

## **Africa Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships Fund**

### **Online Experiential Education Stream**

#### CALL DOCUMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

#### **1. Context and Purpose**

The fund supports the pursuit of new applications for digital technologies to develop innovative, inclusive and impactful online experiential learning opportunities for the future.

Multi-mode delivery offers an opportunity to develop new approaches to teaching and learning, utilising new digital technologies to deliver an excellent student experience. The Online Experiential Education stream of this Africa Strategic Research and Education Partnerships Fund opens up opportunities to build on our institutions' individual successes in this area and combine expertise and efforts to jointly develop new online experiential learning opportunities together with our students. The fund is designed to incentivise the set-up of new virtual learning formats which offer sustainable long-term benefits. By jointly developing online educational experiential initiatives, AIMS, ARUA institutions and Imperial can draw on expertise and support available at their institutions, and the talents and enthusiasm of students and staff, to pilot new educational initiatives which continue to push the boundaries beyond what is possible in teaching and learning. Digital technologies provide new avenues for developing international exchange and partnerships in education which have the potential to benefit more students than ever before, including but not limited to the context of lifelong learning and practitioner education.

#### **2. Africa Strategic Research and Education Partnerships Fund - Initiatives in Online Experiential Education**

Projects which support development in the following areas are encouraged:

- online delivery of practical labs/fieldtrips and other experiential learning opportunities
- flexible lifelong learning/practitioner education
- multidisciplinary, global challenge topics
- project-based teaching
- student entrepreneurship

All projects are expected to incorporate digital innovations appropriate to achieving their project goals.

Projects are expected to have a strong student-staff partnership. Applicants must make clear in their application how and to what extent students and staff will be involved in the project development, and how the project will involve students from both institutions working together.

Projects can be either curriculum based or extracurricular, but access should not be restricted to students in only one course or discipline.

Proposals to support existing partnerships should clearly state how this fund would add value to the relationship and funding that is already in place and how the funds would enable the project to become sustainable beyond the project period with the activity becoming embedded into the educational delivery at both institutions.

As the purpose of this fund is to support innovative online education and new ways of conducting international partnership, international travel costs are not expected to form a significant part of the budget. Where funds for travel costs are requested, they should form no more than 20% of the total project budget, and clear justification should be given. For example, to support networking of the project teams.