



THE SORGHUM TRUST

RESEARCH FUNDING APPLICATION – NEW

Please complete this form for each new project for which funding is requested. Information should be concise but sufficient to permit proper technical and funding evaluation. Additional supporting information may be attached where necessary.

A. PROJECT AND APPLICANT DETAILS

Title of Research Project:	
Name and Trading Name of Applicant / Institution:	
Lead Researcher / Project Leader:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Duration of Proposed Study:	
Funding Year Applied For:	
Total Project Cost	(VAT INCLUSIVE)
	(VAT EXCLUSIVE)
Amount Requested from the Sorghum Trust – Year 1:	(VAT EXCLUSIVE)
	(VAT EXCLUSIVE)
Total Amount Requested from the Sorghum Trust over Project Term:	(VAT EXCLUSIVE)
	(VAT EXCLUSIVE)

B. TRUST OBJECTIVE AND INDUSTRY RELEVANCE

1. Relevant objective of the Sorghum Trust Deed

Identify the objective(s) of the Sorghum Trust Deed in terms of which funding is sought.

2. Contribution to the Trust objective

Explain how the proposed project will contribute to the identified Trust objective(s).

3. Sector(s) of the sorghum industry that will benefit

Identify the sector(s), stakeholders or beneficiaries within the South African sorghum industry and explain the expected benefit.

C. PROJECT PROPOSAL

4. Executive summary / brief outline of project

Provide a concise description of the project, including the problem to be addressed and the proposed approach. Maximum 250 words.

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5. Rationale and need for the project

Set out the problem statement, why the project is necessary or important, the opportunity or novelty being pursued, and relevant previous work or evidence. Maximum 1 000 words.

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6. Objectives and aims

State the specific aims and measurable objectives of the project.

7. Research design and methodology

Describe the research approach, trials/experiments, locations, treatments, replications, data collection and analysis sufficiently for technical or peer review.

8. Deliverables and milestones

List the principal deliverables and the key milestones for each funding year. Include measurable means of verification.

9. Project timetable / Gantt chart

Attach or insert a detailed Gantt chart showing the expected timing of activities, milestones and deliverables.

D. BUDGET AND FUNDING

10. Detailed budget and budget justification

*Provide a detailed budget for the full duration of the project, separately for **each year of the projects proposed duration**. Indicate total project cost, the amount requested from the Sorghum Trust, co-funding and the basis on which each cost was calculated. Clearly identify capacity-building expenditure, capital expenditure and overseas travel.*

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10A. Sorghum Trust funding requested over the full project term

Indicate the total amount of funding requested from the Sorghum Trust for each year of the proposed project.

Project year	Amount requested from Sorghum Trust
Year 1	R
Year 2	R
Year 3	R
Year 4	R
Year 5	R
Additional year(s), if applicable	R
Total amount requested over project term	R

10B. Funding dependency and minimum viable funding

Indicate whether the project could proceed if the full amount requested from the Sorghum Trust is not approved and, if so, specify the minimum amount of Sorghum Trust funding required for the project to proceed.

Can the project proceed if the full amount requested from the Sorghum Trust is not approved?

Yes / No (delete the option that is not applicable)

If yes, minimum Sorghum Trust funding required for the project to proceed: R _____

If partial funding is approved, explain what changes would be made to the project scope, activities, deliverables or timetable:

11. Other contributors and co-funders

Give the names of other contributors to the project and the nature/value of their contribution, including funding applied for but not yet secured.

12. Capital expenditure

Provide details and motivation for any capital expenditure included in the application.

13. Overseas travel

Provide details and motivation for any overseas travel expenditure included in the application.

14. Surplus Sorghum Trust funding from previously funded projects

Disclose any unspent or surplus Trust funding held by the applicant or institution from previously funded projects and explain its proposed treatment.

15. Similar or related projects and previous funding

Identify similar or related projects previously or currently funded by the Sorghum Trust or other entities, and explain how this proposal differs from or complements them.

E. PROJECT TEAM, CAPACITY AND RISK

16. Project team / co-workers

Name and surname	Institution / affiliation	Role / contribution	Relevant expertise

17. Applicant’s capacity and involvement in the sorghum industry

Briefly describe the applicant’s institutional and technical capacity and its current involvement in the South African sorghum industry.

18. Human capacity development

Describe any student bursaries, postgraduate training, internships or other capacity-building linked to the project, including numbers and funding amounts.

19. Risk and mitigation plan

Identify the main risks that could threaten successful delivery of the project and the measures proposed to mitigate them.

F. PEER REVIEW

20. Suggested peer reviewers

Provide the names, institutions and contact details of suitably qualified independent persons who could peer review the application. The Trust is not bound to appoint the persons nominated.

G. APPLICANT INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE

Postal Address:	
Physical Address:	
Title, Name and Surname of Contact Person:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (Yes/No):	
PBO Registration Number (if applicable):	
Registered as a VAT Vendor (Yes/No):	
VAT Registration Number (if applicable):	

21. Transformation / BBBEE framework

Provide the applicant's current transformation / BBBEE framework, including relevant equity, ownership, skills development or capacity-development measures, where applicable.

H. DECLARATION AND AUTHORISATION

The undersigned warrants that he/she is duly authorised to submit this application on behalf of the applicant/institution; that the information supplied is true and complete to the best of his/her knowledge; and that, if funding is approved, the applicant/institution will comply with the Sorghum Trust's applicable funding norms, conditions and reporting requirements.

Name of Applicant / Project Leader:	
Signature:	
Place and Date:	
Name and Position of Authorised Institutional Representative:	
Signature:	
Place and Date:	

I. ATTACHMENTS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Where applicable, attach:

- Detailed project proposal and supporting literature/references;
- Gantt chart / project implementation schedule;
- Detailed budget and quotations where relevant;
- Proof or confirmation of co-funding;
- CVs of the project leader and key researchers;
- Relevant institutional, tax, VAT or PBO information; and
- Any other information necessary for technical or funding evaluation.