

NRF Call for Applications - Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 2017

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Funding Instrument	NRF Call for Applications - Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 2017	Designated Authority	Division for Research Development (DRD)
Internal deadline	29 May 2017 Please adhere to the internal deadline as to ensure that you receive sufficient feedback from our internal administrative review process	DRD Contact Person(s)	Mr Nugent Lewis nugent@sun.ac.za 021 808 9017 Mrs Malene Fouche mfouche@sun.ac.za 021 808 4622

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Hiermee 'n NNS befondsingsgeleentheid vir eenjarige toekennings (tussen R50 000 en R200 000) vir die volgende aktiwiteite:

1. generate or mobilize primary biodiversity data sets (species occurrence or specimen data) and / or
2. contribute to the compilation of species pages for the EOL, and / or
3. produce DNA barcodes for species, and / or
4. resolve taxonomic problems to unlock knowledge critical to other projects
5. develop or apply innovative approaches to managing or disseminating foundational biodiversity information

Aansoekers moet aandui hoe die navorsingsprojek 'n impak sal maak t.o.v. die verstaan –en versag van 'global change' en die 'bio-ekonomie'

Let asseblief ook op die volgende algemene NNS riglyn:

Aansoekers moet voltydse personelede of kontrakantennings van die universiteit wees. Kontrakpersoneel moet aangestel wees vir (ten minste) die tydperk van die projek waarvoor daar aansoek gedoen word. Kontrakpersoneel wat namens 'n derde party by die universiteit aangestel is om 'n baie spesifieke funksie te verrig, kwalifiseer nie vir befonding nie.

Voornemende aansoekers word versoek om:

1. Die riglyne (aangeheg) sorgvuldig te bestudeer, insluitend die Keurkaart vir die Beoordeling van Aansoeke.
2. Hul CV's op <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> op te dateer, insluitend huidige nagraadse studente.
3. Hul aansoeke teen 10:00 op **29 Mei 2017** op <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> in te dien ('submit').

Navrae in verband met hierdie befondsingsgeleentheid kan aan Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za) of Maléne Fouché (mfouche@sun.ac.za) gerig word.

Dear Colleague,

This is a NRF funding opportunity for one year grants (between R50 000 and R200 000) for the following activities:

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Proposals must indicate how the project will impact on understanding and mitigation of global change and / or the bio-economy.

Please note the following important general NRF guideline:

Applicants must be full time or contract staff members of the university. Contract staff must be appointed for (at least) the duration of the project applied for in the submission. A contract researcher appointed at the university on behalf of a third party to fulfil a very specific function for the latter does not qualify for support.

Prospective applicants are requested to:

1. Study the guidelines (attached) carefully, including the Scorecard for the Assessment of Proposals
2. Update their CV's on <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za>, including current postgraduate students.
3. Submit their applications on <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> by 10:00 on **29 May 2017**

Queries about this funding opportunity can be directed to Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za) or Maléne Fouché (mfouche@sun.ac.za)

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL

Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP)

Applications: Small Grants

2017

The primary focus of the Programme is to generate, mobilize, co-ordinate and make accessible foundational biodiversity knowledge in line with the needs of society, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) Global Change Programme and the bio-economy. The priority knowledge needs relate to species occurrence, species identity, population abundance, and DNA information, particularly barcoding. This type of information is often referred to as "fundamental" or "foundational" because it forms the basis of so many other aspects of biodiversity research and decision-making. More details of the programme and call are provided in the Programme Framework document.

NOTE: 2017/18 marks the start of a new three year cycle for the Global Change programme, and the award of grants will be subject to the new DST/NRF funding agreement being finalized.

Proposals for small, strategic projects that address critical gaps relevant to foundational biodiversity information and knowledge are invited.

The following eligibility criteria are applicable for projects:

- Only researchers at NRF recognized research institutions^[1] in South Africa are eligible to apply as the principal investigator. Post-doctoral fellows and students are NOT eligible to apply. A detailed description of applicant eligibility can be found in the Programme Framework document.
- Applications must be submitted on the NRF Online Submission System at <http://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>.
- Team members may also include a co-investigator(s) and research associates / collaborators as specified in the Programme Framework document.
- Projects must identify specific users of the knowledge generated / information co-ordinated and must indicate how the data will be made accessible.
- Projects must explicitly align with and contribute to the implementation of one of the following national strategies: The Bioeconomy Strategy of the Department of Science and Technology (2013); Biodiversity Economy Strategy (Bes) for the Department of Environmental Affairs (2015); or South Africa's 2nd National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) 2015-2025.
- Proposals must indicate how the project will impact on understanding and mitigation of global change and / or the bio-economy.
- The data generated or mobilized through the grant must be provided to the FBIP / SANBI in the required format at the end of the project. This is to ensure that the data can be archived, integrated and made accessible for a range of applications and products.
- Successful applicants must sign the Conditions of Grant (CoG) agreement as specified in the attachments to the award letter.
- Data must be made available no later than 18 months after the date of signing the Conditions of Grant for small grants.
- Grantholders who have not submitted data within the specified timeframes from previous grants will not be eligible to receive further funding from the FBIP until the data have been submitted.

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Notes:

The FBIP is funded through the DST and is required to report on the outputs from funding allocations. This means that in addition to the standard NRF reports, grantholders will be expected to provide details of outputs, and email project progress updates to the FBIP management team.

- It is critical for the continuation of the FBIP that grant recipients deliver the outputs specified in their proposals and that this is done within the proposed timeframes.
- Potential applicants are therefore advised to carefully consider the outputs and the timeframes for their project, and to be as accurate as possible in their proposal.

Funding details and call activities

Small grants award a maximum of R200,000 per grant for a one year period.

All applications must be endorsed by the research office of the principal applicant. Institutions must set their own internal closing date for DAs to validate applications by the closing date.

All endorsed applications must be submitted electronically via the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>



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[1] NRF recognised research institutions are declared (and gazetted) by the Department of Science and Technology and include Public South African (SA) Higher Education institutions (HEIs), Science Councils and other research performing public institutions. The list is available on the NRF Submission System at: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/nrfmkil/>