

## CIMA's Centre of Excellence Southern Africa

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

- 1. Can I apply for a CIMA COE research grant to fund Master's/PhD studies?**  
*No. Unfortunately the CIMA COE does not fund Master's or PhD studies. However we do offer Seedcorn funding to those in the final stages of a PhD or Masters.*
- 2. If I am shortlisted and chosen for an interview, what is expected in terms of preparing for the interview?**  
*You are required to make a 20 minute presentation in English of your intended research project to the CIMA COE panel. Thereafter, time will be given to the CIMA COE panel for questions to the applicant.*
- 3. When will a decision be made as to whether or not I have been shortlisted for interview, by what date will the final decision be communicated?**  
*Within a week after the interviews, the final decision will be communicated to the applicants as to whether or not they have been shortlisted. Interview days for shortlisted candidates are confirmed on the COE website.*
- 4. If my research does not focus on the CGMA Global Management Accounting Principles (GMAPs), can I still apply for a research grant?**  
*The theme for 2016 is focussed on research relevant to GMAPs specifically. However, the principles of GMAPs cover a wide variety of topics. More information on GMAPs can be found on the CIMA COE South Africa webpage.*
- 5. Project grant budget: what expenses are specifically excluded in the project budget?**  
*The following expenses are specifically excluded from the project budget, but are not limited to:*

  - *Subsistence costs incurred while travelling*
  - *Capital grants for buildings*
  - *Hardware and other equipment, including voice recorders, memory sticks, laptops etc.*
  - *Day-to-day office running expenses or premises/ accommodation fees*
  - *Full PhD Funding*
  - *University overhead costs*

**6. Project grant budget: am I allowed to budget for attending an overseas conference to present my research?**

*No. CIMA will not fund costs related to attending an overseas conference.*

**7. If I qualify for a research grant, where will my research be published?**

*The technical report, which is a requirement of your research output, will be published on the CIMA website. If you write an academic article, you will have to follow the normal publication route as prescribed by the specific journal of your choice. CIMA will also expect and encourage the presentation of your findings through other channels such as non-academic articles or presentations to CIMA audiences.*

**8. How broadly may the research themes outlined by the CIMA COE be interpreted?**

*As the 2016 research theme is focused on GMAPs, the applicant has to indicate how the intended research topic links with these principles.*

**9. What is the timeline for research project deliverables required by CIMA COE?**

*Projects exceeding 12 months are unlikely to be successful. Quarterly progress reports (end of March, June, Sept and Dec) should be submitted until all the outputs of the project have been submitted to CIMA. CIMA rigorously monitors project progress in accordance with the dates provided. All projects commence in January and end in December (although CIMA appreciates that the project may have begun prior to this).*

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