

ACE Innovate — Country Financing Guidance

The Gambia | Expression of Interest: Indicative Financing Parameters

This coversheet provides country-specific financing guidance for institutions in The Gambia applying under the ACE Innovate Call for Proposals. Applicants should use these parameters to calibrate the ambition and scope of their proposed program. All figures are indicative and subject to final project appraisal and negotiation.

Indicative Grant Allocations by Institution Type

Application Type	Indicative Maximum Grant (USD)
Joint Submission: ACE/Emerging Center + RFTI	\$7,000,000
Standalone RFTI	\$4,000,000
Standalone Mature ACE	[N/A]
Standalone Emerging ACE	[N/A]
Standalone New ACE	[N/A]

Key Financial Parameters

Parameter	Guidance
Civil Works Cap	Up to 25% of the total institutional grant may be allocated to construction and civil works (including rehabilitation of facilities and equipment installation).
Institutional Strengthening Cap	Up to 15% of the total institutional grant may be allocated to institutional strengthening activities, such as research management (including technology transfer, commercialization, and innovation support), digital infrastructure and learning platforms, career services and industry engagement, etc.

Notes for Applicants

- These figures represent the maximum indicative grant per institution type. Final allocations are subject to change and will be determined through the full proposal stage and negotiation.
- For joint submissions, the total envelope covers both the ACE/Emerging Center and RFTI components. Applicants should indicate in the Joint Executive Summary and Proposal how the total is expected to be distributed between the two institutions.
- Applicants should ensure that the ambition and scope of their proposed program — including staffing, infrastructure, equipment, and program delivery — is realistically calibrated to the available envelope.
- The budget amount does not need to include costs to national implementation support functions/activities provided through a Project Implementation or Coordination Unit.
- related to implementation support via a Project Implementation or Coordination Unit for functions like financial management, procurement, environmental and social safeguards, etc.

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