



START is pleased to announce an opportunity for African scientists to participate in the joint JPI Urban Europe Belmont Forum call on [Sustainable Urbanisation Global Initiative \(SUGI\): Food-Water-Energy Nexus](#).

The call for pre-proposals is due 15 March 2017 at 6:00 p.m. UCT. Notifications of invitation to submit full proposals will be made in May, funding decisions will be announced in December and projects will commence in early 2018. Please refer to the table below for specific information about the application process.

Funding commitment	Approximately 600,000 USD
Anticipated number of projects funded	6
Maximum funding per awarded project	Approximately 100,000 USD allocated toward research conducted in Africa.
Applicant eligibility	PIs or Co-PIs are required to be African nationals based at African institutions. Eligible proposals must include PIs or Co-PIs from at least <u>three</u> countries following the guidelines outlined in the SUGI-Nexus Call for Proposals . Any PI or co-PI looking to take advantage of this opportunity should check final eligibility requirements with all relevant national funding agencies to ensure collaboration is fully eligible and supported.
Eligibility of costs	All costs, including indirect, are included in the maximum amount listed above.
Submission of proposals	Eligible PIs and Co-PIs must submit a pre-proposal by 15 March 2017 at 6:00 p.m. UCT as part of a team consistent with the “applicant eligibility” information listed above.
Submission of financial and progress reports	All START funded awardees and will submit annual and final reports to the START program coordinator and will be expected to follow US National Science Foundation reporting requirements.
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