. The PI will have to re-submit the revised final proposal online after incorporation of the suggestions made by the committee during presentation.
- DBBL authority reserves every right to amend guidelines, revise decisions, accept or reject the proposal.
- Farm/industry partnerships and active collaborations are strongly encouraged. In case of farm/industry partnered project, co-funding (cash and/or in-kind) are welcome.
- The PI should make sure that the project proposal has not been submitted for funding elsewhere.
- Please visit this DBBL weblink (<https://www.dutchbanglabank.com/csr-research/research.html>) to download the project proposal format. The proposal, along with supporting documents (e.g. short CVs; letter of consent/support, if applicable, etc.), should be uploaded as a single PDF file to the following link: <https://www.dutchbanglabank.com/csr-research/research.html>
- **Research Proposal Submission Deadline: 24 May 2023, 23:59 Bangladesh Standard Time.**

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