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Funding Opportunity	Priority research areas	Categories to be funded	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Funding	How to apply	Closing dates
<b>South African Medical Research Council – SAMRC</b>  <b>Request for Applications: Improving Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>How to strengthen health systems for people. This includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improving the process of care (competent care and systems and / positive user experiences), and</li> <li>improving the quality of care to improve health outcomes, user confidence in the health system and increase user economic benefits. This includes:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developing and validating measurements of quality for SRMNH</li> <li>assessing equity of quality of care across dimensions of vulnerability (settings: rural versus urban; districts versus quaternary care; primary versus quaternary care); demographics and diseases)</li> <li>analyzing the effect of quality of care on health care providers and users</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>How to strengthen the foundations of the health system including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understanding population health needs and expectations, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>exploring how demand for quality health care can be improved</li> <li>refining the best design for district-level learning strategies e.g. quality improvement collaboratives,</li> </ul> </li> <li>improving health system governance,</li> <li>improving the accessibility and organization of care,</li> <li>strengthening the health workforce (numbers, skills and support) and</li> <li>improving access to and use of tools (equipment, medicines, data) within the health system, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to best disseminate and use guidelines</li> <li>how to improve data quality at facility, district, provincial and national levels</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>How to scale up known effective interventions in the areas of SRMNH,</b></li> <li><b>The development or testing of novel innovations that could be potential game changers in improving SRMNH: Innovations may include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>process innovations that improve health service organization / governance / service delivery platforms</li> <li>process innovations that improve quality of care</li> <li>innovations that improve data use and quality in facilities</li> <li>novel commodities that need feasibility and acceptability testing e.g. an innovation that monitors neonatal hypothermia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel costs (project specific, <b>NOT</b> salaries of permanent or fixed term staff)</li> <li>Laboratory costs</li> <li>(Research) Travel</li> <li>Other direct costs</li> <li>Minor equipment (project specific)</li> <li>Indirect costs (5%)</li> </ul> <p><b>See budget templates and Terms and Conditions document attached.</b></p>	<p>Principal applicants <b>must be South African citizens or permanent residence holders.</b> While there is no limit to the number of applications submitted per institution, principal investigators may only submit one application each as the principal investigator, but may be involved in more than one application if listed as a co-investigator.</p> <p><b>Priority will be given to projects in the following catchment areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dora Ngizwa Hospital and all its feeder facilities (Eastern Cape);</li> <li>Letaba Hospital and all its feeder facilities (Limpopo); and</li> <li>Themba Hospital and all its feeder facilities (Mpumalanga).</li> </ul> <p>Projects outside these catchment areas will be considered if they address a priority problem and could provide solutions to SRMNH challenges in South Africa</p>	<p>The total funding available for this priority area is approximately <b>R 1.2 million between April 2019 and March 2020 (year 1)</b>. The MRC anticipates funding a maximum of three projects: at up to R400 000 each or six smaller projects (up to R200 000 each).</p> <p>The total amount available for year 2 is approximately R435 000 (R145 000 per project if three projects are funded). The total amount available for year 3 is R168 000 (R56 000 per project if three projects are funded).</p>	<p><b>See project proposal template attached.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit signed electronic copy of application form to Mr Nugent Lewis (<a href="mailto:nugent@sun.ac.za">nugent@sun.ac.za</a>)</li> <li>Attach the following compulsory documents:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget on prescribed Excel template</li> <li>CVs of all PIs</li> <li>Proof of ethics clearance or confirmation from ethics office that an application has been submitted (e-mail from the ethics office will suffice, but must include reference number)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Internal Closing date:</b></p> <p><b>12h00 on 25 January 2019</b></p>
<p><b>Contact persons at SU:</b>            Queries, general proposal guidance and institutional approval: Maléne Fouché (<a href="mailto:mfouch@sun.ac.za">mfouch@sun.ac.za</a>) &amp; Nugent Lewis (<a href="mailto:nugent@sun.ac.za">nugent@sun.ac.za</a>)            Budget guidance and assistance (to be contacted <b>very</b> early in the application process): Nugent Lewis (<a href="mailto:nugent@sun.ac.za">nugent@sun.ac.za</a>) &amp; Shannon Brooks (<a href="mailto:sbrooks@sun.ac.za">sbrooks@sun.ac.za</a>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>This notice was sent to you by the Division for Research Development (DRD) of Stellenbosch University. <a href="#">Subscribe to our newsletter</a> to be kept up to date on communication regarding funding opportunities administered by DRD.</small></p>						

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Dear Stakeholder

(cc: Respective Communications & Marketing Offices)

Please see below the RFA from our Health Systems Research Unit.

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## SAMRC REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) 12-2018

Application deadline: **1 February 2019, 6pm SAST**

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) Health Systems Research Unit is pleased to announce a funding opportunity aimed at advancing collaborative research and product development projects in the areas of **Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health**. Proposals should focus on strengthening health systems for sexual, reproductive, maternal and newborn health.

The SAMRC invites researchers from recognised South African public universities, science councils and public research organisations, including the SAMRC's intra and extramural units and collaborating centres, to apply.

For more information and to download the relevant documents, [click here](#).

Please share this correspondence with your collaborators and networks. Please direct any queries or requests for information on this RFA to: Yages Singh, Health Systems Research Unit via email at: [yages.singh@mrc.ac.za](mailto:yages.singh@mrc.ac.za)

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