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Beste Kollega:

Sien hieronder en ingeslote inligting oor die 2018 Thuthuka-befondsingsgeleentheid vir opkomende navorsers. **Interne sperdatum 8 Mei 2017 om 12:00.**

Aangesien hierdie 'n kapasiteitsontwikkelingsprogram is, is die Thuthuka inligting- en ondersteuningsessies (datums hieronder verskaf) verpligtend vir die verdere prosessering van aansoeke, aangesien belangrike inligting oor aspekte van die aansoek hier gegee sal word.

Dear Colleague:

Please see below and attached information on the 2018 Thuthuka funding opportunity for emerging researchers. **Internal closing date 8 May 2017 at 12:00.**

As this is a capacity development programme, attendance of the Thuthuka information and support sessions (dates given below) is obligatory for the further processing of applications, as important information about application aspects will be provided.

Funding Opportunity	Disciplines/ Research topics/Themes	Categories/ Activities to be funded	Funding amount	Funding duration	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Internal closing date
Thuthuka - PhD track - Post-PhD track - NRF Rating track	All	Research operating costs Student & staff development support (as part of project) Travel (as part of project) Research equipment (See pp 11 - 20 of the Grants Manual for more information)	See p - 20 of the Thuthuka Guide for maximum amounts funded	3 years (for first cycle, with possibility of grants for two subsequent cycles, potentially resulting in 9 years of funding, depending on the funding track and research progress)	Full-time appointed academic staff . Staff appointed on contract must have written proof of appointment for the duration of the funding period applied for. Please see the Thuthuka Framework and p 10 of the Grants Manual for race and gender eligibility PhD track: <ul style="list-style-type: none">only SA citizenshold a Masters degree, and in preparation for PhDpreferably <45 years of age at the time of application. Applicants over 45 should motivate as to why they were not able to achieve a doctoral qualification earlier. Post-PhD track: <ul style="list-style-type: none">only SA citizensobtained doctoral degree = 5 years prior to date of applicationpreferably <45 years of age at the time of application NRF Rating Track: NB condition for this track: must demonstrate recent inability to establish as researcher due to limited or lack of research environment (eg. working in industry, family responsibilities, etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none">SA citizens & permanent residentsshould not be a rated researcherhave a doctoral degree or undergone equivalent research training (More info on pp 6-7 of the Grants Manual)	8 May at 12:00

Please take note of the information below.

Thuthuka information and support sessions

Prospective applicants should attend one of these 2-hour sessions.

Please familiarise yourself with the Guidelines, and already work on a draft application, before the sessions.

Sessions:

Monday 24 April: 10:00 – 12:00
Monday 24 April: 14:00 – 16:00

Tuesday 25 April: 10:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 25 April: 14:00 – 16:00

Wednesday 26 April: 10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday 26 April: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: Room 2039, 2nd floor (south), Wilcocks building (entrance Ryneveld street)

The number of persons at each session will be limited. Prior booking is therefore essential at izel@sun.ac.za

Note to staff from the Tygerberg and Bellville campuses: If requested by 5 or more persons, an information session could be held at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences on 2 or 3 May.

VERY IMPORTANT: APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Create an application on <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

2. **NB NB** Ensure that your CV is fully updated on the NRF system.

3. Submit online.

NB: the application will not go to the NRF directly, but will automatically be routed to the Designated Authority (DA) at the Division for Research Development at SU.

4. The internal deadline is 8 May at 12:00.

5. **Internal review:** applications are submitted to relevant SU Research subcommittees for evaluation and comments, as these subcommittees must, according to NRF requirements, contribute to Thuthuka funding.
6. **Feedback** is given to applicants for changes or approval. **(NB: incomplete applications or those not complying with the NRF's budget limits and requirements with regards to budget motivations, will not be approved).**
7. The system is opened again so that applications can be edited, where necessary, by applicants.
8. **The final deadline will at this stage be communicated to applicants.**
9. The relevant DA validates each application and does the final submission online.

Enquiries:

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