



ARE YOU A TOWNSHIP ENTREPRENEUR WITH INNOVATIVE IDEA, PRODUCT OR SOLUTION THAT REQUIRES SUPPORT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT?

*It's time to join the Innovative community and part of the **Next Generation Innovators.***

Applications are open for Innovative Start-ups around Gauteng townships – who want to be Next Generation Innovators, to join eKasiLab Entrepreneurship Incubation Programme for 2017.

eKasiLab is an Innovation Hub vehicle to **promote the culture of Innovation and entrepreneurship in the township**, with focus on new innovative Output in the community, in line with TMR / TER Provincial economic policies as well as innovative Entrepreneurship in the community, including social entrepreneurship. By rolling out traditional programme / offering by Innovation hub, closer to the people / youth in the township.

Successful applicants will receive the following support among others:

- Access to Core-creation space, with hot desk, computers and internet connectivity
- Entrepreneurship Development Support such as
 - » Business Advise and mentoring
 - » Intellectual Property Advice
 - » Commercialisation support and Market Access Facilitation
 - » Linkage with start-up finance

Applicants are required to submit, by email, a brief Concept Note (1-2 pages) by 8th February 2017. The concept note should include the name of the applicant organisation and/or company, contact information, title of the proposed idea, description of the problem/issue the proposed activity will address.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications from all fields of science, including the social sciences and technology fields are welcome. Applicants should be under 35 years old, residing in the townships, with a demonstrated track in innovation and entrepreneurship. Applicants must also be passionate about application of innovation and technology to solve community based challenge, while venturing into their entrepreneurship journey.

Application is open for the following eKasiLabs: **eKasiLab** Soweto • **eKasiLab** Garankuwa • **eKasiLab** Alexandra • **eKasiLab** Tembisa • **eKasiLab** Sebokeng • **eKasiLab** Mohlakeng • **eKasiLab** Mamelodi

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 08 FEBRUARY 2017

Applications must be sent to eKasiLab@theinnovationhub.com

For more information about Innovation Hub and eKasiLab please visit www.theinnovationhub.com