



FUNDING BY SUBCOMMITTEE A IN SUPPORT OF THE DOCTORAL RESEARCH OF SU STAFF WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR NRF THUTHUKA FUNDING

A. Eligibility

Full time permanent staff in the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Education, Law, Theology, Economic and Management Sciences and Military Science, already enrolled for their doctoral degrees and who do not qualify for NRF Thuthuka funding (thus non-South African citizen and/or older than 45 years), may apply for Subcommittee A research funds in support of their doctoral research. Staff members from support divisions are also eligible to apply for Subcommittee A funding. Staff members already funded from the committee's programme for new staff members, do not qualify to also apply within this programme.

B. The research project

The research project should be part of the research programme of a full time permanent staff member and must lead to a doctoral degree. It must also lead to other recognized research outputs such as articles in accredited journals, books, chapters in books and graduated postgraduate students.

C. Term

The grant will be made for one year, but funds remaining after this period, can be carried over to a second year.

D. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will receive consideration on the basis of:

1. FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 Has all relevant information as requested on the application form been made available?
- 1.2 Is the applicant already enrolled for the degree? (Proof of registration must be attached to the application.)
- 1.3 Has the doctoral supervisor made a recommendation?
- 1.4 Has the departmental chairperson or his/her delegate made a recommendation?

2. SUBSTANTIVE CRITERIA

2.1 The applicant's record of research:

Has the applicant published previous research results? (The quantity, as well as quality of research outputs will be considered during the evaluation of an applicant's research record.) Has the applicant supervised postgraduate students?

2.2 Scientific quality of the application:

Is the suggested research project of outstanding quality? (Has the problem been stated clearly; what is the significance of the *objectives*; is the suggested *methodology* the most appropriate; what *value* will the investigation have for the field of study and can it be realised; which research outputs, other than the doctoral thesis, are envisaged?)

3. CRITERIA OF DESIRABILITY

In instances where good applications compete strongly for limited funding, the following additional criteria will be applied when the decision is made:

- 3.1 Will the research project promote regional and national co-operation?
- 3.2 Will the research project have advantages for the University, the local or the national community?
- 3.3 Will the research project exploit other sources of funding, where available?

E. Allocation of funds

The allocation of funds to applicants/projects that meet the above criteria is subject to the availability of funds. The committee retains the right to make a partial allocation or no allocation at all, even if the application should in all aspects be seen as worthy of support.

F. Guidelines for prospective applicants

1. The *form* on which the application must be submitted is available *by e-mail* – from Maléne Fouché (mfouche@sun.ac.za; 021 808 4622) and on the website of the Division for Research Development. It must be submitted as a signed hard copy or pdf-document (Wilcocks Building, Room 2048A).
2. An **abbreviated** CV and proof of registration for doctoral studies must be attached to the application.
3. The way in which the sub-committee deals with research budgets has a degree of flexibility. Applicants are free to specify needs for a specific project.
4. The 'investment' of research funds will be evaluated on the basis of a final report at the end of the relevant year.
5. The committee can only fund *one* research project of a particular researcher per year.

G. Funding categories

A maximum total amount of R30 000 will be considered. **Conference attendance will not be funded.**

H. Allocation procedures and priorities

Research Sub-Committee A processes all applications according to an established procedure. Evaluators are assigned from among the members of the committee, when this is possible, but not from within the same department as the applicant. Evaluators may consult any expert for the evaluation of the application. Evaluators make a recommendation to the committee, but the final decision is taken by the whole committee. Committee members are required to declare any conflict of interests. Applications are arranged according to three categories: supportable, supportable with minor adjustments, or not supportable. In both latter instances the applicant is given feedback with the purpose of enabling such an applicant to submit a supportable application at a future date.

I. Closing date

The relevant closing date will appear on the webpage of the Division for Research Development. The processing of applications and the amount of time required to properly review applications, unfortunately make it impossible to accept late applications.