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## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**“RESEARCH BOOTCAMPS”**

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## RESEARCH BOOTCAMPS

### INTRODUCTION

The Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF) launches the “Research Bootcamps” Call for Proposals within the Programme “Nurturing an RTDI Culture” of the “RESTART 2016-2020” Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation (RTDI) and invites all interested parties to submit proposals. Through the Call, the RIF invites Research Organisations to design and implement summer training programmes for upper secondary school students (Lyceums / Technical Schools).

### OBJECTIVES

The Call aims at nurturing a Research and Innovation (R&I) Culture while at the same time contributing to the development of skills of the future by students following their participation in training activities relating to the research process. In the framework of the Call, summer training bootcamps will be organized in all cities of Cyprus, creating opportunities for students to interact with research in a real research environment.

### BENEFICIARIES

Proposals for the «Research Bootcamps» Calls may be submitted by Research Organisations, as defined in the «RESTART 2016-2020» Work Programme. The organisations are required to have completed their registration on the IRIS Portal (Category A) and must be established and active in territories under the control of the Republic of Cyprus. The submission of Proposals by natural persons is not allowed for the purposes of this Call.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME DURATION AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Training Programmes must be implemented between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for a total of two (2) consecutive weeks.

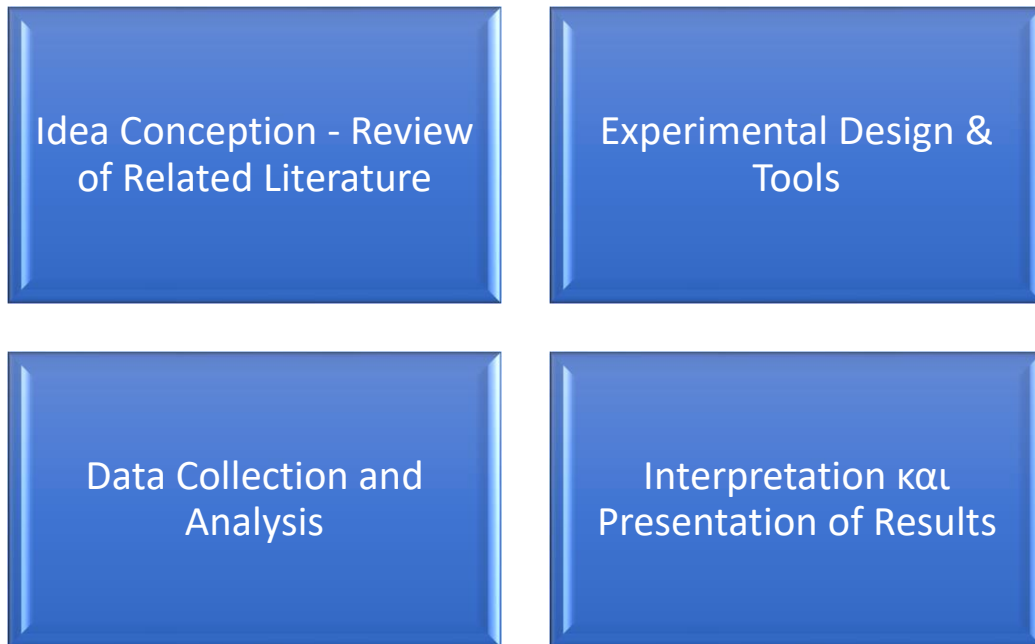
The minimum number of participants for each training programme is ten (10). The selection of participants for each programme is up to the Research Organisations whose programmes will be approved for funding.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME CONTENT

The content of each training programme to be approved for funding is expected to actively contribute to the development of skills of the future by the participating students, as presented in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) [Learning Compass 2030 – Skills for 2030](#):

- cognitive and meta-cognitive skills (critical thinking, creative thinking, learning-to-learn and self-regulation),
- social and emotional skills (empathy, self-efficacy, responsibility and collaboration),
- practical and physical skills (using new information and communication technology devices).

Applicants may choose to focus on one more of the categories of skills as presented above, the development of which will need to be pursued through all four (4) of the following thematic sections to be covered by the training programmes:



#### *BUDGET*

The total budget of the Call is €20.000 and the RIF funding is €2.500 per programme. Each organization is responsible for managing the funding to cover the costs relating to the implementation of the training programmes. Costs must be necessary, reasonable and at the optimal possible prices for the purposes of successfully implementing the training programmes. Costs may include:

- trainer fees,
- costs for purchasing material,
- catering costs for participants<sup>1</sup>.

The RIF funding will be paid to Beneficiaries as a lump sum following the completion of the training programme and submission of the Activity Report. For the implementation of the training programmes, Beneficiaries are expected to use their facilities and existing equipment.

In cases where the RIF funding cannot cover the full cost of organising the training programmes, it is expected that beneficiaries will use own funding or other sources of funding to cover the rest of the cost.

In the case of private sector entities, the funding will be provided on the basis of the De Minimis Aid Regulation, for which a Declaration on De Minimis Aid will have to be submitted upon approval of the programme. It is noted that from January 2022, the amounts of De minimis Aid will be recorded in the Electronic Central System for State Aid and De Minimis Aid.

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<sup>1</sup> Bootcamps are expected to be implemented as daily programmes and as such cannot include accommodation costs.

## *PROGRAMME SELECTION*

The selection of programmes to be funded will be made by a Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC), consisting of evaluators with previous experience in relevant matters. During the SEC session, the members will choose a total of eight (8) training programmes to be funded as follows:

- the first ranked proposal per city, for the purposes of ensuring the implementation of training programmes in all cities of Cyprus,
- the rest of the proposals in ranking.

The rationale for the selection of programmes will be justified in a relevant Evaluation Report. The SEC decision is final and cannot be appealed against.

In case the proposed training programmes are not deemed satisfactory, the RIF reserves the right not to provide funding.

## *EVALUATION CRITERIA*

For the evaluation of proposed training programmes, the SEC will assess the extent to which the proposal is compatible with the Call objectives. The extent to which the proposal meets the requirements of the Call for Proposals is evaluated in the context of the compatibility assessment. If the proposal is not compatible with the Call objectives, the SEC will reject the proposal and will not proceed with examining the evaluation criteria.

The scientific evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

### *Excellence*

- Quality of Training Programme Objectives,
- Degree of originality of the training programme,
- Soundness, credibility and feasibility of the proposed programme.

### *Added Value and Benefit*

- Impact with regards to skills development and successful participation of students / measures to maximise the success of the programme
- Effectiveness of the proposed measures for encouraging students to engage with R&I in the future.

### *Implementation*

- Completeness and appropriateness of the training programme content, the allocation of the various activities in relation to the thematic sections and the development of targeted skills, the timetable and the budget.
- Effectiveness of the proposed methodology for the implementation of the training programme.
- Completeness, quality and capacity of the Beneficiary for the implementation of the proposed training programme (at the level of Organisations and/or individuals) and achievement of the proposed objectives.

## *PROPOSAL SUBMISSION*

Proposals are submitted via email at [resbootcamps@research.org.cy](mailto:resbootcamps@research.org.cy) in a PDF format, by the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

Applicants are requested to submit proposal in English using the relevant application form template, which should not exceed five (5) pages. The template includes:

- *Description and Objectives of the proposed programme*
- *Description of the team implementing the programme*
- *Research Bootcamps Programme*
- *Project Plan*

In the framework of the Call, each Coordinator may submit up to two (1) proposals and may receive funding only for one training programme.

#### *COMPLETION OF EVALUATION PROCEDURE*

Upon completion of the evaluation procedure, the RIF will publish a list of funded Training Programmes on the RIF website and will contribute with promotion and other actions to encourage the participation of students in the bootcamps.

#### *OBLIGATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES*

The obligations of funded beneficiaries include (a) the promotion of the role of RIF as a supporter using the official logo of the RIF, and (b) the inclusion of clear and distinct references, in all printed and electronic material promoting the event (programme, templates, posters, banners, advertising, website, social networks etc.).

#### *SUBMISSION OF ACTIVITY REPORT*

Upon completion of the training programme, the beneficiary must submit an Activity Report within one (1) month. The Report should include a description regarding the achievement of the initial objectives of the training programmes and the participation and feedback received from students.

#### *INFORMATION – CONTACT DETAILS*

For more information, interested parties should contact the RIF's Partner Support Center (tel:22205000, email: [support@research.org.cy](mailto:support@research.org.cy)).

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