

NRF Funding opportunities for Emerging Researchers



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Presentation Overview

- **Funding opportunities**
 - **Postgraduate Scholarships**
 - **Thuthuka**
 - **Black Academics Advancement Programme (BAAP)**
- **How to apply - NRF Online Submission System**

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Age Limitation

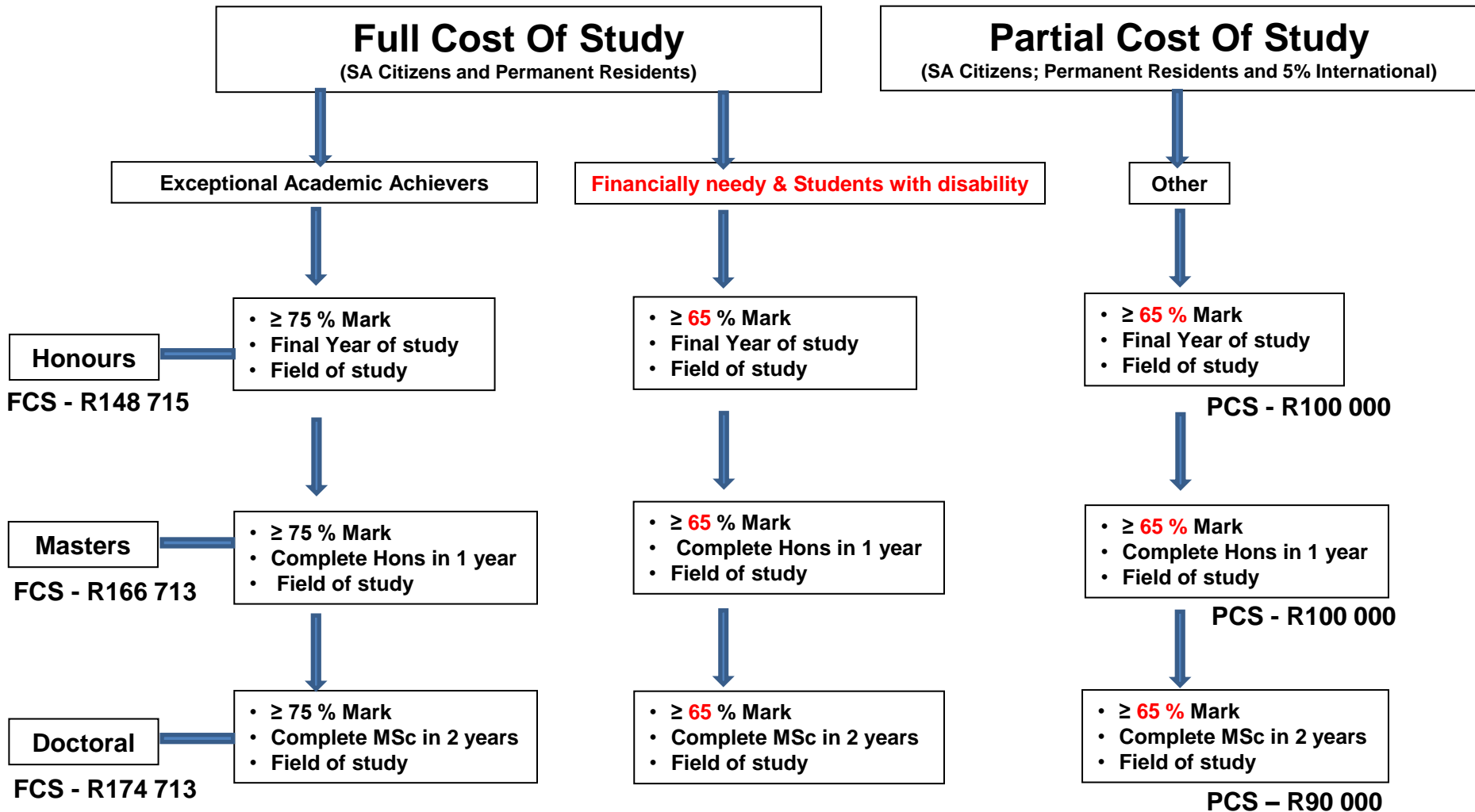
To contribute to lowering of age at Doctoral completion, the NRF eligibility criteria for bursaries for full time studies, will have an age limit to achieve Doctoral completion by age 35.

Study Level	Honours	Masters	Doctoral
Maximum age at application	28 years	30 years	32 years
Number of years to completion	1	2	3
Anticipated maximum age at completion	29 years	32 years	35 years

Citizenship Eligibility

Levels of study	Citizenship Eligibility
Honours	South African citizens and permanent residents.
Masters	South African citizens, permanent residents and international students.
Doctoral	South African citizens, permanent residents and international students.
Master's upgrade to doctoral	South African citizens, permanent residents and international students.
Extension Support for MSc and PhD	South African citizens, permanent residents and international students.

Postgraduate Pipeline Funding: Without interruption





Exclusion for NRF Postgraduate Funding

The majority of student bursaries will be awarded in a directed manner so as to respond to national priorities, vulnerable disciplines and fields important for socio-economic development, as may be identified from time to time.

In order for the NRF to realise its goal of contributing to the knowledge economy in South Africa by attaining at least 1% of the global research and development output, the NRF will not fund:

- Undergraduate qualifications, regardless of the NQF exit level;
- Postgraduate certificates or diplomas, regardless of NQF exit level;
- Masters by coursework only; and
- Professional masters and doctoral degrees

PG Support Values

NRF Allowances Applicable: FSC and PCS

Level of Study	Honours		Masters		Doctoral	
Category	Full Cost of Study (R)	Partial Cost of Study (R)	Full Cost of Study (R)	Partial Cost of Study (R)	Full Cost of Study (R)	Partial Cost of Study (R)
Personal care/Living allowance	12 000 pa	n/a	30 000 pa	n/a	48 000 pa	n/a
Meal/Food allowances	27 000 pa	n/a	27 000 pa	n/a	27 000 pa	n/a
Maximum Accommodation Allowance	50 000	50 000	60 000	60 000	60 000	60 000
Maximum Tuition Fees	50 000	50 000	40 000	40 000	30 000	30 000
Electronic Study Device Allowance	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a
Total	149 000 pa	100 000 pa	167 000 pa	100 000 pa	175 000 pa	90 000 pa
Maximum Assistive Technology Device	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a

- All South African students receiving NRF funding for doctoral studies in South Africa are encouraged to incorporate a period of international training that forms an integral part of their doctoral training programme.
- International training opportunities must be identified and financed in consultation with the support of the doctoral supervisor(s) and the university.
- The NRF will facilitate international training opportunities but will not fund these placements.
- **For existing international training opportunities for NRF funded doctoral students, please consult the framework document.**

THUTHUKA

Overview of Thuthuka

- Is a 1:1 **partnership programme** in **collaboration** with public Universities, Research Councils & other research institutions.
- Aims to advance the equity and redress agenda within the research sphere by supporting emerging researchers in full-time, permanent or fixed-term contract appointments.

Three Funding Tracks:

PhD Track = To obtain a PhD - 3+3 yrs funding period
= May access a further 3 years of funding in the Post-PhD track

Post-PhD Track = To become an established researchers - 3+3 yrs funding

NRF Rating Track = To apply for NRF rating - 3+3 yrs funding period.

Thuthuka Eligibility Criteria

➤ Equity targets & Citizenship & Age

PhD Track

- 80% Black, 60% Female
- SA citizens
- Younger than 45 years

Post-PhD Track

- 80% Black, 50% Female
- SA citizens
- Younger than 45 years

NRF Rating Track.

- 80% Black, 50% Female
- SA citizens and permanent residents
- Worked in an environment where it was not possible to become an established researcher or due to family responsibilities

Grant Values

Budget Categories	Maximum NRF Contribution
Research, Technical and Ad Hoc Assistance	R20 000 per annum
Local Conference	R5 000 per annum
International Conference	R17 000 per annum
Visiting Scientists/Mentorship	R60 000 for a maximum of 12 months
Research Equipment	R50 000 maximum per annum
Materials and Supplies	R70 000 maximum per annum
Local Travel	R10 000 maximum per annum

Thuthuka Grant ~ max R 150 000 per year from the NRF ~ total grant of R 300 000 (1:1)

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BLACK ACADEMICS ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMME (BAAP)

BAAP Eligibility Criteria

Doctoral Track

- Be South African citizens not be older than 40 years;
- Be full-time academic employees at a public university in South Africa;
- Be registered for a doctoral degree (i.e. PhD) in any discipline;
- Have an approved research proposal at the time of application;
- Have ethical clearance for the research proposal; and
- Have a supervisor/s assigned.

Post-Doctoral Track

- Be South African citizens not older than 45 years (at the time of application)
- Be full-time academic employees at a public university in SA;
- Must not have received or, hold a valid NRF A, B, C, or P rating at time of application; and
- Have completed a PhD within the last five years.
- Must have ethical clearance

Please note that you must be nominated by your DVC at your institution before you could proceed to apply

Key funding instrument elements

Lecturer replacement



Operational costs



International
study visit / training

Operational costs may include

- Running expenses
- International conferences
- Local Conferences
- Local travel
- Small Equipment
- Research/Technical/ Adhoc Assistance

Grant values

Year	Doctoral		Postdoctoral	
	Programme component	Cost per person (Rand)	Programme component	Cost per person (Rand)
One	Lecturer Replacement	200 000	Lecturer Replacement	200 000
	Operational costs	100 000	Operational costs	100 000
	Total	300 000	International Mobility	100 000
			Total	400 000
Two	Lecturer Replacement	200 000	Lecturer Replacement	200 000
	Operational costs	100 000	Operational costs	100 000
			International Mobility	100 000
Three	Lecturer Replacement	200 000		
	Operational costs	100 000		
Total (Rand)		900 000		800 000

How to apply

*Submit Applications electronically on the
NRF Online Submission System*



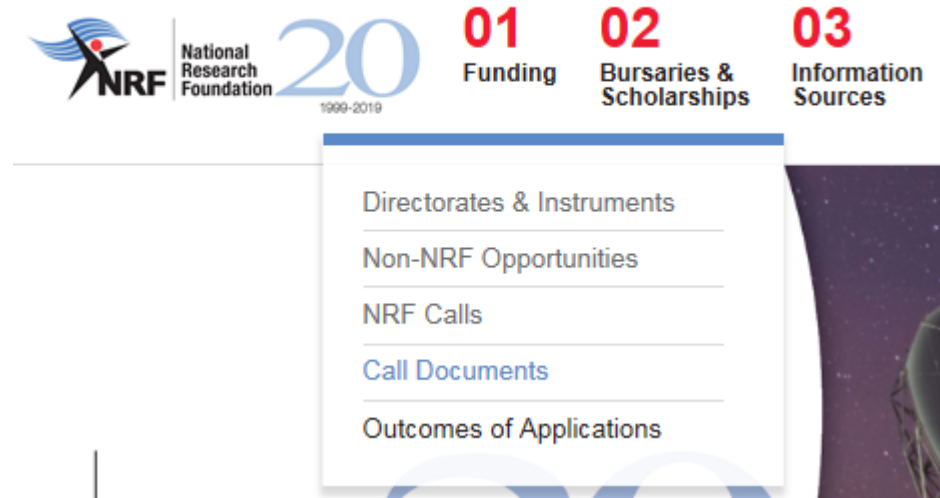
<https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za>

THUTHUKA AND BAAP DOCUMENTS

Available on the NRF website

Important Documents:

1. *Framework*
2. *Online Application Guide*
3. *Institutional Support Form (TTK)*



<https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/framework-documents/funding-framework-documents>

NRF - One Call for Proposals

NRF introduced the one call for proposals in 2019 where all calls are published at the same time (February) in the following categories:-

- **Funding Categories (2021):**

1. Concept Notes (only FBIP (2020)),
2. Customised Programmes - (nGAP),
3. Institutional Grants,
4. NRF Postgraduate Scholarships,
5. Postdoctoral Grants,
6. **Research Grants: General – (BAAP),**
7. Research Grants: International,
8. Research Grants: Without Student Support,
9. **Research Grants: Thuthuka – (TTK)**
10. Travel, Training and Conference Grants


NRF Online Submission - Homepage

Home

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Support 



Instructions


- **If you have already registered on the previous systems (NRF Online and Interim), please use your existing login details to access this system. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the Reset Password link on the left-hand menu.**
- For technical online enquiries, please contact the Support Desk (Mondays to Fridays from 08h00 to 16h30, excluding public holidays) on:
Tel: +27 12 481 4202
E-mail: supportdesk@nrf.ac.za
- **To access call related documents, please refer to the Open Calls block below. Click on the  icon next to the relevant call to show a list of document(s). To open the document, click on the relevant link.**

Log In

ID/Passport:














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Open Funding Opportunities

-  Concept Notes
-  Customised Programmes
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-  Research Grants: General 
-  Research Grants: International
-  Research Grants: Thuthuka 
-  Research Grants: Without student support
-  Travel, Training and Conference Grants
-  Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship- and Fellowship-holders

Please ensure that you are using Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome for best results. Downloads



©NRF Online Submission System

Create an application

The screenshot shows a web application interface. On the left is a dark navigation menu with the following items: My Profile, My Applications, My Progress Reports, Tools, Reports, Research Outputs Summary, and Logout. A 'Quick Links' button is located below the menu. On the right, a 'Create Application' button is highlighted, with a sub-menu showing 'List of Applications'. Below this, a 'Landing Page' section is visible, followed by an 'Information' box containing a list of items: 'The summary of applicatio', 'In order to edit an appli', and 'The noticeboard will be ac'.

If you are starting a new application, then select:

My Applications
Create Application

Edit an application

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Research Outputs Summary

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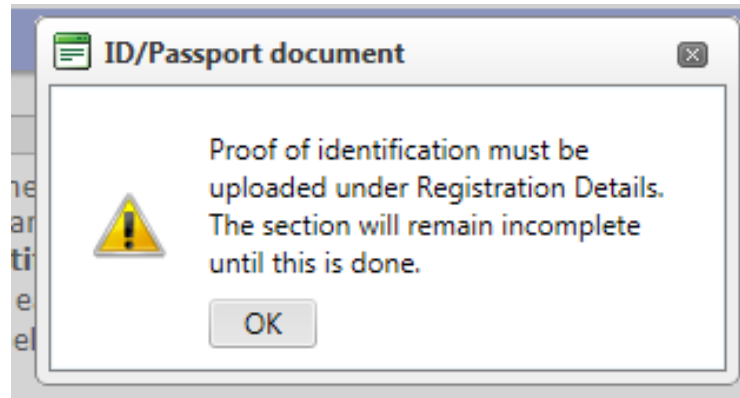
Create Application

Instructions

- Check your intended institution's internal closing date as it will be prior to the closing date listed for applications, where applicable.
- A timeout will appear when there is no activity on the system for 25 minutes. Click on the refresh button (in the popup box) as this will enable the continuation/completion of the application. When clicking on the close button the system will close.
- Due to potential international review of applications and progress reports, the NRF requires that all applications and progress reports be completed in English.
- Please consult the Funding Framework and Funding & Application Guide for more information to assist you in your choices. These documents can be accessed at <https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/framework-documents>.
- **Ensure that you complete or update your CV. This is very important as applications without an updated CV will not be considered.**

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	Research Grants: Thuthuka	
>	Travel, Training and Conference Grants: General	

Copy of ID/passport



*Please ensure that proof of identification is uploaded to the Registration Details section.
If not, the application will not mark as complete and you will not be able to final submit.

The CV section

Section	Complete	Date Updated	Edit
NRF Call Information Documents (Please read before starting this application)		11 Feb 2019	
Registration Details *		11 Feb 2019	
Contact Details *		11 Feb 2019	
Career Profile *		11 Feb 2019	
Qualifications *		11 Feb 2019	
Research Expertise *		24 Jul 2019	
Student Supervision Record		11 Feb 2019	
Personal Profile		11 Feb 2019	
Absence from Research		11 Feb 2019	
Disability *		11 Feb 2019	
ORCID *		11 Feb 2019	
Books		11 Feb 2019	
Chapters in Books		11 Feb 2019	
Articles in Refereed/Peer-reviewed Journals		11 Feb 2019	
Refereed/Peer-reviewed Conference Outputs		11 Feb 2019	
Patents		11 Feb 2019	
Keynote/Plenary Addresses		11 Feb 2019	
Articles in Non-refereed/Non-peer Reviewed Journals		11 Feb 2019	
Other Significant Conference Outputs		11 Feb 2019	
Technical/Policy Reports		11 Feb 2019	
Products		11 Feb 2019	
Artefacts		11 Feb 2019	
Prototypes		11 Feb 2019	
Other Recognised Research Outputs		11 Feb 2019	

Attachments

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Instructions

- Please consult with the Call documents to determine what attachments are compulsory. Please note that if they are not attached, the application will not be processed for reviewing.
- Capture an appropriate Description for the document to be uploaded.
- Select the Document Type to be uploaded.
- Click the Browse button below to select the file on your local machine.
- Click on the Upload button to save.
- Upload pages individually if document is larger than 4MB. **(For rating applications, please see specific instructions in this section of the rating application.)**
- Please do not upload zip files. Acrobat reader has built-in security to prevent the opening of zip files by default (please read the article at <http://forums.adobe.com/thread/520515> for more information).

Description

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Thuthuka:

- Institutional Support Form
- Motivation (age - PhD and Post-PhD tracks)

BAAP:

- Nomination from the DVC or equivalent (on an official letterhead)
- Self-motivation
- Motivation (age – 40 years old for PhD track; 45 years old for Post-PhD track)

Additional info

- Applicants need to adhere to the institutional cut-off dates.
- After submission, the application is routed to the institution.
- Most institutions send Thuthuka applications for an institutional review – comments are sent back to applicants to amend applications if necessary.
- Applications are then submitted to the NRF for review by the Designated Authority.
- Applications undergo screening for eligibility and application requirement e.g. institutional support form complete and attached.
- All eligible applications are then sent for review.
- Fundable applications are submitted to the Funding Domain for funding decisions.
- Outcomes are usually announced in November of the year of the call.
- Award documents are sent out by December.

Enkosi, Thank you, Re a leboga, Siyabonga, Dankie

