

## Call For Proposals

### African Laser Centre 2025 Research Collaboration Programme

The African Laser Centre is a NEPAD flagship initiative and is funded by the Department of Science and Innovation. The CSIR Photonics Centre, a key node of the African Laser Centre (ALC), and the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) would like to take this opportunity to introduce the ALC Research Collaboration programme and to invite proposals from South African researchers planning to collaborate with partners on the African continent to apply for support from the ALC Research Collaboration programme.

The grant scheme focuses on the promotion of laser and laser applications-related research on the African continent, with the purpose of stimulating and growing laser research programmes within the African continent. The main aim of this programme is to establish research capabilities on the African continent and to support human capacity building in laser and laser-based application sciences. The fund will allow research collaborations and student/researcher exchanges for participating institutes. The fund also provides limited support for consumables required for research projects. The collaborations supported under this grant scheme should be between a South African research team and an African research team outside the borders of South Africa.

The programme has master's, doctoral and post-doctoral studies as key drivers and focuses on laser and laser-based application research. Applications will be evaluated in line with the approved ALC research guidelines.

An ALC Research Collaboration Programme Manual is available from [nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za](mailto:nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za), which provides eligibility criteria as well as information on what can qualify for funding support.

Please extend this invitation to all researchers active in laser- and laser-based application research in the natural sciences, health, and engineering fields within your institution.

**Important dates are:**

Opening of the call: **Monday, 09 September 2024**

Closing of the call: **Tuesday, 22 October 2024**

The following documents are available for prospective applicants:

- ALC Research Collaboration Manual for 2025;
- For NEW projects: ALC R and D Collaboration application form for 2025; and
- Call for African Laser Centre Research Collaboration grant applications for 2025

Applicants must submit their proposals in MS Word format as well as a signed PDF to the CSIR Photonics Centre by e-mail at [nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za](mailto:nlcrentalpool@csir.co.za) or [tiduplooy@csir.co.za](mailto:tiduplooy@csir.co.za)

The application must be accompanied by the required documents as stipulated in the ALC proposal template and the ALC Research Collaboration Programme Manual.

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