**Checklist: Expression of Interest – Specialized Research Leadership Chairs**

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| Section | Criteria | Check (✓) |
| A. General Eligibility | Is your institution a HEI, TVET, or CET college? | ☐ |
|  | Does your application reflect collaboration between HEI, TVET, and CET institutions (minimum requirement)? | ☐ |
|  | For joint applications: Are roles, responsibilities, and contributions clearly defined? | ☐ |
| B. Research Focus and Alignment | Does the proposal respond to one or more key thematic areas (entrepreneurship, innovation, community development)? | ☐ |
|  | Is the research aligned with W&RSETA’s Sector Skills Plan (SSP) priorities? | ☐ |
|  | Does the research promote innovation and inclusive transformation? | ☐ |
|  | Is there a clear link between the research and wholesale & retail sector needs? | ☐ |
| C. Institutional Readiness | **For HEIs only:** Proven track record in research excellence and impact? | ☐ |
|  | Capacity to mentor TVET and CET institutions? | ☐ |
|  | Infrastructure, faculty expertise, and leadership support in place? | ☐ |
|  | **For TVET Colleges only:** Commitment to develop research capacity? | ☐ |
|  | Clear plan for industry collaboration and research engagement? | ☐ |
|  | **For CET Colleges only:** Innovative strategies for community-driven research? | ☐ |
|  | Institutional commitment to long-term research growth? | ☐ |
| D. Sustainability Plan | Is there a sustainability strategy beyond initial W&RSETA funding? | ☐ |
|  | Have additional funding sources or long-term partnerships been identified? | ☐ |
|  | Plans for DHET-accredited journal publications included? | ☐ |
| E. Preferred Application Type | Application type indicated: individual or joint provincial? | ☐ |
|  | For joint applications: Are collaborative structures clearly outlined? | ☐ |
| F. Submission Compliance | Is submission in electronic format only? | ☐ |
|  | Submitted to Mr. Thabang Motsoeneng ([TMotsoeneng@wrseta.org.za](mailto:TMotsoeneng@wrseta.org.za) )? | ☐ |
|  | Submitted on or before 30 June 2025? | ☐ |
|  | All sections (Research Focus, Readiness, Sustainability, Type) addressed? | ☐ |
| G. Strategic Alignment | Application aligns with W&RSETA’s strategic objectives? | ☐ |
|  | Proposal integrates skills development and workforce readiness? | ☐ |
|  | Contribution to a sustainable and transformative research ecosystem demonstrated? | ☐ |