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[NRF] Call for Applications: Equipment-Related Travel and Training Grants 2018/19 ERTTG's

INTERNAL DEADLINE – 12H00, 2 AUGUST 2018

Please adhere to the internal deadline for feedback from our internal administrative review process.

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Beste Kollega / Dear Colleague,

Daar is nou 'n befondsingsgeleentheid om aansoek te doen vir die 'Equipment-Related Travel and Training Grants 2018/19'. Let asseblief op 'n paar belangrike punte hieronder in die Engelse teks.

A funding call is now open for applications to *Equipment-Related Travel and Training Grants 2018/19*- see [Framework Document](#) and [Application and Funding Guide 2018/19](#) attached. The **Budget Guidelines** are on page 8 of the Framework Document.

Please note the following:

Instrument-specific instructions	Applicant requirement(s)	Prospective applicants should:
EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAVEL GRANTS: The Equipment-related Travel Grants are sub-divided into two categories, namely: • General Equipment Travel Grants , which funds SA researchers requiring access to specialised equipment that is not available regionally or nationally. This funding may cover national or international travel and subsistence costs as well as contributions toward equipment utilisation. • Travel grants to Access Global Infrastructures which funds SA researchers requiring access to both national and international global infrastructures. Outbound Global Infrastructure are located outside South Africa such as, i.e. the JINR, CERN and ESRF. Inbound Global Infrastructure are located in South Africa such as, i.e. SALT, MEERKAT, ICGBE and National Facilities.	EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAVEL GRANTS: • Postgraduate students (masters or doctoral) who require training and/or access to infrastructure for the completion of their dissertations – <i>supervisors must apply on behalf of these students</i> • Postdoctoral fellows – <i>supervisor/host must apply on behalf of the postdoctoral fellow</i> • Technicians, instrument specialists and operators employed as full-time employees or on contract for two to five years at a minimum • Researchers employed as full-time employees or on contract for two to five years at a minimum, who require to send samples to international institutions and/or who require to access the software for data analysis that is imperative to their research • Please also refer to the Exclusion Criteria 5.2. on Page 9 of the Framework Document .	1. Study the attached Framework Document & Application and Funding Guide carefully – including the Application Scorecard on page 25 of the Application and Funding Guide. 2. Update their CV's on https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za 3. Refer to Step 11 in the Application and Funding Guideline, (Attachments) pages 22/23, for more information on which documents should be attached online. 4. Submit their applications on https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za by 12h00 on 2 August 2018 .
EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAINING GRANTS: • The Equipment-related Training Grants makes funding available for researchers to host or attend advanced short courses/workshops focussed on training technical staff, postgraduate students and other users of specialised and state-of-the-art equipment that were acquired either through DST or NEP/NEP grants or high end equipment donated by the private sector; or feeder equipment that complements the capabilities of state-of-the-art research equipment . • There is an also an option in this programme for HOSTING AN EXPERT INSTRUMENT SCIENTIST who is required to stay at a research institution (for a minimum period of one month and maximum period of six months) due to his/her scarce skill in the use of a specific instrument acquired through NRF and/or DST funds.	EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAINING GRANTS: • Researchers hosting training programmes on the use of high-end equipment • Hosting of an expert instrument scientist • Undergraduate and Honours students are not eligible • Please also refer to the Exclusion Criteria 5.2. on Page 9 of the Framework Document .	

The NRF recently embarked on 'application rationalization' [generic application templates] for most of their funding instruments – applicants must, therefore, **follow the steps outlined in the [Application and Funding Guide](#)**.

Retrospective funding that spans a period of six (6) months can be considered for this funding instrument.

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Kind Regards,

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Equipment-Related Travel and Training Grants 2018/19 Call for Applications

The rationale of this funding instrument is to make funds available to support the broader science community to access state-of-the-art research equipment that is not available at the home institution, regionally or nationally.

The grants are divided into two categories, namely: **Equipment-related Travel Grants** and **Equipment-related Training Grants**.

The **Equipment-related Travel Grants** are sub-divided into two categories, namely:

- **General Equipment Travel Grants**, that makes funds available to researchers requiring access to specialised research equipment that is not available at their own institution, regionally or nationally. The grant will cover national or international travel and subsistence costs as required as well as contributions towards the cost of equipment utilisation; and
- **Outbound or inbound travel grants to Access Global Infrastructure (AGI)**, that makes funds available to researchers requiring access to Outbound Global Infrastructure located outside South Africa such as European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) or Inbound Global Infrastructure located in South Africa such as South African Large Telescope (SALT). The applicant must provide

evidence/confirmation of the allocated beam time from the host synchrotron radiation facility.

The **Equipment-related Training Grants** makes funds available to:

- Researchers or institutions to support workshops focused on training technical staff, postgraduate (masters and doctoral) students and other users of specialised or state-of-the-art research equipment that were acquired either through public funds or high-end equipment donated by private sector.
- Institutions hosting an expert instrument scientist that is required to stay at a research institution for a minimum period of one months due to his/her scarce skill in the use of a specific instrument that has been acquired through NRF and/or DST funds.

Applications may be submitted by a single researcher on behalf of either himself/herself or two co-applicants travelling to a specific facility. Supervisors must apply on behalf of postgraduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

The Conditions of Grant for all awarded grants should be signed and returned to the NRF within one (1) month of receiving the award letter.

After the conclusion of an activity for which funding was granted, the NRF requires that the completion report be submitted within one (1) month after returning from travel or training and the full grant should be claimed.

Application Deadlines:

Refer to the *Equipment-Related Travel and Training Grants Framework* as well as the *Application & Funding Guide* for eligibility and other criteria.

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

For more information please view the attached documents or visit the NRF website at www.nrf.ac.za.

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