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- **Subject:** CALL: COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund (all research fields)
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Let asb daarop dat hierdie inligting aan 'n verspreidingslys van alle US-navorsers gestuur word. Dit mag dus wees dat hierdie spesifieke oproep nie van toepassing is op u studieveld nie. Ons vertrou dat toekomstige oproepe wel relevant mag wees.

Please note that this information is sent to a distribution list of all SU researchers. It may, therefore, be possible that this specific call is not applicable to your specific research field. We trust that future calls will be relevant.

Funding Opportunity	Research fields	Categories/Activities to be funded	Funding	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Closing date at the NRF
COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund	All	RESEARCH GRANT	RESEARCH GRANT	RESEARCH GRANT	17 June 2020
Two separate strands:	However, it is important to address the Scope of the Rapid Grant Fund (#3 in the Framework document)	RESEARCH GRANT	US\$ 100 000 for max 2 years	- PI must be in possession of a PhD or equivalent	IMPORTANT: requests for an Institutional (DVC) Support Letter should be sent to mjc@sun.ac.za by no later than 8 June. (Put "Request for support letter" in the subject line).
1. Research Grant		Research-related, eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - field work - conducting interviews 		- Minimum of 5 years of active full-time research experience at the time of application.	
2. Science Engagement Grant (science communicators)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mobility costs - small equipment (up to 15% of total budget) - stipends or allowances (not salaries) for research assistants - consumables and accessories - publication related costs. Knowledge sharing costs - in support of project-related activities, eg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - joint workshops - seminars - conferences - symposia - lecturer presentations meetings	SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT GRANT (SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS) US\$20 000 for max 18 months.	SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT GRANT (SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS) - PI : science or health journalist, media communicator, press officer, or communication officers active in science communication.	Please note: there is no institutional process (i.e. screening, re-opening for editing, validation) required for this programme. Once applications are submitted on the NRF system, they directly enter the NRF review process.
				- At least five 5 years working experience in science/health communication or science/health journalism. If the application involves multi-country collaborations, the PI must show experience in having done two prior projects with multi-country collaborations.	

- local and regional dissemination of results to relevant stakeholders.

Only one application per PI can be submitted, i.e. a PI cannot apply to more than one strand.

The following will NOT be funded:

- Consultant's fees
- Project management fees
- Educational expenses (scholarships and/or bursaries)
- Large equipment
- Basic office equipment including computers and consumables
- Salaries

**SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT
GRANT (SCIENCE
COMMUNICATORS)**

- developing and disseminating communication materia
- spending time with research groups to understand their work
- networking sessions
- media and science communication training for researchers on the continent
- support for innovative local projects designed to boost science engagement and meet the needs of local communities
- operating costs related to COVID-19 coverage, for example, technology that enables remote working.

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SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

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

The project proposal template and supporting documents for each strand must be uploaded.

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VERY CAREFULLY READ THE CALL DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING QUERIES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

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