

## GIQAC

Since 2005, the World Bank has been providing grants to assist QA agencies in higher education, and doing this through various regional networks of QA agencies. From 2008 for three years, the World Bank will be providing grants of US\$1.28m per year for the same purpose, but channelled through UNESCO to networks of agencies (including INQAAHE) and thence onto the agencies themselves. This scheme is called the Global Initiative for QA Capacity-building (GIQAC).

In February 2008, INQAAHE and four other networks applied for grants for 2008 and were successful at different levels. INQAAHE sought \$153k for 5 projects and received \$90k for 4 projects, plus \$10k for administration. The Board allocated the funds as follows, together with further funds from INQAAHE's other resources, as follows:

Project Number	Project name	Requested	GIQAC grant	Additional INQAAHE allocation	Total
1	Education & Training Courses	\$50k	US\$30k	\$10k	\$40k
2	Scholarships	\$24k	-	-	-
3	Clearinghouse	\$30k	\$30k	\$10k	\$40k
4	Support for other networks	\$25k	\$15k	-	\$20k
5	Small States	\$24k	\$15k		\$15k
6	Administration	-	\$10k		\$10k
	TOTAL	\$153k	\$100k	\$25k	\$125k

For projects 1 & 3, the funds are for exploration and investigation, with the possibility of implementation in future years, though INQAAHE already has working groups active on these project, and might be able to move more quickly than that. However, these are very significant projects.

In Project 4, in recognition that not all networks are benefiting from GIQAC funds, INQAAHE sought funds to support some of those networks. Four people (from EAQAN and CANQATE) were funded to attend the Members Forum in Buenos Aires.

INQAAHE is also collaborating with APQN on setting up a consultants' database.

These funds run to next April, and submissions for the next year's funds will be needed late this year. INQAAHE is discussing with other networks the possibility of joint submissions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Woodhouse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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