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University Capacity Development Grant (UCDG)


Project 3

25th September 2018


Activity Description	Approved Budget	Funds Released	Total Expenditure 31 August 2018	Unspent/overspent Funds
Improvement of Qualification	R 1 800 000	R 775 294	R -	R 1 800 000
Collaborations & Exchanges	R 800 000	R 344 575	R 786 605	R 13 395
PhDs & Ds	R 3 000 000	R 1 292 156	R 2 848 547	R 151 453
Postgrad Supervisor training	R 600 000	R 258 431	R 579 084	R 20 916
Support for emerging mid & established research	R 700 000	R 301 503	R 1 029 588	R -329 588
Postdoctoral fellows programme	R 650 000	R 279 967	R -	R 650 000
Startup grants	R 1 200 000	R 516 863	R 1 023 816	R 176 184
Inquiry based Curriculum	R 200 000	R 86 144	R -	R 200 000
Content management & system support	R 200 000	R 86 144	R 494 923	R -294 923
Implementation plan	R 800 700	R 344 575	R 367 111	R 433 589
	R 9 950 700	R 4 285 652	R 7 129 675	R 2 821 025

HIGHLIGHTS


Great alignment of the UCDG goals with that of CPU's research strategy, which is to unlock staff and student potential:

- The funding allowed for the continuation of existing research capacity development programmes as well as the continued provision of support towards existing research grant funding opportunities;
 - It provided an opportunity for us to embark on brand new ventures in support of research capacity development within the institution;
 - Affords us the chance to reflect on research support opportunities with the aim to improve our processes and practices to allow wider, equitable access and success.
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CHALLENGES

- Initial teething challenge to re-organize ourselves to coordinate the UCDG as one huge single grant and not the two independent entities as in the past;
 - The UCDG Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)/Grant conditions were made available after the plans were approved and posed a challenge. For example, one of our Activities could not be implemented although this particular activity was part of our approved plan. The content is also open to interpretation and lacks specificity – unlike the previous grant conditions under RDG;
 - The anticipated reporting template – many of our programme outcomes will only be observed and obtained in the longer term, which will pose a challenge having to report in the short-term.
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WAY FORWARD

- Working towards ensuring that we have an increased spending rate across all Activities;
 - Request for re-allocations where justified and required;
 - Incorporate the monitoring and evaluation principles to influence future planning;
 - Waiting in anticipation for the reporting template.
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THANK YOU

