

Student Information Session

NRF Postgraduate Funding Opportunities for 2022



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The NRF's Mandate

The objective of the NRF is to contribute to **National development** by:

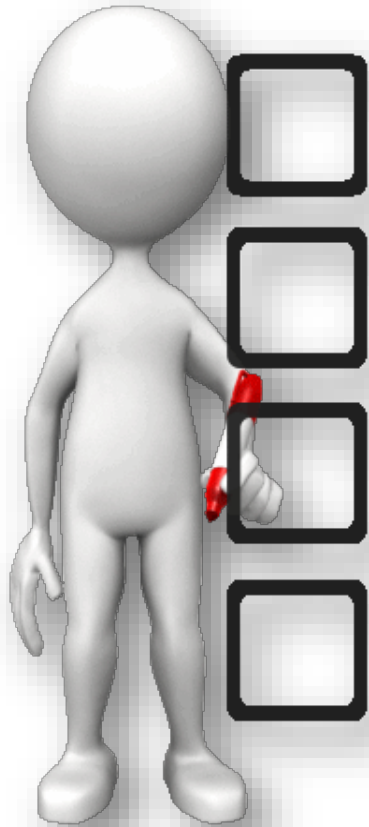


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Eligibility Criteria



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Honours Level

Study Level	Full Cost of Study		Partial Cost of Study
	Exceptional Achievers	Financially Needy and Students with Disability	Other
Honours	Average of $\geq 75\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study	Average of $\geq 65\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study	Average of $\geq 65\%$ mark for major subjects in the final year of undergraduate study
	Applicants for honours funding must be 28 years of age or younger in the year of application i.e. applicants must not be over 28 years by 31 December 2021. Only South African citizens and permanent residents are eligible for honours bursaries.		



Masters Level

Study Level	Full Cost of Study		Partial Cost of Study
	Exceptional Achievers	Financially Needy and Students with Disability	Other
Master's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 75% for all subjects at the honours level; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 75% for all subjects for a Postgraduate diploma level; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 75% for final year subjects of a four-year degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for all subjects at the honours level; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for all subjects for a Postgraduate diploma; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for final year subjects of a four-year degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for all subjects at the honours level; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for all subjects for a Postgraduate diploma; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum average of 65% for final year subjects of a four-year degree
	<p>Applicants for master's funding must be 30 years of age or younger in the year of application i.e. applicants must not be over 30 years by 31 December 2021.</p>		



Doctoral Level

Study Level	Full Cost of Study		Partial Cost of Study
	Exceptional Achievers	Financially Needy and Students with Disability	Other
Doctoral	Minimum average of 75% for Master's degree	Minimum average of 65% for Master's degree	Minimum average of 65% for Master's degree
	Applicants for doctoral funding must be 32 years of age or younger in the year of application i.e. applicants must not be over 32 years by 31 December 2021.		

Open to all nationalities, however foreign citizens are only considered under PCS

*** Please note additional Eligibility requirements for NRF-SARAO, NRF- TWAS, NRF-DAAD at Masters and Doctoral levels**



Masters and Doctoral Extension

- Applicants must be NRF scholarship-holders in 2021.
- Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and will be for either six (6) or twelve (12) months
- Applicants applying for extension support at the master's level must have registered for their master's degree in 2020 or July 2019.
- Applicants applying for extension support at the doctoral level must have registered for their doctoral degree in 2019 or July 2018.
- Only students pursuing full-time master's or doctoral studies in South Africa are eligible to apply.
- Applicants for extension support will be eligible for postgraduate funding at the same value as their 2021 funding.
- Applicants must have the support from their supervisor in order for the Extension application to be considered.



Exclusion for NRF Postgraduate Funding

- Students supported through the NRF and are still within the eligible periods of support for masters and doctoral studies- should complete a progress report
- Students registered for masters before July 2020
- Students registered for doctoral degree before July 2019
- Students whose highest qualification is the same as the level under which they applying.
- Undergraduate qualifications, regardless of the NQF exit level;
- Postgraduate certificates or diplomas, regardless of NQF exit level;
- Students that deregistered and reapply for support can apply but their period of support will be from date of initial registration for degree
- Students pursuing a 100% masters coursework only and Professional masters and doctoral degrees
- Individuals on sabbatical leave from their employment
- Individuals (contracted or permanent) paid or unpaid working for more than 12 working hours per week
- Students in their pre-proposal year of their study



Periods of Support



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Periods of Support

Periods of Support is based on date of initial registration for the degree:

Level of study	Maximum period of support
Honours	One (1) year
Master's	Two (2) years
Doctoral	Three (3) years
Master's upgrade to doctoral	Four (4) years
Extension Support for master's and doctoral	Six (6) or twelve (12) months



Applicable Allowances



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NRF Allowances Applicable: FCS and PCS

Category	Funding per level of Postgraduate Study ¹					
	Honours		Master's		Doctoral	
	FCS	PCS	FCS	PCS	FCS	PCS
Living and Transport allowance (Rand)	12 000 pa	n/a	30 000 pa	n/a	48 000 pa	n/a
Food allowances (Rand)	27 000 pa	n/a	27 000 pa	n/a	27 000pa	n/a
Maximum Accommodation allowance (Rand) ²	53 350	53 350	64 020	64 020	64 020	64 020
Maximum Tuition Fees (Rand) ³	52 350	52 350	41 880	41 880	31 410	31 410
Maximum (Rand)	144 700 pa	105 700 pa	162 900 pa	105 900 pa	170 430 pa	95 430 pa
Electronic study Device allowance (Rand) ⁴	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a
Maximum Assistive technology device (Rand) ⁵	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a

1. The allowances per category will be reviewed on an annual basis subject to the agreed CPI-linked sector-wide increases and alignment with the *Guidelines for the Department of Higher Education and Training Bursary Scheme for Students at Public Universities*.

2. Accommodation fee will be capped and paid as per invoice. Limited to maximum cost of the equivalent university owned accommodation at a particular institution. **Students accommodated in private rental accommodation must also provide proof of a valid lease agreement.**

3. Tuition fee will be capped and paid as per invoice. Tuition fee is the agreed institutional fee for the actual programme of study. Registration fee to be included in the tuition fee allowance. Qualifying NRF funded students in possession of a provisional award letter are not required to pay an upfront registration fee.

4. The electronic study device allowance will be provided as a once-off allowance for the duration of the postgraduate studies.

5. The Assistive technology device allowance will be only for students with disability.

PCS: Students that are not eligible for accommodation allowance may access the living and transport allowance



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Application Process

- Applications for funding must be submitted through the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/>. Applicant must be registered on the **NRF Online Submission System** in order to create and complete an application.
- Further instructions on the application process are available in the **Application and Funding Guide** for which must be read in conjunction with the **PG framework document**.



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Call documents

- **Framework = policy, different funding opportunities, eligibility criteria**
- **Application and Funding Guide = step-by-step instructions on how to complete an online application**
- **FAQ = provides answers to many questions asked by students and institutions**
- **Statement of Expectation = provides information about what is expected from the institutions, supervisors, students and NRF**
- **Other information related to DAAD, Nuffic and SARA O Scholarships**

<https://www.nrf.ac.za/bursaries/framework-documents/bursaries-framework-documents>



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Scorecards



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Honours Funding Review Scorecard: New Applications

Review Criteria and Weighting	Description
1. Academic merit (40%)	Average percentage mark for major subjects in the final-year undergraduate courses.
2. Completion time for undergraduate degree (40%)	Time taken to complete the undergraduate degree.
3. Priority Research Area (20%)	Research aligned with one of the national research priority areas.



Masters Funding Review Scorecard: New Applications

Review Criteria and Weighting	Description
1. Academic merit (35%)	<p>Average percentage mark for the honours degree if completed;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Average percentage mark for major subjects in the final-year undergraduate courses for students currently registered for a honours degree;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Average percentage mark for major subjects in the third-year undergraduate courses for students in the final year of a four-year undergraduate degree.</p>
2. Completion time for previous degree (15%)	<p>Time taken to complete the honours degree if completed;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Time taken to complete the undergraduate degree if the honours degree is in progress;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Time taken to complete third-year undergraduate courses for students in the final year of a four-year undergraduate degree.</p>
3. Priority Research Area (20%)	Research aligned with one of the national research priority areas.
4. Project Outline (30%)	Provide an overview of your research concept and your proposed aim.



Doctoral Funding Merit Review Scorecard: New Applications

Review Criteria and Weighting	Description
1. Academic merit (30%)	Percentage mark for the master's degree if completed; or If the master's degree is in progress, average percentage mark for the honours degree; or Average percentage mark for major subjects in the final year of a four-year undergraduate degree.
2. Completion time for previous degree (15%)	Time taken for completion of the master's degree if completed; or If the master's degree is in progress, time taken to complete the honours degree or four-year undergraduate degree.
3. Track record or Research Outputs (15%)	Evidence of research outputs in accredited peer-reviewed publications and, presentations at conferences/symposiums.
4. Priority Research Area (10%)	Research aligned with one of the national research priority areas.
5. Originality of the Doctoral study (20%)	Problem statement, Identified knowledge gaps relating to the problem statement, Aim and Objectives of the study.
6. Potential Impact of the research (10%)	Potential to contribute to national research strategies and the strategic goals of the knowledge economy.



Masters and Doctoral Extension Support Review Scorecard

Review Criteria and Weighting	Description
1. Progress to date (25%)	Report on research work completed in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree.
2. Reasons why the study could not be completed in the NRF maximum funding period (25%)	Explanation of why the study could not be completed within the NRF funding period.
3. Work plan to complete the degree within the indicated timeframes (50%)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work plan for six (6) or twelve (12) months, indicating activities for completion of master's or doctoral degree, indicating the start and completion date of each activity; 2. Proposed date for submission of the dissertation for examination; 3. Timelines for corrections to dissertation from reviewers; 4. Details of manuscripts to be drafted and submission timelines; and 5. Proposed graduation date.



Online Application Process



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Completing an Online Application

Register or Login using ID and Password


New Registration


Reset Password

[Home](#) Support 




Instructions

- **If you have already registered on the previous systems (NRF Online and Interim), please use your existing login details to access this system. If you have forgotten your password, please click on the Reset Password link on the left-hand menu.**
- For technical online enquiries, please contact the Support Desk (Mondays to Fridays from 08h00 to 16h30, excluding public holidays) on:
Tel: +27 12 481 4202
E-mail: supportdesk@nrf.ac.za
- To access call related documents, please refer to the Open Calls block below. Click on the  icon next to the relevant call to show a list of document(s). To open the document, click on the relevant link.

 **Log In**

ID/Passport:
Password: [Show Password](#)

[Reset password.](#)
[Not registered? Click here to register.](#)

 **Open Funding Opportunities**

- + Concept Notes
- + Customised Programmes
- + Institutional Grants
- + NRF Postgraduate Scholarships
- + Postdoctoral Grants
- + Research Grants: General
- + Research Grants: International
- + Research Grants: Thuthuka
- + Research Grants: Without student support
- + Travel, Training and Conference Grants
- + Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship- and Fellowship-holders

<https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/>.



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Completing an Online Application

Landing Page - Your details and CV

The screenshot displays the landing page for the NRF Postdoctoral Grants application. On the left, a dark sidebar contains a 'My Profile' menu with options: My Profile, My Applications, My Progress Reports, Tools, Reports, Research Outputs Summary, and Logout. A secondary menu for 'My Details' is open, showing 'My Details', 'My CV', and 'Print View'. The 'My CV' option is further expanded to show: Qualifications, Research Expertise, Student Supervision Record, Personal Profile, Absence from Research, Career Profile, and Research Outputs. The main content area features a blue header with 'NRF Postdoctoral Grants' and a welcome message 'Welcome Nozine Nqeketo Support'. Below this is a red 'Edit Application' button. A 'Quick Links' section on the left lists: Grantholder Tools, Institution Facilities, Panel Meetings, and SKA SA Grants. The 'Instructions' section provides detailed guidance on the application process, including time management, adherence to closing dates, compulsory fields and screens, and the final submission process.

My Profile

- My Profile
- My Applications
- My Progress Reports
- Tools
- Reports
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- Logout

My Details

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 - Absence from Research
 - Career Profile
 - Research Outputs
- Print View

Quick Links

- Grantholder Tools
- Institution Facilities
- Panel Meetings
- SKA SA Grants

Instructions

- The online application is a time-consuming process, and it is recommended that you set aside more than sufficient/adequate time for compiling the application. The application can be completed in more than one session - remember to **click on save after each entry**.
- Strictly adhere to your institution's internal closing date for submission of applications, as it will be prior to the NRF's closing date.**
- Click on the Edit icon next to each section to add or edit the relevant information.
- An * at the end of a **field** label within a section denotes a compulsory field, and the section will not be saved unless all compulsory fields have been completed.
- An * at the end of a **screen** denotes a compulsory screen; it is not possible to final submit the application unless all compulsory screens have been completed.
- The 'Final Submit' button will be activated once all compulsory fields are complete.**
- A timeout will appear when there is no activity on the system for 25 minutes. Click on the refresh button (in the popup box) for continuation/completion of the application. When clicking on the close button the system will close.
- Click on the SAVE button to save information before clicking on RETURN TO MENU, otherwise all captured data will be lost.
- An ERROR message appearing signifies that fields are incomplete. Address the errors and save as uncaved information will be lost

Create Application

NRF Online Submission System

nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/NrfMkII/Application/CreateApplication.aspx

Home / My Applications / Create Application

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Support

Create Application

Instructions

- Check your intended institution's internal closing date as it will be prior to the closing date listed for applications, where applicable.
- A timeout will appear when there is no activity on the system for 25 minutes. Click on the refresh button (in the popup box) as this will enable the continuation/completion of the application. When clicking on the close button the system will close.
- Due to potential international review of applications and progress reports, the NRF requires that all applications and progress reports be completed in English.
- Please consult the Funding Framework and Funding & Application Guide for more information to assist you in your choices. These documents can be accessed at <https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/framework-documents>.
- Ensure that you complete or update your CV. This is very important as applications without an updated CV will not be considered.
- Please ensure that you update your CV before creating a application/progress report to ensure that the latest information reflects on the progress report.**

>	Funding Category	Create
>	Concept Notes	
>	Institutional Grants	
	NRF Postgraduate Scholarships	
>	Postdoctoral Grants	
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Generic Sections

NRF Online Submission System

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For Qualifications, check that a highest qualification has been selected, that no date field defaults to 1945, and that there is a Field of Study specified.

- For Career Profile, check that no date field defaults to 1945.
- Please ensure that you have read all the Call Information Documents and abide by the eligibility rules, especially regarding Possible Reviewers and References required. Applicants will be penalised for not providing the required information for the relevant funding opportunity.
- Due to potential international review of applications and progress reports, the NRF requires that all applications and progress reports be completed in English. For the COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund applications will be accepted in English or French.
- Ensure that you complete or update your CV. This is very important as applications without an updated CV will not be considered.

Section	Complete	Date Updated	Edit
NRF Call Information Documents (Please read before starting this application)		19 Apr 2021	
Registration Details *		19 Apr 2021	
Contact Details *		26 Sep 2016	
Qualifications *		15 Apr 2016	
Career Profile		19 Apr 2021	
Research Expertise *		19 Apr 2021	
Student Supervision Record		19 Apr 2021	
Absence from Research		19 Apr 2021	
Books		19 Apr 2021	
Chapters in Books		19 Apr 2021	
Refereed/Peer-reviewed Conference Outputs		19 Apr 2021	
Articles in Refereed/Peer-reviewed Journals		19 Apr 2021	
Patents		19 Apr 2021	
Keynote/Plenary Addresses		19 Apr 2021	
Articles in Non-refereed/Non-peer Reviewed Journals		19 Apr 2021	
Other Significant Conference Outputs		19 Apr 2021	
Technical/Policy Reports		19 Apr 2021	
Products		19 Apr 2021	
Artefacts		19 Apr 2021	
Prototypes		19 Apr 2021	
Other Recognised Research Outputs		19 Apr 2021	
Disability *		19 Apr 2021	
ORCID *		19 Apr 2021	
Application Category *		19 Apr 2021	
Financial Need *		19 Apr 2021	
Print Preview		19 Apr 2021	

Final Submit

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Financial Need Section

Financial Need

Instructions

- This section is only applicable to South African citizen and permanent residents. All international applicants must select a combined gross family income of more than R350 000. This will not have any influence on the outcome of your funding application.
- In order to complete this financial needs section, you will be required to upload a copy of the signed consent form.
- In the instance where financial need has been indicated and consent has been given, please download the form, have it completed, and upload the completed document as an image or scanned document.
- The signed consent form needs to be certified by a commissioner of oaths in order for this application to be processed.

Combined gross family income

☒ Less than or equal to R350 000

☐ More than R350 000 *

Has a Financial Means Test been done?

☐ Yes

☒ No *

If no Financial Means Test has been done, do you give consent for it to be done?

☒ Yes

☐ No *

Download consent form

'ISFAP Consent Form'

Select *

Upload completed consent form

Save

Return to Menu

Household Contributor Section

This section only pops out if an applicant has indicated that they want a financial means test.

Household Contributor

Instructions

- Please provide details of your household income contributor(s)
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that correct details of the contributor(s) is provided. Failure to provide correct information will result in your application not receiving NRF funding.

Household Contributor(s)

Relationship	Surname	First Name(s)	Financial Contributor	Edit	Delete
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Add ⓘ

Household Details

Full Name	ID Number	Edit	Delete
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Number of Dependents: 0 (read only)

Add ⓘ Return to Menu

Financial Means Test

- **Financial Needy Students-** household income of less than R350 000 per annum
- **Complete Consent Form for Financial means test** - co-signed by household contributors, commissioner of oaths
- **Students previously supported by National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) or the Ikusasa Student Financial Aid Programme (ISFAP)** will not be subjected to financial means testing- required to attach proof of NSFAS/ ISFAP
- **Applicants who were previously funded by Funza Lushaka, Department of Military Veterans, or Department of Social Development (DSD) bursaries for their undergraduate studies must undergo a financial means test upon application for DSI-NRF postgraduate student funding**

Application Category

Application Templates for H, M, D and Extension support

Application Category

Instructions

Only South African citizens and permanent residents are eligible for honours scholarships.

- **First Time Applicant:** Honours or masters or doctoral applicant without NRF funding for the degree you are applying for in this year.
- **Extension Support Applicant:** Masters or doctoral applicant who holds an NRF scholarship for the current degree who is either in second year of masters or third year of doctoral studies.
- **TWAS Doctoral Applicant:** Citizens and permanent residents in Africa or developing countries outside South Africa at the time of application. (See list of eligible countries/states in the Framework document)
- **NRF-Nuffic Doctoral Applicant:** South African citizens or permanent residents apply for either full-time doctoral studies at a Dutch HEI (Single-site mode) OR full-time doctoral studies jointly developed and implemented by a Dutch HEI and a Partner University in South Africa resulting in a joint degree (Spilt-site mode).
- **SASAC Applicant:** Masters or doctoral applicant who will be using systems analysis methodology in their research.
- **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Applicant:** South African citizens or permanent residents (masters and doctoral applicants) who have interest in undertaking short term research visits in Germany for a duration of 2- 6 months.
- **General Scholarship:** NRF honours, masters and doctoral scholarships excluding TWAS, NUFFIC, DAAD, SASAC, SARAO and Extension Support.
- **SARAO Scholarship:** Honours, Masters and Doctoral Scholarships funded by The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (please refer to SARAO-specific Applications Guides)
- **NB: FOR DETAILED AND IN-DEPTH INFORMATION, KINDLY REFER TO THE FRAMEWORK AND APPLICATION GUIDE DOCUMENT.**

Type of Scholarship

Honours

Masters

Doctoral

Application Category

Funding Opportunities – Scholarship applying for...

Funding Opportunity	Honours	Masters	Doctoral
General scholarship	X	X	X
Grantholder-linked scholarship	X	X	X
SARAO	X	X	X
DAAD		X	X
SASAC		X	X
TWAS			X
Nuffic			X

*Please refer to the Framework for more details on each Funding Opportunity

Honours

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Type of Scholarship

Honours

*

Scholarship applying for

*

General Scholarship

SARAO Scholarship

Grantholder linked scholarship



Honours

Details of Degree

Instructions

- Employed applicants in 2021 will not be considered.
- A minimum average percentage mark for major subject(s) refers to: **A minimum average of 65% for major subjects in the final undergraduate year of study for honours funding;**
- Minimum prescribed period means the minimum academic years prescribed for the completion of a Designated Qualification.
- Postgraduate students who have been recruited by a supervisor (e.g. SARCHI, CoE, Thuthuka) to be part of a research project that is **currently funded by the NRF** should provide the NRF five or six-digit grant UID (unique identification number).
- Postgraduate students who have been recruited by a supervisor (e.g. SARCHI, CoE, Thuthuka) to be part of a research project application that has been **submitted to the NRF for review** should provide the NRF application reference number.
- Postgraduate students who have not been recruited by an NRF funded researcher will not need to provide a UID or application reference number.
- Students who will be registered for a full-time honours qualification must select either full year or semester under funding period. (This does not apply to Graduate Internship Programme applicants).

Applicant's Proposed Institution

Select an option

Funding Period

☐ Full Year
☐ Semester
☐ Two Years (Graduate Internship) *

Supervisor's UID number (Grant Number)

Supervisor's Application Reference Number

Discipline (of degree to be funded)

Select an option

Department/School (of degree to be funded)

Full-time

☐ Yes ☐ No *

Are you currently registered for the degree for which you are applying for funding?

☐ Yes ☐ No *

Start date for this degree

CCYY/MM/DD

Anticipated date of completion for this degree

CCYY/MM/DD

Registration Year

Completion time for undergraduate degree

Select an option

Major subject(s) and final results			
Subject	Mark(s) obtained	Edit	Delete
Average percentage mark for major subjects 0 %			

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Masters

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Type of Scholarship
Please indicate if you are
Scholarship applying for
Applicant's Proposed Institution

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Masters
First Time Applicant
Extension Support Applicant *

Grantholder linked scholarship
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Masters

Details of Research

Instructions

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Section	Complete	Date Updated	Edit
Project Outline *		03 Jun 2020	
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Doctoral

Application Category

Instructions

Only South African citizens and permanent residents are eligible for honours scholarships.

- **First Time Applicant:** Honours or masters or doctoral applicant without NRF funding for the degree you are applying for in this year.
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Type of Scholarship

Please indicate if you are

Scholarship applying for

Doctoral

☒ First Time Applicant

☐ Extension Support Applicant *

DAAD

NRF-Nuffic (Split-site)

NRF-Nuffic (Single-site)

SASAC

TWAS

General Scholarship

SARAO Scholarship

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







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Details of Research

Instructions

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Problem Statement (Originality of Doctoral Study) *		03 Jun 2020	
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Extension (M&D)

Application Category

Instructions

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Type of Scholarship

Masters *

Please indicate if you are

☐ First Time Applicant

☒ Extension Support Applicant *

Extension Requested for

6 Months

12 Months



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Extension (M&D)

Application Category *	✓	03 Jun 2020	
Details of Extension *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
Original Problem Statement *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
Original Research Plan *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
Progress to Date *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
Reasons why the study could not be completed in the NRF maximum funding period *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
Work plan to complete the degree within the indicated timeframes *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
References *	✗	03 Jun 2020	
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Extension (M&D)

Details of Extension

Instructions

- Your NRF grant details will pull into this section.
- If the UID and value of your grant has not pulled into the section, it means that the system does not recognise you as an NRF grantholder in 2020. Please contact the NRF for assistance before submitting the application.

Applicant's Institution

UID

Value of Grant

Date of first registration for the degree

Full-time

Student Number

Discipline

Department/School

Faculty

Project Start Year

Project End Year

Title of Research Project

Abstract of Research Project

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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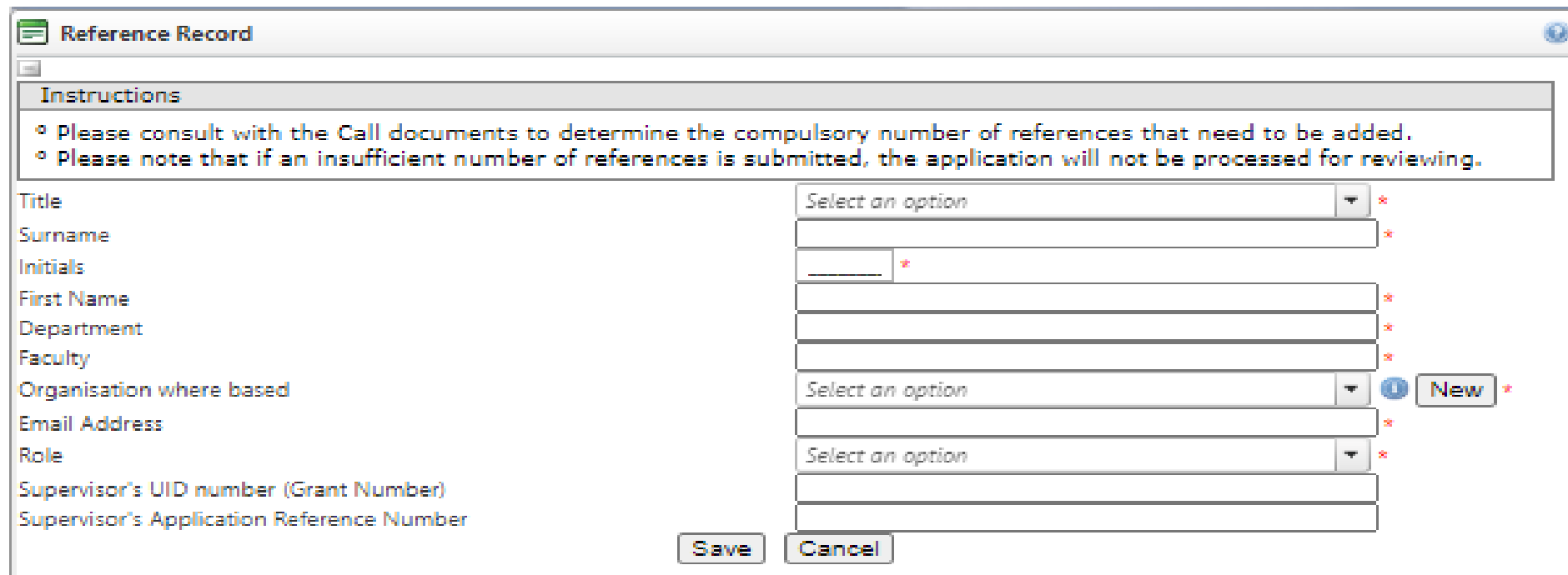
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Reference Section

- Masters, Doctoral, Extension: Supervisor
- Grantholder-linked: Supervisor UID or reference number required

***If the supervisor does not respond, the application will be rejected.**



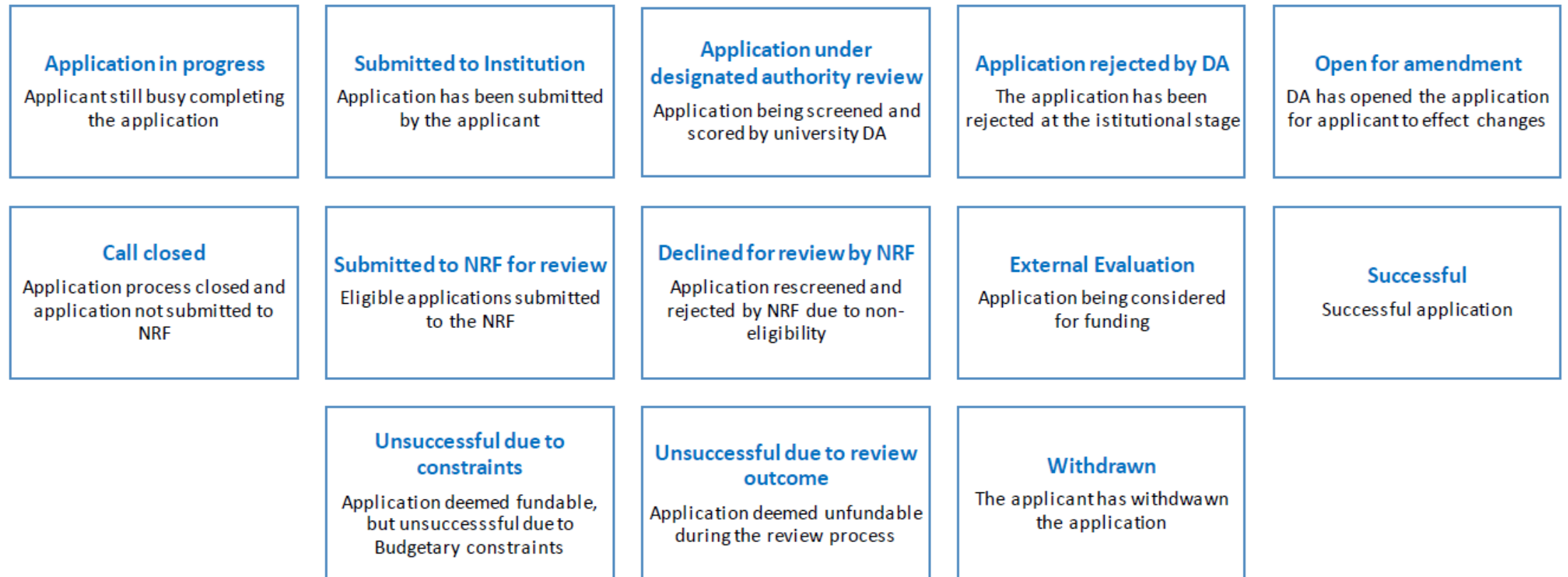
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Attachments

- **Certified ID copy or a valid passport (uploaded under Registration Details);**
- **Academic record on the university letterhead (if you owe fees - letter from the university);**
- **Proof of disability;**
- **Proof of NSFAS/ISFAP**

***Please note additional requirements for NRF-SARAO, NRF- TWAS, NRF-DAAD at Masters and Doctoral levels.
Refer to the Application and Funding Guide.**

Tracking your Application



Summary

- **Adhere to the institutional closing date**
- **Read through the call documents**
- **Make sure you meet all the eligibility criteria**
- **Make sure that you apply for the correct scholarship/funding opportunity**
- **Ensure that all required documents are attached**
- **Follow up with your supervisor about submission of the referee report**

Thank you, Enkosi, Re a leboga, Siyabonga, Dankie



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