

NRF Call for Applications – Blue Skies Concept Notes 2018

Hierdie kennisgewing is gestuur aan alle navorsers op die ANO-verspreidingslys vir befondsingsgeleenthede
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Funding Instrument	NRF Call for Applications – Blue Skies Concept Notes 2018	Designated Authority	Division for Research Development (DRD)
Internal deadline	10h00 – 04 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 Malené Fouché mfouché@sun.ac.za 021 808 4622

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Hiermee die oproep vir die NNS se 'Blue Skies' Program. Suksesvolle aansoeke sal vir 'n tydperk van een jaar befonds word (tot R200 000), waarna daar weer gekompeteer moet word binne 'n geslote oproep vir verdere befonding van drie jaar. Hierdie program befonds slegs navorsing waarvan die onderwerp en die aanslag nuut is en waarvan die resultate die potensiaal het om grense van kennis te verskuif (verwys na Appendix 1). Dit is dus belangrik om seker te maak dat u projek aan die 'Blue Skies' vereistes voldoen, voordat u dit indien.

Die 'Blue Skies' program bied navorsers met die geleentheid om die grense van kennis te verskuif, onvoorspelbare ontdekkings asook hoë-impak navorsing te bevorder, deur te fokus op:

- Providing space and time for research to push the frontiers of knowledge and imagination through scientific and scholarly endeavors;
- Supporting communities of critical and free thinkers
- Encourage diversity in research (theoretical frameworks, approaches and methodologies) for re-imagining disciplines or academics
- To bring about new and unpredictable scientific / technological / scholarly discoveries / interpretations / understandings / knowledge

Aansoekers moet voltydse of kontrak- personeellede 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 om vir hierdie befondsingsaansoek te doen nie. Na-doktorale genote kwalifiseer ongelukkig ook nie vir hierdie geleentheid nie.

Voornemende aansoekers word versoek om:

- Die aangehegde raamwerkdokument sorgvuldig te bestudeer.
- Hul CV's op <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> op te dateer, insluitend huidige nagraadse studente.
- Hul aansoeke op die laaste teen 10:00 op 4 Mei 2017 op <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> in te dien ('final submit').
- Seker te maak dat ondersteuningsbriewe van alle medewerkers aan die aansoeke geheg word.

Enige navrae oor hierdie befondsingsgeleentheid kan aan Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za; 021 808 9017) of Malené Fouché (mfouché@sun.ac.za; 021 808 4622) gerig word.

Dear Colleagues

The call for funding in the NRF's Blue Skies Programme is now open. Successful applications will be funded (up to R200 000) for a period of one year, after which there will be a competitive closed call for further funding for three years. This programme only funds research that addresses new phenomena, has a novel approach and that will push the boundaries of knowledge production (refer to Appendix 1). It is thus important to make sure that your project meets the 'Blue Skies' criteria before you submit it.

The Blue Skies funding instrument creates space to push the frontiers of knowledge, enable unpredictable discoveries as well as promote high impact research within disciplines by focusing on:

- Providing space and time for research to push the frontiers of knowledge and imagination through scientific and scholarly endeavors;
- Supporting communities of critical and free thinkers
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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 fulfill a very specific function for the latter, does not qualify to apply. Postdoctoral fellows, unfortunately, also do not qualify to apply.

Prospective applicants are requested to:

- Study the attached framework document carefully.
- Update their CV's on <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za>, including current postgraduate students.
- Final submit their applications on <https://nrfsunsubmission.nrf.ac.za> by 10:00 4 May 2017, at the latest.
- Make sure to attach letters of support by all co-investigators to the applications.

Any queries regarding this funding opportunity can be directed to Nugent Lewis (nugent@sun.ac.za; 021 808 9017) or Malené Fouché (mfouché@sun.ac.za; 021 808 4622)

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL BLUE SKIES CONCEPT NOTES 2018

INTERNAL CLOSING DATE: 04 MAY 2017

The Blue Skies Research Funding Instrument can be described as multi-dimensional self-initiated, curiosity-driven inquiry that necessitates high investment risks, addresses new phenomena, as well as push the frontiers of knowledge. Blue Skies-type of research is associated with fundamental and basic research programmes.

The objectives of the Blue Skies Funding Instrument are:

- To provide space and time for research to push the frontiers of knowledge and to encourage imagination through scientific and scholarly endeavours;
- To support and sustain communities of critical and free thinkers;
- To promote and encourage diversity in research for re-imagining disciplines or academies;
- To bring about new and unpredictable scientific / technological / scholarly discoveries / interpretations / understandings / knowledge

The Blue Skies Research funding instrument provides for a two-phased approach namely, a Concept Note Call and a closed call for Full proposal for Concept Note that will have been awarded in the previous year. The Concept Note call affords researchers the opportunity to test and or try out a proof concept.

Applications should be submitted electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

Applicants must ensure that their Curriculum Vitae are updated on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>