

ACE Innovate — Country Financing Guidance

Guinea | Expression of Interest: Indicative Financing Parameters

This coversheet provides country-specific financing guidance for institutions in Guinea 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)
ACE/Emerging Center (New)	\$6,500,000
ACE/Emerging Center (Participated in ACE Impact)	\$5,500,000
RFTI	\$4,500,000
Standalone ACE/Emerging Center	[N/A]
Standalone RFTI	[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 involving two centers (ACE or Emerging) partnering with different departments in the same RFTI, the allocation for the RFTI remains as indicated and does not double. Two joint submissions must be completed, with the RFTI contributing to each.
- 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 related to national implementation support functions/activities provided through a Project Implementation or Coordination Unit.

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