

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: DST-NRF COLLABORATIVE POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME 2018

This NRF funding instrument is specifically aimed at collaborative training of postgraduate students from the designated groups in scarce skill disciplines or emerging research areas.

The internal closing date for applications is **5 May 2017**.

To apply, please visit <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> and click on 'Final submit' at the bottom of the 'Edit application' page. All applications will flow to our worklist for validation on behalf of the university. This grant is aimed at training of postgraduate students and the budget should be composed at 60% student bursaries and 40% research costs. The total budget is limited to R1.5 million per year. Also note the guideline on the demographic composition of students (below).

Please take note of the following points, from the Call Document:

Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Eligibility criteria for applicants

Eligibility criteria for the lead applicant hosting the Collaborative Postgraduate Training grant are listed below. The applicant must:

- hold an **academic position at a Stellenbosch University** for the full duration of the awarded grant;
- hold a **doctoral degree and have proven postgraduate supervision experience** to host and supervise postgraduate students;
- demonstrate **existing collaborations** with national and international research institutions and universities for research and postgraduate training;
- demonstrate **access to research funding by the applicant and consortium members** to cover the research costs for the projects to be undertaken by the postgraduate students; and
- **Include at least two (2) Historically Disadvantaged Higher Education Institutions**, one of which may be the lead institution, in the Collaborative Postgraduate Training Initiative (refer to Addendum 1).
- Grant holders of SARCHI and Centres of Excellence are not eligible to apply.

2.2 Eligibility for students nominated for scholarships

The following (NB!) **eligibility criteria** apply for the nominated students:

- **Students must be either South African citizens or in possession of South African permanent residency (87%) as well as a limited percentage of international students (13%);**
- Honours, fourth-year students, masters and doctoral students must be registered and be based at any South African public university;
- Students enrolling for Masters studies must hold a Honours, B. Tech or four-year degree;
- Students enrolling for Doctoral studies must hold a Master's level qualification;
- Postgraduate student beneficiaries may not concurrently hold the study support with another NRF scholarship or any other funding support from a South African government source; and
- Individuals that already hold a degree at the level for which they are nominated, are not eligible for support.

2.3 Demographics targets for postgraduate students

Student nominations shall be made as follows:

- **87% to South African** (including permanent residents);
- **5%** to students from the South African Development Community (**SADC**) region
- **4%** to students from the **rest of Africa**; and
- **4%** to students from **non-African countries**

The overall student composition shall comprise of **55% women, 80% Black (African, Coloured and Indian) and 4% students with disabilities**

All postgraduate supervisors that will be listed in the application must register and complete their CVs on NRF online submissions.

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