



# UWISTA INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FUND

Office of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer

## 1ST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Office of Research Development and Knowledge Transfer (ORDKT) is pleased to announce the launch of The University of the West Indies St Augustine Campus Innovation and Technology Transfer Fund (UWISTA ITT Fund) and the Fund's inaugural Call for Proposals.

Formally approved by The UWISTA Campus Finance and General Purposes Committee in February 2018, the UWISTA ITT Fund is intended to accelerate the development of intellectual property (IP), inclusive of ideas, technologies, know-how and inventions originating from **all** fields of research, with a view to commercializing and/or licensing the resultant products, processes and/or services. The innovation or technology which forms the basis of the funding request should be in the **technology readiness level range 5-9**. The Fund will support activities which enable progression from proof of concept to investment ready innovations.

The IP which forms the basis of the funding request **must** be owned or co-owned by The University of the West Indies. The Team Leader must ensure that an invention disclosure form and/or a legal agreement has been submitted to the ORDKT disclosing the IP upon which the funding request is based, either prior to or concurrent with the application to the ITT Fund for funding consideration. **Any staff or student member at UWISTA** may serve as Team Leader and submit an application for funding consideration to the ITT Fund.

- ❖ The maximum amount that can be requested in a single funding request is **TT\$1M** and the maximum possible duration of a project is **18 consecutive months**.
- ❖ Potential applicants should read the ITT Fund's Operational Guidelines for further details on the eligibility criteria, technology readiness levels, and evaluation criteria.
- ❖ Proposals should be submitted using the ITT Fund's Application for Funding Consideration Template.

**To apply for funding consideration and to read the Fund's operational guidelines, visit the ITT Fund's website at <http://sta.uwi.edu/ittfund>.**

For more information on The UWI's IP Management and Commercialization Policy, the IP disclosure process, and the ORDKT, visit <https://sta.uwi.edu/ordkt/intellectualproperty.asp>.

**The deadline for submission of Applications for Funding Consideration is May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 4:30pm.**

Please contact the ITT Fund Secretariat at [ittfund@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:ittfund@sta.uwi.edu) should you have any questions.

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