



Discretionary Project Grant (DPG) Requirements 2021/2022 Bursary Scheme with Academic Support Programme (PIVOTAL)

Closing date: 18 October 2021

Please indicate the Grant you are applying for:

Name of Programme	Tick only one block [√]
Fasset Bursary Scheme with Academic Support	
Fasset Bursary Scheme with Academic Support <i>(Continuing with the same cohort previously awarded)</i>	

Name of Service provider:

Postal address:

Street address:

Telephone number: Code Number

Cellular number:

Facsimile number: Code Number

e-Mail address:

Contact details of alternative responsible person who will act on behalf of the person above should he/she not be available

Name and Surname

Telephone number: Code Number

Cellular number:

e-Mail address:

1. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 As public entity, FASSET has both the obligation and the responsibility to ensure that it spends the public money, with which it is entrusted in a manner that meets governments requirements. Consequently, Grant Applicants are required to adhere to the compliance requirements as listed in this section.

Fraud and Corruption

1.2 All grant applicants are to take note of the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (No 12 of 2004) and any other applicable act.

B-BBEE Certificate, Tax Clearance Certificate and Central Supplier Database (CSD) Report

1.3 All grant applicants are to provide a B-BBEE status level certificate and the Tax Clearance Certificate (SARS pin) on request once FASSET has granted provisional approval;

1.4 Grant applicants will be assessed based on the compliant requirements with the BBEE and tax compliance. FASSET reserves its right to award or not to award to applicants with BBEE level status above level 4.

Independent Grant Submission

1.5 Grant applicants must complete and sign the Certificate of Independent Grant Submission, which can be found in Annexure. The signed certificate must be included in the grant submission. The purpose of the certificate is to prevent potential collusion amongst applicants.

2. DEADLINE DATE AND MODE OF GRANT SUBMISSION

2.1 All applications must be submitted to the following e-mail address: dg@fasset.org.za. It must be noted that FASSET **will not accept any physical submissions**.

2.2 The submission due date is **Monday, 18 October 2021 at 16:00**. Grant applications received by FASSET after the closing date shall not be considered

2.3 Grant Applicants must submit a Project Proposal which contains, at minimum:

2.3.1 Experience of Grant Applicant;

2.3.2 Technical Approach / Methodology;

2.3.3 Resources; and

2.3.4 Pricing schedule with clear breakdown of each cost item. FASSET reserves the right to query a pricing schedule as part of the evaluation process.

2.4 The Skills development priorities specifically targeting transformation groups including Blacks, women, and people with disabilities. To ensure alignment with national imperatives and key stakeholders, FASSET will adopt DHET's criteria regarding the beneficiaries of its programmes to benefit being: **85% Blacks, 54% women and 4% disabled**.

3. GRANT CRITERIA (Terms of Reference)

The grant criteria should please be read carefully and adhere to, to minimize grant queries (where applicable). The following criteria are applicable to this grant:

Description: PIVOTAL Bursary Scheme with Academic Support Programmes that achieve the following:

- i. Achievement of an academic qualification; and/or
- ii. Progression from the penultimate academic year to the final academic year of an academic qualification.

3.1 Overall Objectives and Scope

3.1.1 FASSET requires the services of the service providers, University/ies or University/ies of Technology (Grant Applicant) as listed by DHET or Private Bursary Management Agencies, or Professional Bodies with capacity to manage a bursary fund that will result in the progression of learners from

- one academic year to the final academic year. y institutions, to deliver a PIVOTAL Bursary Scheme with Academic Support Programme that results in the progression of learners from their penultimate academic year to their final academic year, and/or the achievement of a PIVOTAL academic qualification registered on the **NQF 6 - 10**.
- 3.1.2 Qualifications must be registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 6 – 10. The programme must address the 2021/2022 ten top scarce skills. FASSET may, consider other critical skills should funds be available.
 - 3.1.3 Learners must be completing their under - graduate and/or post -graduate qualifications.
 - 3.1.4 The learners must be completing a qualification at an NQF Level from 6 – 10.
 - 3.1.5 The service providers can be Public Universities; Universities of Technology (as listed by DHET); Private Bursary Management Agencies, Professional Bodies with capacity to manage a bursary fund that will result in the progression of learners from one academic year to the final academic year (i.e. cover year 2 or year 3) OR achievement of an academic qualification registered on the NQF.
 - 3.1.6 There must be **one (1)** application per institution, private bursary management agency, service provider, professional body.
 - 3.1.7 Fasset will provide tools of trade (e.g. laptops/tablets) for each learner, therefore Fasset will **not pay** for the provision of the laptops. The amount for the bursary payment will exclude provision of laptops/tablets.
 - 3.1.8 The grant applicant will be responsible to:
 - 3.1.8.1 Present a full bursary administration solution;
 - 3.1.8.2 Provide for additional skills to learners;
 - 3.1.8.3 Select and recruit learners who are financially needy with the necessary potential to succeed;
 - 3.1.8.4 Select and recruit learners who meet the pre-set minimum criteria as determined by the academic institution;
 - 3.1.8.5 Select and recruit learners who are coming from a combined household income of between R0.00 – R600 000.00).
 - 3.1.8.6 Selection must be completed in February 2022 and all learner’s documentation to be submitted to Fasset before the 20 March 2022.
 - 3.1.9 The programme must be completed by 31 March 2023.
 - 3.1.10 The project must achieve the following objectives:
 - 3.1.10.1 Achievement of an academic qualification; and/or
 - 3.1.10.2 Progression from the penultimate academic year to the final academic year of an academic qualification. Learners must be doing their under-graduate (i.e. including those continuing with their qualification and post graduate qualification).
 - 3.1.11 The qualification proposed must be a PIVOTAL qualification (registered on the NQF with SAQA).
 - 3.1.12 The programme must achieve a 70% throughput rate. Failure to meet this objective will result in a penalty on the project management fee.
 - 3.1.13 Funding will cover tuition, accommodation, stipend (limited to R1500), books and academic support.
 - 3.1.14 Funding will be capped at R 90,000.00 per learner
 - 3.1.15 The scarce skill/s to which the qualification is linked must be clearly reflected.
 - 3.1.16 Fasset reserves to exercise its discretion towards critical skills.
 - 3.1.17 Fasset reserves its right to assess and look at the prior performance of the bidder.

Project Reporting Requirements

- 3.1.18 Grant applicants will be required to present information on a monthly and quarterly basis, as per the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and FASSET requirements. The required information includes but is not limited to:
 - 3.16.1 Copies of learner agreements;
 - 3.16.2 Certified Copies of learner IDs;
 - 3.16.3 Copies of results achieved;
 - 3.16.4 Confirmation of programme completion;
 - 3.16.5 Proof of registration
 - 3.16.6 Proof of household income
 - 3.16.7 POPIA declaration by learners
 - 3.16.8 SETMIS TEMPLATE

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

- 4.1 Should a grant applicant achieve a functionality score that is 50% or less, the grant application will be rejected.
- 4.2 Should a grant applicant receive a functionality score between 51% and 69%, FASSET might engage with the applicant on the grant application.
- 4.3 All grant applications that receive a functionality score of more than 70% will be recommended for adjudication.
- 4.4 **Grant applicants should indicate if this is the first time proposing such a project.**

Table 1: Evaluation Criteria and Weights for Determining Functionality Scores

Functionality Scoring Determinants												
Total Points		100										
1	Experience of the grant applicant	30										
	<i>Experience with managing a bursary scheme with academic Support, project management, mentoring and general student support and/or project of similar nature.</i>											
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2	Technical Approach / Methodology	40										
	<p><i>Details of the problem statement:</i></p> <p>Grant applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1.1 Define the problem statement and provide an overview of trends / statistical research to support the problem statement. 2.1.2 Provide details of possible causes of the problem and factors that impact on learner success. 2.1.3 Provide details of “at risk” learners. 2.2 <i>Learners from Rural Areas</i> 2.2.1 Indicate how the proposed strategy and plan includes consideration of the inclusion of learners from rural areas. 2.3 <i>Details of the proposed solution:</i> 											

	<p>Grant applicants must:</p> <p>2.3.1 Provide an overview of the proposed solution. Where applicable details of how the problem was addressed in the past must be provided.</p> <p>2.3.2 Provide sufficient detail of how the proposed solution will result in the Completion of an Academic Qualification and/or Progression from the Penultimate Academic Year to the Final Academic Year of an Academic Qualification, including the bursary management aspects.</p> <p>2.3.3 Present a sufficiently detailed project plan for how the proposed solution will be implemented.</p> <p>2.3.4 Provide the recruitment and selection criteria and methodology.</p> <p>2.3.5 Provide proposed learner numbers.</p> <p>Provide reasoning with respect to the feasibility of the project.</p> <p>2.3.7 Provide details as to any similar past projects against which the proposed project has been benchmarked.</p> <p>2.3.8 Provide detail on the delivery of PIVOTAL programmes.</p> <p>2.3.9 Provide an assessment methodology, which must include details of how to assist learners to achieve the pre-set milestones, with respect to achieving a qualification or designation.</p> <p>2.3.10 Provide an assessment methodology that must include corrective actions (including academic mentoring) that will be taken, should learners fail to achieve the pre- set milestones.</p> <p>2.3.11 Provide for a <i>comprehensive</i> academic mentorship programme for the duration of the project.</p> <p>2.3.12 Indicate how a 70% throughput rate will be achieved.</p> <p>2.3.13 Indicate any penalties and the implementation thereof, for learners who fail to achieve the pre-set milestones.</p> <p>2.3.14 Indicate the replacement or exit strategies in place.</p> <p>2.3.15 Ensure that the project plan includes regular reporting to Fasset on project progress, performance statistics, delivery, learner details, risk mitigation, continuous evaluation and a financial update.</p>											
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	<p><i>Capacity to implement a programme of this size</i></p> <p>Grant applicants must:</p> <p>5.1.1 Have appropriately qualified and relevant experienced resources (i.e. CVs are relevant to the programme delivery, including project management and support functions).</p> <p>5.1.2 The team proposed has relevant expertise and experience. This includes administrative staff; lecturers / trainers; and tutors. If sub-contracting, the grant applicant must provide their (sub-contractor's) minimum criteria for selection of lecturers/trainers and tutors.</p> <p>5.1.3 Have sufficient resources i.e. proportion of lecturers / tutors to the number of learners proposed, is feasible.</p> <p>5.1.4 The CVs provided include experience in course development and bursary management. If sub-contracting, the grant applicant must provide their minimum criteria for selection of lecturers/trainers and tutors.</p> <p>5.1.5 Provide references in individuals' CVs for the delivery of PIVOTAL programmes.</p> <p>5.1.6 Evidence of past successful programme management is presented (including the ability to achieve the desired throughput rate).</p> <p>The presence of Black African South African team members is compulsory.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="296 1447 1235 1834"> <thead> <tr> <th>Score Criteria</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All CVs of the tutor and support team proposed are appropriately qualified and have relevant experience. The majority of the team are Black South Africans .</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Some CVs of the tutor and support team have appropriately qualified and relevant experience for the delivery of PIVOTAL programme. The majority of the team are Black Africans.</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Some CVs of the tutor and support team have appropriately qualified and relevant experience for the delivery of PIVOTAL programme. The majority of the team is not Black Africans</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No experienced CVs of proposed tutor and support team. The majority of the team is not Black Africans.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Score Criteria	Points	All CVs of the tutor and support team proposed are appropriately qualified and have relevant experience. The majority of the team are Black South Africans .	5	Some CVs of the tutor and support team have appropriately qualified and relevant experience for the delivery of PIVOTAL programme. The majority of the team are Black Africans.	3	Some CVs of the tutor and support team have appropriately qualified and relevant experience for the delivery of PIVOTAL programme. The majority of the team is not Black Africans	1	No experienced CVs of proposed tutor and support team. The majority of the team is not Black Africans.	0	
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Annexure A: Certificate of Independent Grant Submission

I, _____ the undersigned, in submitting the

Discretionary Project Grant Application

for _____, do hereby make the following

statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect.

I, certify that on behalf of:

Name of Grant Applicant:

1. I have read and understood the contents of this Certificate of Independent Grant Submission (Certificate).
2. I understand that the accompanying Discretionary Project Grant Application (Grant Application) will be rejected if this certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect.
3. I am authorized by the Grant Applicant to sign this Certificate and to submit the accompanying Grant Application on behalf of the Grant Applicant.
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying Grant Application has been authorised by the Grant Applicant to determine the terms of and to sign the Grant Application on behalf of the Grant Applicant.
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying Grant Application, I understand the word "competitor" shall include an individual or organisation, other than the Grant Applicant, whether or not affiliated with the Grant Applicant, who:
 - 5.1.1. Has been requested to submit a Grant Application;
 - 5.1.2. Could potentially submit a Grant Application based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
and
 - 5.1.3. Provides the same services as the Grant Applicant and/or is in the same line of business as The Grant Applicant.
6. The Grant Applicant has arrived at the accompanying Grant Application submission independently from and without consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium¹ will not be construed as collusive.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraph 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - 7.1. Prices;
 - 7.2. Geographical area where the service will be rendered (market allocation);
 - 7.3. Methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - 7.4. The intention or decision to submit, or not submit, a Grant Application;
 - 7.5. The submission of a Grant Application does not meet the specification and condition of the Grant Application Requirements; or
 - 7.6. Submitting a Grant Application with the intention not to have the grant approved.

¹ Joint Venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangement with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specification and conditions or delivery particulars of the services to which this Grant Application relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying Grant Application have not been and will not be disclosed by the Grant Applicant, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the Grant Application opening or of the contract being awarded.
10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to Discretionary Project Grants and their related contracts, that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act, No 89 of 1998 and/or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and/or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

Signature of Grant Applicant

Date

Position

Name of Grant Applicant

Name of Signatory

Annexure B: Declaration of Interest

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the State¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the State, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this grant (includes an advertised competitive grant application, competitive bid, limited bid or proposal or a written price quotation).

2. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting grant application, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the State, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the grant applicant or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/ adjudicating authority where:

2.1. The grant applicant is employed by the State; and/or

2.2. The grant applicant is a Board member of Fasset and/or

2.3. The legal person on whose behalf the grant application is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

3. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

3.1.1 Full Name of grant applicant or his or her representative:

3.1.2 Identity Number:

3.1.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member, etc):

3.1.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:

3.1.5 Tax Reference Number:

¹ "State" means

- (a) Any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999);
- (b) Any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) Provincial legislature;
- (d) National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces;
- (e) Parliament.

² Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

3.1.6 VAT Registration Number:

3.1.7 The names of all directors/ trustees/ shareholders/ members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee/ PERSAL numbers must be indicated below:

3.2 Are you or any person connected with this grant application presently employed by the state?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.2.1 If "Yes" was indicated, please furnish the following particulars:

3.2.1.1 Name of person/ director/ trustee/ shareholder/ member:

3.2.1.2 Name of State institution at which you or the person connected to the grant application is employed:

3.2.1.3 Position occupied in the State institution:

3.2.1.4 Any other particulars?

3.3 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authorisation to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.3.1 If "Yes" was indicated, was proof of such authorization attached to the grant application

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authorization, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the grant application).

3.3.2 If "No" was indicated, please furnish reasons for non-submission of authorization.

3.4 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors/trustees/ shareholders/ members or their spouses conduct business with the State in the previous twelve (12) months?

Yes	
No	

3.4.1 If "Yes" was indicated, please furnish the following particulars:

3.4.1.1 Name of person/ director/ trustee/ shareholder/ member:

3.4.1.2 Name of State institution at which you or the person connected to the grant application conducted business:

3.4.1.3 Any other particulars?

3.5 Do you, or any person connected with the grant application, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the State (Pty) Ltd and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this grant application?

Yes	
No	

3.5.1 If "Yes" was indicated, please furnish the following particulars:

3.5.1.1 Name of person/ director/ trustee/ shareholder/ member:

3.5.1.2 Any other particulars?

3.6 Are you, or any person connected with the grant application, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other grant application and any person employed by the State who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this grant application?

Yes	
No	

3.6.1 If "Yes" was indicated, please furnish the following particulars:

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned (full name) _____
certify that the information furnished above is correct. I accept that Fasset may reject the Grant Application or
act against me should this declaration prove to be false.

Name of Grant Applicant

Signature

Position of Grant Applicant within Organisation

Date