

Funding Opportunity	Level of proposal	Research areas	Categories/Activities to be funded	Funding	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Closing date
NRF / DFG Partnership on International Research Training Groups (IRTGs)	Draft proposal	Open to all subject areas. Interdisciplinarity in joint projects is encouraged.	No funding provided at this stage, except if teams want to apply for a Preparatory workshop	Max <b>R50 000</b> for SA researchers' participation in a workshop to be held either in South Africa or in Germany.  To be applied for: - Prior to the draft proposal submission or - Prior to the full proposal (if draft proposal was positively evaluated)	German-SA consortium needs to submit a joint draft proposal to the <b>DFG, submitted by the German host university</b> . DFG format to be used for application (see attached documents). Workshop funding granted if research cooperation is already established & plans for IRTG have been consolidated.	<b>Throughout the year</b>
	Full proposal <i>(By invitation only, following positive evaluation of Draft Proposal)</i>	Open to all subject areas. Interdisciplinarity in joint projects is encouraged.	Funding for 3-year PhD positions/fellowships within joint programme  Project-specific funding for dissertation research projects (e.g. consumables)  Longer-term, coordinated and reciprocal research visits (one or more with an overall duration of 6-12 months) by doctoral students to the respective partner institutions  Workshops, conferences and seminars  Short-term visits by the research Professors (i.e. supervisors).	<b>On SA side:</b>  <b>R10 million</b> for one funding phase (i.e. 4 years), with possibility of extension for 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-year phase  of which  R5.4 million for PhD bursaries @ R120 000 per student p.a. (max 3 years)  R4.6 million for: - Project funding for PhD research projects (eg. consumables) - Longer-term research visits to German partner institution - Workshop/conferences/seminars - Short term visits by research study leaders (supervisors) -	An IRTG should be run by two small teams of Professors in Germany and in South Africa respectively.  Each team should have approximately 5 to 10 members with proven expertise both in the IRTG's main research topic and in providing outstanding supervision to doctoral students.  Approximately 10 – 15 doctoral students should be funded during one 4-year phase	<b>No later than 1 October every year</b>
<b>How to apply:</b>						
<p><b>Draft proposals must be submitted by the Germany partner via the DFG elan portal at <a href="https://elan.dfg.de/en/">https://elan.dfg.de/en/</a></b></p> <p><b>The attached document with Draft Proposal Instructions, as well as the Guidelines for Reviewing Draft Proposals provide important and valuable information.</b></p> <p><b>Once draft proposals have been positively evaluated, further information will be provided about application procedure for full proposal.</b></p>						

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