



merSETA
MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SERVICES SETA

merSETA FUNDING APPLICATION NOTICE

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA) calls for funding applications of initiatives outlined below. This call for application is accompanied by guidelines which provides more details of the initiatives and set of interventions for each of the initiatives, and requirements for application. Interested applicants must refer to the guidelines for this call to guide the substance of their applications.

Intervention	Target applicant
1. People with Disability initiative	A national entity or consortia of entities responsible for, and or work with people with disability.
2. Cooperatives Support initiative	Individual cooperatives, or, an umbrella body for cooperatives, or registered NPOs, NGOs, CBOs that actively provide skills development for the cooperative sector
3. Anti-Gender- based Violence & Anti-Sexual Harassment initiative	A national anti GBV/sexual harassment entity or consortia of entities or registered NPOs, NGOs, CBOs active in implementing anti GBV/sexual harassment programmes
4. Black Industrialist initiative	Black owned manufacturing companies operating in the mer sector industries/supply chain
5. Green Skills initiative	PSET E&T institutions, accredited skills development providers, registered NPOs, NGOs, CBOs specialising in activities for the green economy industrial sectors, new or emerging businesses green businesses linked to merSETA sector industries.
6. Designated Black people in leadership and management initiative: with an emphasis on females	Higher education institutions (HEIs) are eligible to apply to offer formal HEI courses. The mentorship intervention could be a partnership between HEI/s and an entity specialising in leadership and management mentorship.
7. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges intervention	TVET Colleges, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Higher Education Institutions, merSETA companies/employer organisations w.r.t. industry exposure, research institutions, research providers
8. Community Education and Training College intervention	Community Education and Training Colleges, TVET Colleges, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Higher Education Institutions. Partnerships and collaborations will be an added advantage.
9. Research – Evaluation studies	Public Universities, research institutions, research providers
10. Retrenchment Assistance Programme (RAP): Retraining retrenched employees for employment	merSETA recognised employer organisations, labour organisations, NPOs & NGOs with the capacity to provide one or both types of interventions, accredited skills development providers, PSET education and training institutions, government departments and public entities (national, provincial, local), incubation hubs/organisations. Partnerships and collaborations will be an added advantage.
11. Retrenchment Assistance Programme (RAP): Retraining retrenched employees for enterprise/self-employment opportunities	merSETA recognised employer organisations, labour organisations, NPOs & NGOs with the capacity to provide one or both types of interventions, accredited skills development providers, PSET education and training institutions, government departments and public entities (national, provincial, local), incubation
12. Incubation of shared services cooperatives establishment by graduates	TVET Colleges, Higher Education Institutions, relevant government departments and public entities (national, provincial, local). Partnerships and collaborations will be an added advantage.
13. Agencies to manage training in SMMEs	TVET Colleges, Higher Education Institutions, registered NPOs/NGOs, public or private training centres

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible entities are stipulated in the application guideline obtainable on the merSETA website.

HOW TO APPLY

A guideline has been posted in the merSETA website for applicants to get more information on each of the initiatives outlined above and the specific interventions for each initiative. Also note for research interventions there is a separate guideline posted in the website too. Visit www.merseta.org.za for all application information. All applications must be emailed to discretionarygrants@merseta.org.za inclusive of the supporting documents. **The funding window closes 6 December 2020.**

Only submission by deadline date and via the stipulated email address will be considered.