

Research Support Scheme

Please answer all the sections and attach relevant documentation.

Personal Details						
	Title					
	Surname (in full)					
3.	Name (in full)					
4.	I.D card number					
5.	University Student Number					
6.	Address					
7.	Mobile Number					
8.	E-mail address					
Course Details						
1.	Course title					
2.	Duration of Course					
3.	Course Type	Full-time Part-time				
4.	Faculty					

Course	e Details					
1.	Are your studies being sponse funded? *If Yes, please specify	ored or	Yes	No No		
Resea	rch Project Details					
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2.	Project Title					
3.	Name of supervisor					
4.	Objectives of study (<200 words)					
5.	Brief description of proposed methodology (<200 words)					

6. Estimated expenditure for research project (in €)

Expense Item	Cost (in €)
Estimated total Expenditure for Project	

Terms & Conditions

This Agreement is being entered into between **On the one part the Malta Communications Authority (the "MCA")**, being the Authority that has been entrusted by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications with the responsibility for the execution of the initiatives related to the external ICT environment, the fight against the digital divide and the proliferation of e-commerce; and **On the other part the individual, being a person pursuing postgraduate studies at the University of Malta during the academic year 2010/ 2011**, applying to participate in the Scheme as described below ("You").

Your signing of this application form is a clear and irrevocable request on your part, and a declaration that you are eligible, to participate in the scheme described below (the "Scheme"), which is administered by the MCA and the scope of which is to partly reimburse participants the expenses incurred by them in pursuing their postgraduate studies, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the Scheme, as follows:

- 1. The Scheme is open to participation for those individuals who are pursuing postgraduate studies at a Masters or Doctorate degree at the University of Malta (the "University") during the academic year 2010/2011 and who, as an integral part of these studies, conduct research in one of the thematic areas listed in the Schedule to this Agreement;
- 2. The Authority will have the exclusive right to determine how to distribute the funds allocated by it to the Scheme and whether to entertain all, or any requests for payment by Participants under the Scheme. The MCA's decision is final and binding on all Participants and is not subject to appeal in any form or manner;

- 3. The Authority may choose to limit, or extend participation and eligibility in the Scheme in any way it deems fit, at any stage of the Scheme, and without prior notice;
- 4. An application by a Participant does not give that Participant the automatic right to receive a grant but is merely a request by the Participant to be considered by the MCA for entitlement to the grant;
- 5. Subject to the above clauses, no single Participant shall be awarded a grant in excess of 2,500 Euros;
- 6. Subject to the above clauses, only those studies and projects that have been reviewed and approved by the University will be considered by the MCA for entitlement to receive a grant under the Scheme;
- 7. Subject to the above clauses, only those expenses that are strictly connected to the Participants' research in the projects approved by the University and that fall within the list of eligible thematic areas contained in the Schedule to this Agreement, will be refundable through the grant;
- 8. Subject to the above clauses, only those expenses that are backed by appropriate receipts and other documentation, as may be specified by the University, and that are submitted to the University by the deadline, and in accordance with other directions, given by the University will be refundable.
- 9. The Authority will have the sole right to determine which expenses may be refunded through the Scheme and its decision is final and binding on all Participants. An indicative list of expenses that will be covered through the Scheme is provided in the Schedule to this Agreement. The MCA reserves the right to alter this list from time to time.
- 10. If any of these terms and conditions is found to be unenforceable by a competent Court or tribunal, such a finding will not render the remaining terms and conditions invalid;
- 11. These terms and conditions and the relationship between the parties hereto are governed by Maltese law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Maltese Courts.

Declarations

By submitting this application I declare that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions and that the information provided is correct and complete.

Name		Date						
Return your completed form by email to Reuben Abela reuben.v.abela@mca.org.mt by not later than Friday, 29 th April 2011.								

SCHEDULE 1

Thematic Areas

Engineering:

- Spectrum management
- Mobile technology and applications
- NGANs
- Accessible technologies
- Security (Telecoms)
- Broadband QoS

Psychology, sociology and education:

- eInclusion ICT as a social equaliser
- Digital poverty
- ICT literacy adult education (local context)
- Internet safety and minors
- eCommerce user perceptions/behaviour
- Social networks

Legal:

- eCommerce
- ICT security and privacy
- Intellectual property
- Rights of way
- Competition
- Boundaries and exclusivity of content rights
- Legalistic details of international submarine connections

Business:

- ICT integration and supply chain management
- eCommerce (local context)
- ICT diffusion
- ICT and micro entrepreneurship
- Organisational behaviour Resistance to ICTs

Economics/Public policy:

- Liberalisation and regulation
- Telecoms investment
- Communications / eCommerce market dynamics
- Government intervention in NGN

Expenses

Eligible expenses may include:

- Printing;
- Specialised Equipment (rental or purchase);
- Postage;
- Materials for experiments;
- Research related services.

Ineligible expenses include:

- Personal Computers;
- Services related to transcriptions, translation and proof reading;
- Binding of dissertation/theses;
- Hiring of assistants to aid in data collection.