Criteria for Seed Money Grants

1. Objective
ETH Global provides seed money for the following three purposes:

1. Preparation of new projects
2. Development of new institutional partnerships or expansion of existing partnerships
3. Implementation of research results (impact generation)

The respective projects have to be carried out in a partnership between scientists from ETH Zurich and scientists from developing countries. A maximum of CHF 20'000 can be granted per proposal.

2. Eligibility
Senior scientists including post-doc scientists of ETH Zurich are eligible to apply. For the institutional partnership development grant, larger entities, such as competence centers or institutes are eligible to submit applications.

The following requirements have to be met:

Preparation of new projects
• The project has to be carried out in partnership between researchers from ETH Zurich and partners from developing countries. All involved partners have to meet the scientific standards for collaboration with ETH Zurich.
• Contributions by all involved partners.

Development of institutional partnerships
• Partnerships with scientists or institutions from developing countries which meet the scientific standards for a collaboration with ETH Zurich.
• Intended long-term character of the partnership.

Implementation of research results
• The project has a clear link to previous research at ETH Zurich, preferably a doctoral thesis.
• Demonstrated development-related impact of the research results.
• Implementation involves all partners.

3. Application
The application of maximum 5 pages must include a project description and a budget. There are three application deadlines per year: 31 March, 31 August and 30 November. The application has to be submitted in electronic form to Patricia Heuberger (patricia.heuberger@sl.ethz.ch).
The application must comprise the following information:

3.1. Project outline
- Objectives and description of the planned activities
- Innovativeness of the project
- Timeframe and work plan, indicating the contributions of each involved partner
- Development relevance and expected impact
- CVs of all involved persons (in the annex)
- In case of applications by postdocs, co-signature or written agreement by the supervising professor

3.2. Budget
- Maximum of CHF 20'000
- Detailed statement of the funds required and all funding sources
- Presentation of the applicant’s and partners’ contribution to the costs (financial and/or in-kind)

4. Reporting
After the completion of the project, the applicant has to submit two final reports to ETH Global:

4.1. Technical report
One page describing the most important achievements, lessons learned, problems encountered and planned follow-up activities (with a focus on individual and institutional capacity development).

4.2. Financial report
All expenses have to be listed and documented with receipts or the ETH account statement (Fondsauszug) provided.

5. Selection procedure
The proposals will be evaluated by the ETH Global Research for Development (R4D) committee.

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