

Instructions for Expression of Interest

Sida is seeking Expressions of Interest from Swedish collaborating partners for participation in the intended bilateral research cooperation between Sweden and Zambia.

The Expressions of Interest should correspond to relevant parts of the request for collaboration in the Concept Note developed by University of Zambia. In the Concept Note, University of Zambia has identified priority areas for strengthening institutional research, innovation and management capacity with the aim to become a research-intense university with focus on impactful research and innovation responsive of the needs of the country and contributing to socio-economic development. These areas are divided into three thematic subprogrammes plus research management and support components. In the Expression of Interest, Swedish collaborating partners shall clearly state which subprogramme(s) and components the Swedish partner(s) intend to contribute to, express the reasons for their interest and how they could contribute to strengthen these areas together with University of Zambia. An Expression of interest shall be authored by one Swedish university, but if necessary and motivated, additional Swedish universities and/or other Swedish research organisations may be involved.

Please note that Sida will cover Swedish partners' standard institutional overhead rates so long as they do not exceed 50%. Overhead costs exceeding 50% need to be covered by the Swedish partner; co-funding will be expected as Sida funds are limited.

The Expression of Interest shall include:

1. Contact information and institutional affiliations of the coordinator/principal investigator and all involved co-investigators.
2. A statement that overhead costs exceeding 50% will be covered by the Swedish partner(s).
3. Brief description of the main relevant academic and scientific competences linked to the areas of interest for collaboration. **Clearly state which subprogramme(s) and components the Swedish partner(s) intend to contribute to.**
4. Expression of interest and rationale for the partnership including the Swedish partners' expectations, view and character of the potential partnership, and what your university/consortium can offer to strengthen institutional research, innovation and management capacity at UNZA.
5. Description of how the Swedish partner(s) will contribute to strengthen the areas outlined in the subprogramme of interest with focus on a) scientific relevance; b) increased capacity for research and research training; c) improved quality of research and research training; and/or d) strengthened research and innovation management capacity.
6. Description of the Swedish partners' knowledge and experience of a) research and innovation for poverty reduction and sustainable development; b) research and innovation systems in least-developed countries and regions; and c) partnership with universities in least-developed countries including Zambia.
7. Information about any other relevant knowledge and experience that may contribute to the aim of strengthening research and innovation capacity in the subprogramme(s) including the potential involvement of relevant industry and other private sector contacts.
8. CVs and publication lists for the coordinator/principal investigator and all involved co-investigators (see additional instructions below).

The Expression of Interest must not exceed five pages (excluding CVs and publication lists) and should be signed by the coordinator/principal investigator and the lead signatory of the coordinator's/principal investigator's institution.

Please submit the signed Expression of Interest (as PDF file named "EoI_institution_lead author") and annexes (all CVs and publication lists in one combined PDF file named "CV_institution_lead author") through Sida's application portal at <https://calls.sida.se/>. **The deadline for submission is 31 May 2025.**

For further information about the application process and content of the cooperation contact Markus Moll, Markus.Moll@sida.se, and Eren Zink, Eren.Zink@sida.se.

Additional instructions

1. Curriculum Vitae

CVs of coordinators and key personnel with a major role in the collaboration has to be annexed to the Expression of Interest.

Requirement for the format: maximum 2 pages per CV; specify under the following numbered headlines, in this order:

1. Higher education degree(s) (year, subject area, institution)
2. Doctoral degree (year, discipline/subject area, dissertation title, and supervisor)
3. Postdoctoral work (year and placement)
4. Qualifications as research fellow/associate professor (year)
5. Specialist certification or equivalent (year, discipline/subject area)
6. Current position, period of appointment, share of time spent in research
7. Previous positions and periods of appointment (specify type of position)
8. Interruptions in research. Indicate if active research time has been interrupted to the extent that it affected the opportunity to acquire qualifications, e.g. clinical internship/residency, positions of trust in trade union, student organizations or other similar reasons. Specify the reason(s) and give the time and dates of the interruption.
9. Individuals who have completed their doctoral degree under your supervision (name, year of PhD thesis defense) or postdoctoral period under your main supervision.
10. Pedagogic experience. List five most important Master/PhD training courses you have been involved in organizing. Specify your role and the year(s).

2. Publication list

Enclose a publication list of a maximum of 10 selected publications from the past 10 years, marking the five most relevant publications for the collaboration with University of Zambia with an asterisk (*). Only papers that are published or accepted for publication at the time of applying may be included. Publications can be: peer-reviewed original articles, peer-reviewed edited volumes, peer-reviewed books and book chapters.