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This booklet attempts to provide new researchers in clinical, biomedical and other health-related research fields with succinct information guiding them to suitable research funding opportunities most commonly utilised by staff and students within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Stellenbosch University. It is not meant to be a complete or comprehensive reference to all possible sources of funding and potential applicants should study the relevant detailed call guidelines to familiarise themselves with a funding opportunity once they have identified it as potential funding source, bearing in mind that criteria and/or closing dates may be changed by the funder at any point.

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LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES

A. FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES (RDSD)

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(1) Undergraduate research funding

The Undergraduate Research Fund is a newly established fund in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), dedicated to supporting undergraduate research in the Faculty.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students registered in the FMHS.

Awards:

Research Project Fund: Up to R5,000

Conference Presentation Fund: Up to R10,000

Publication Incentive Award: R10,000

Closing dates:

Research Project Fund: 1 April, 1 November

Conference Presentation Fund: 1 May, 1 October

Publication Incentive Fund: *Ad hoc*

Enquiries: Debbie Marais (debbiem@sun.ac.za)

(2) Research assistant funding

Subcommittee C provides co-funding towards a full time contract position for a research assistant to enable a senior FMHS staff member (e.g. a principal investigator, departmental chair, senior academic or senior clinician) to ensure accelerated production of high quality research outputs.

Eligibility: Full time FMHS academic/research/clinical staff

Award: R100,000 p.a. up to 4 years

Closing date: September

Enquiries: Vusi April (vpa@sun.ac.za)

(3) Temporary research assistance funding

Subcommittee C provides part-time (temporary) positions for research assistance to enable a senior FMHS staff member (e.g. a principal investigator, departmental chair, senior academic or senior clinician) to fast-track a research project and produce high quality research outputs. The nature of the research assistance may be *e.g. a research assistant, data capturer, field nurse, field worker, translator, etc.*

Eligibility: Full time FMHS academic/research/clinical staff

Award: R30,000 for 1 year (*hourly rates based on Human Resources guidelines depending on qualifications of appointee*)

Closing date: September

Enquiries: Vusi April (vpa@sun.ac.za)

(4) Lecturer replacement funding

Lecturer replacement funding is provided by Subcommittee C and aims to fund replacement of a portion of a lecturer's normal teaching responsibilities. This is to allow additional time for the lecturer to dedicate to a research project to fast-track high quality research outputs.

Eligibility: Full time FMHS academic staff in the Allied Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Human Nutrition, Speech-Language and Hearing Therapy, Rehabilitation Studies)

Award: R5,000 for 1 year (*hourly rates based on Human Resources guidelines depending on qualifications of appointee*)

Closing date: March

Enquiries: Vusi April (vpa@sun.ac.za)

(5) Postdoctoral fellowships

Subcommittee C and other sources: Full time research fellowships for PhD graduates to grow their research experience in pursuit of an academic career.

Eligibility: Subcommittee C: Full time FMHS academic or research staff to apply as host to postdoctoral fellow and advertise fellowship to recruit a fellow

Other sources: Postdoctoral fellows to apply within 5 years of obtaining a PhD degree

Award: From R200,000 p.a. for 2 years

Closing dates: Varies (March-September)

Enquiries: Bronwyn Coombs (bcoombs@sun.ac.za)
Natasha Mothapo (mothapo@sun.ac.za)

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/research-innovation/Research-Development/postdocs>

(6) *Harry Crossley Foundation* *research funding*



THE HARRY CROSSLEY FOUNDATION
Crossley Place | 1 Brodie Road | Wynberg | 7800
Office (021) 762 4002 Fax (021) 762 4003
EDUCATING FOR A BETTER FUTURE
Trust number: MT 11000

Funding for operational costs for research projects in "*medical research related to human health*".

Eligibility: Postdoctoral fellows, postgraduate students (Honours, Masters, Doctoral), FMHS academic/research staff on behalf of a student, New FMHS academic/research staff within 2 years of appointment

Award: Up to R50,000 for 1 year

Allowable budget items: *Running expenses, field travel, minor equipment*

Non-allowable budget items: *Conference travel, remuneration (research assistance, consultancy fees, etc.)*

Closing date: 1 October

Enquiries: Tashwell de Wet (tashwell@sun.ac.za)

**#1 option
PG student
projects**



(7) Scientific travel & Publication incentive fund

Scientific Travel

Funding support for National OR International conference participation OR short International research visit (<2 months).

Eligibility: FMHS academic/research staff, postdoctoral fellows, postgraduate students (Honours, Masters, Doctoral); preference given to presenters (poster or oral presentation)

NOTE: Abstract acceptance is not required when applying.

Award: Up to R15,000 p.a. (International conference / Research visit)
Up to R5,000 p.a. (National conference)

Closing dates:

1 March (for travel between 1 April and 31 August)

1 July (for travel between 1 August and 31 December)

1 November (for travel between 1 December and 30 April)

Enquiries: Tashwell de Wet (tashwell@sun.ac.za)

Eligibility:

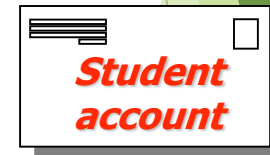
- First-author FMHS academic/research staff
(qualifying as new researcher, having <10 publications to date)
- FMHS Postdoctoral fellow, first author
- FMHS Postgraduate student, first author *(Honours, Masters, Doctoral)*
- FMHS Primary supervisor *(student to be first author)*
- Publication must be in an accredited journal and qualify for subsidy
(eg. original research article / review article)

NOTE: An article should be published OR proof of acceptance should be submitted with a copy of the accepted paper.

Award: R5,000 (First-author publication)

*(paid into research cost centre for staff;
paid into active student account for students)*

R2,000 (Supervisor)



Closing dates: 1 March, 1 July, 1 November

Enquiries: Tashwell de Wet (tashwell@sun.ac.za)

(8) Publication incentive fund: Special support scheme

A fixed fee per publication unit (PU) is annually transferred to a division or unit based on author affiliation as part of the Special support scheme (also known as the SSS or SOS fund).

Eligibility: FMHS and FMHS-associated staff, postdoctoral fellows, postgraduate students publishing subsidy-bearing research outputs (*e.g. books, book chapters, research articles, conference proceedings*)

Award: R8,000 per PU, automatically transferred to relevant divisional S cost centre in February each year; no application process

To be used in support of research, see “Special support scheme Policy”

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/research-innovation/Research-Development/policies-guidelines>

LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES

B. FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES (OTHER)

(9) Statistical consultation support

(10) FMHS strategic equipment fund

C. STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

(11) DRD travel grant: Research visits incoming or outgoing

(12) Africa collaboration grant

(13) BRICS collaboration grant

(14) Fund for innovation and research into learning and teaching (FIRLT)

(15) Funding support for publication costs

(9) Statistical consultation support

Biostatistics Unit, FMHS

Eligibility: Postdoctoral fellows & postgraduate students not having funding support for statistical consultation through a research grant

Researchers are not eligible for subsidised biostatistical support and will be invoiced to use the service. They should budget for statistical consultation fees through their research grant applications

Award: A subsidised rate per hour is paid for the services of the biostatisticians from a special faculty fund for postdoctoral fellows and students requiring statistical services

Enquiries: Liesel Floor (lieselfloor@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/healthsciences/epidemiology-biostatistics/biostatistics/book-a-biostatistics-appointment>

(10) FMHS strategic equipment fund

(administered through Faculty Management)

A specific amount may be made available annually for the purchase of equipment that meet at least one of the following qualifying criteria and are strongly motivated for:

- (1) equipment should increase undergraduate student output and/or;
- (2) equipment should increase postgraduate student outputs and/or;
- (3) equipment should stimulate research and increase research publication outputs.

Eligibility: FMHS academic/research staff

Award: Varies, depending on availability of funding

Closing date: February

Enquiries: Stefan Engelbrecht (stefans@sun.ac.za)
or your Head of Division / Department

(11) DRD travel grant: International research travel

For international conferences, research visits abroad OR hosting senior international researchers at SU.



Eligibility: Full-time SU academic staff, postdoctoral fellows

Award: Up to R15,000 (for visits <3 months)
but not more than 50% total budget

Closing dates:

March (for travel between 1 April and 30 July)

July (for travel between 1 August and 30 March)

Enquiries: Dominique Meyer (dominiquem@sun.ac.za)

(12) Africa collaboration grant

(administered through Stellenbosch University International, SUI, Stellenbosch campus)

For (1)* jointly organising a workshop or conference with an African country bilateral partner, or (2)* a research visit to and from one or more African countries, or (3)# a Postdoctoral fellows grant – visit to one or more African countries, or (4)¢ a conference grant to attend a conference on the African continent.

Eligibility: *Full-time SU staff, #postdoctoral fellows,
¢postgraduate students

Award: Up to R40,000 or R80,000 (depending on category)

Closing dates: April, October (TBC)

Enquiries: Michelle Masango (msm@sun.ac.za)
Nico Elema (nicoelema@sun.ac.za)

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(13) BRICS collaboration grant

(administered through Stellenbosch University International, SUI, Stellenbosch campus)

For (1) an exploratory visit for potential collaboration with a BRICS country, or (2) a research visit to one or more institutions in BRICS countries, or (3) to host a research visitor(s) from one or more BRICS countries.

Eligibility: Full-time SU staff (permanent or contract)

Award: From R20,000 to R45,000 (depending on category)

Closing dates: May, November (TBC)

Enquiries: Lidia du Plessis (lidia@sun.ac.za)

(14) Fund for innovation and research into learning and teaching (FIRLT)



(administered through the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Stellenbosch campus)

Research on teaching and learning at SU:

- innovate & evaluate effective practices and processes;
- investigate teaching & learning problems, solutions and trends; with the aim to improve the quality of teaching & learning at SU.

Eligibility: SU academic/research staff

Award: R45,000 for 1 year

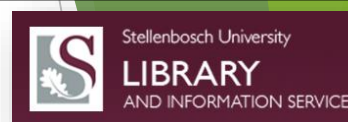
Closing dates: May, November (TBC)

Enquiries: Jean Farmer (finlo@sun.ac.za)

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/ctl/t-l-awards-and-grants/firlt>

(15) Funding support for publication costs

Stellenbosch University Open Access Fund



Author or article processing fee support for publishing in Open Access journals for SU-authors.

Eligibility:

- (1) Faculty staff (academic or support)
 - (2) Researchers & postdoctoral fellows
 - (3) Postgraduate students (Honours, Masters, PhD)
- Open access journals and selected national journals as on the Library website are supported.

Award:

Up to 50% support to SU-authors; application form available at <http://library.sun.ac.za/en-za/Research/oa/Pages/su-oafund.aspx>

Enquiries: Naomi Visser (nrv@sun.ac.za)

NATIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

- (1) Discovery Foundation awards**
- (2) Life Healthcare scholarships for subspecialty training**
- (3) Hamilton Naki clinical scholarships**
- (4) Heart and Stroke Foundation research grants**
- (5) South African Medical Research Council (MRC)**
- (6) National Research Foundation (NRF)**
- (7) Poliomyelitis Research Foundation (PRF)**
- (8) Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)**
- (9) National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) Research Trust**

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

A. Discovery Foundation Academic Fellowship Award

Eligibility & awards: Individual awards

RSA citizens / permanent residents

Registrars / newly qualified specialists

- Research-focussed training in academic medicine in South Africa
- Developing 'clinical scientists'
 - Clinicians (preferably specialists) embarking on full-time Masters by dissertation (*running costs / salary up to R600,000*)
 - Clinicians (preferably specialists) embarking on full-time Doctoral research (*running costs / salary up to R800,000*)

Closing date: September

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)



**#1 option
Clinician
PhD**

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

B. Discovery Foundation Sub-specialist Award

Eligibility: Institutional award

RSA citizens / permanent residents:

- To address the shortage of funded training posts in HPCSA-registered sub-specialties at accredited SA academic institutions
- Successful faculties to receive funding for 2 years and recruit trainees directly

Award: Up to R1,100,000 p.a. for 2 years

Closing date: September

Enquiries: Tania Brodovsky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

C. Discovery Foundation Awards for healthcare in rural and underserved areas

- 1. Individual awards**
- 2. Institutional awards**
- 3. Distinguished visitor awards**

C1. Individual awards

Eligibility & award:

RSA citizens / permanent residents:

- Family Medicine registrars and registrars in relevant fields *(up to R25,000 for research-related costs and research travel)*
- Senior medical doctors/specialists or Family Medicine specialists in rural medicine >5 years *(R250,000 – R500,000 for 3-6 month sabbatical leave with academic focus)*

Closing date: November

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)



**#1 option
Fam Med
and other
MMed
projects**

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

C. Discovery Foundation Awards for healthcare in rural and underserved areas

- 1. Individual awards**
- 2. Institutional awards**
- 3. Distinguished visitor awards**

C2. Institutional awards

Eligibility: For facilities in rural areas to improve quality and delivery of healthcare through capacity building of staff & resources

Award: Up to R500,000 p.a.

Closing date: November

Enquiries: Tania Brodovsky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

C. Discovery Foundation Awards for healthcare in rural and underserved areas

- 1. Individual awards**
- 2. Institutional awards**
- 3. Distinguished visitor awards**

C3. Distinguished visitor awards

Eligibility: For current or retired senior clinician (not required to be SA citizen) to contribute towards improving rural health through knowledge & skills transfer

Award: R250,000 to cover salary, travel & accommodation over several months

Closing date: November

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

(1) Discovery Foundation awards

D. Discovery Foundation Excellence Award

Eligibility:

- RSA citizens / permanent residents
- Be based in and operate in South Africa
- Boost healthcare resources by recognising an organisation that shows excellence in education, service delivery, training and innovation
- Have operated for two years and have a proven track record
- Quantify the impact of their work as far as possible

Award: Up to R1,000,000

Closing date: November

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

(2) Life Healthcare scholarships for subspecialty training

(administered by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa)

Life Healthcare has made funding available to support subspecialist training in South Africa, especially for subspecialist trainees in accredited units which do not have funded posts.

Eligibility: Subspecialist trainees with a specialist registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) who intend to stay within the public sector following training

Award: Funding at the first level of a specialist appointment plus overtime for a period of 2 years

Closing date: October

Enquiries: scholarships@colmedsa.co.za

(3) Hamilton Naki clinical scholarships

The Hamilton Naki clinical scholarship scheme is committed to the development of academic healthcare in South Africa by funding clinical specialists or subspecialists for full time doctoral or postdoctoral research, to be conducted in South Africa or abroad.

Eligibility: South African citizens; registered with the HPCSA as a medical specialist or subspecialist; committed to work in South Africa for a minimum period of 3 years following the end of the funding period

Award: Varies (salary-replacement scholarship), for 3 years

Closing date: June

Enquiries: Rachel Persent (Rachel.Persent@netcare.co.za)

(4) Heart and Stroke Foundation research grants

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of South Africa launched a research fund to support innovative research projects with strong clinical and epidemiological impact, health risk assessment, factors influencing heart disease and stroke onset, behavioural risk factors, disease burden, etc. within the South African context (see www.heartfoundation.co.za for specific research focus areas).

Eligibility: Established and mid-/early-career researchers, including postdoctoral fellows and PhD students. Masters students may apply provided an established researcher is a co-applicant. Non-South Africans may apply provided they work or are registered at a SA university and have a SA co-applicant.

Award: Up to R300,000 per project for 2 years

Closing dates: September (brief proposal)
November (full proposal upon invitation)

Enquiries: Bianca Snyders (bianca.snyders@heartfoundation.co.za)

(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)



MRC clinician researcher programme

To strengthen clinical research by encouraging clinician researchers to obtain PhD degrees.

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents; health professionals who hold at least a MB,ChB degree; registered for full time PhD degree at Stellenbosch University; conducting clinical research

Award: ±R500,000 p.a. for up to 3 years
(as salary-replacement scholarship to do full time research)

Closing date: TBA

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.mrc.ac.za/>

(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)



Bongani Myosi National Health Scholars Programme (NHSP)

To strengthen clinical research by encouraging clinician and Allied Health researchers to obtain Masters & PhD degrees.

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents; health professionals, including Allied Health; registered for full time PhD degree at Stellenbosch University; conducting clinical research

Award: Up to R500,000 p.a. for up to 3 years; DoH salary scales *(as salary replacement scholarship to do full time research)*

Closing date: TBA

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.mrc.ac.za/>

(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)



MRC support for conferences

To develop and present conferences to be hosted in RSA, with medical/health research as its central theme, in support of the MRC's mission areas of Health Research.

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents; application for international conferences to be submitted at least 2 years prior to the conference, 1 year prior for a national conference

Award: Up to R200,000 for international conferences, R100,000 for national conferences (may not be used towards equipment, capital expenses, computers, gifts, prizes, cash awards, and entertainment)

Closing date: Ad hoc, depending on conference dates

Enquiries: Riana Coetsee (mjc@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.mrc.ac.za/>

(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)



MRC self-initiated research (SIR) grant

For self-initiated research projects within the MRC research funding priorities, with a strong component of capacity development.

Eligibility – 2 categories:

(1) Early-stage investigators: RSA citizens / permanent residents; permanent / contract staff; MB,ChB, BDS, BChD or PhD with 1 – 5 years research experience beyond that (PG students not eligible)

(2) Mid-level and established researchers: RSA citizens / permanent residents; permanent / contract staff; MB,ChB or post-graduate degree with >5 years research experience beyond that, including being study coordinator or principal investigator on at least 3 studies

Award: Up to R200,000 p.a. for up to 3 years
(running costs; travel; minor equipment; research assistance)

Closing date: Annually (±June – October)

<http://www.mrc.ac.za/>

(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)



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MRC SIR grant research funding priorities

- Digital Health innovations to support appropriate antibiotic use
- Understanding the influence of social interaction, community structures, and the human relationships within health systems on the transmission of and response to Tuberculosis
- Understanding the social, psychological and ethical issues around HIV cure research
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine: understanding use, immune responses in younger children and enhancing uptake
- Aetiology, early diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer
- The effects of climate change on human health
- Advancing paediatric health care delivery in the context of National Health Insurance and Universal Health Coverage
- Epidemiology of dementias and the economic impact of the provision of care for people living with these conditions
- Respectful maternity care: The impact of interpersonal aspects of care on maternal and infant outcomes, and interventions to promote more respectful care
- Understanding and promoting access to termination of pregnancy services and use of medical methods for second trimester terminations
- The treatment and prevention of injuries not resulting from interpersonal violence
- Quantifying the risk of exposure to interpersonal violence being perpetrated against people with disabilities and the prevention of such violence
- Research on neglected infectious diseases (excluding HIV and TB)
- The effects of air pollution on acute and chronic respiratory disease, and the economic and other impact on health services
- Rare genetic disorders in South Africa

Enquiries: Maléne Fouché (mfouche@sun.ac.za)
Shannon Faro (sbrooks@sun.ac.za)

(6) National Research Foundation (NRF)



The NRF offers a large variety of research funding opportunities, with some of these are listed below:

- **Thuthuka grant** (see next page) for early-career researchers
- **Black Academics Advancement Programme (BAAP)**
- **Competitive support for unrated researchers (CSUR)**
- **Competitive support for rated researchers (CSRR)**
- **Support for Y-rated researchers**
- **Knowledge interchange & collaboration (KIC) travel grants**
- **National Equipment Programme (NEP)**
- **Indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) grants, *etc.***

More information: <http://www.nrf.ac.za/>

(6) National Research Foundation (NRF)



NRF Thuthuka grant

For research projects incorporating capacity development within one of the following tracks:

1. ***PhD track*** (purpose to obtain PhD during funding period)
2. ***Post-PhD track*** (PhD-qualified individual seeking to become established researcher, within 5 years of obtaining PhD degree)
3. ***NRF rating track*** (PhD-qualified individual to apply for NRF rating within 6 years, but only if there was a lack of an enabling environment)

Eligibility: SU full time permanent / contract staff; RSA citizens / permanent residents

Award: Around R150,000 p.a. for up to 3 years (*running costs; travel; minor equipment; research assistance; etc.*)

Closing date: March

Enquiries: Riana Coetsee (mjc@sun.ac.za)

(7) Poliomyelitis Research Foundation



Field, mechanisms & awards: MEDICAL VIROLOGY

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents; have a research track record (PhD/MSc-qualified)

Awards:

Research grants* (*up to R150,000 for running costs*)

Major impact project (MIP) grants* (*up to R500,000 p.a. for up to 3 years for running costs*)

Bursaries**

PhD; MSc; Honours

Postdoctoral fellowships**

Travel grants**

Closing dates: *February, **February and September

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.prf.ac.za/>

(8) Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)

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Field supported: CANCER RESEARCH

Research priority areas:

- Epidemiology and determinants of the burden of cancer in South African populations
- Health seeking behaviours and early detection and diagnosis of cancer
- Health promotion and risk reduction of cancer, with a particular focus on behavioural risk reduction
- Optimal patient care including rehabilitation and palliative care services
- Other health services and health system research relating to the above categories
- Research relating to cancer biology/biochemistry/molecular biology as these relate to early detection, risk reduction and patient care

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents; have research track record but PhD not a requirement

Award: Up to R1,000,000 p.a. for up to 3 years (*running costs; travel; minor equipment; consultation; research assistance*)

Closing date: Letter of interest: March; Full proposal: September

Enquiries: Shannon Faro (sbrooks@sun.ac.za)

Landiwe Daka / Audrey Erasmus ([landiwe](mailto:landiwe@sun.ac.za) / audreyerasmus@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.cansa.org.za>



(9) National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) Research Trust

Field supported: *MEDICAL PATHOLOGY*

Anatomical pathology; Chemical pathology; Haematology;
Microbiology (*Bacteriology/Immunology/Mycology/Parasitology/Virology*);
Oral pathology; Human genetics (*only if the department is within a School of Pathology*)

Eligibility: RSA citizens / permanent residents within these fields;
FCPath-, MMed/MSc- or MD/PhD-qualified

Awards:

Research awards*: up to R500,000 in total for 3 years (*for running costs; travel; minor equipment; placement support; research assistance; salaries; bursaries*)

Development grants:** up to R100,000 in total for 2 years
(*for consumable costs*)

Closing dates: March*; Ad hoc, any time of year** (TBC)

Enquiries: Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za)

<http://www.nhls.ac.za>

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

The Research Grants Management Office (RGMO)

- (1) National Research Foundation (NRF) bi- and trilateral agreements**
- (2) National Institutes of Health (NIH)**
- (3) Wellcome Trust**
- (4) European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)**
- (5) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
- (6) European Union Horizon 2020 (H2020)**

The Grants Management Office (GMO)

Are you intending to apply for an international grant?

Contact the GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE (GMO) as soon as possible & inform them about your intent when you start working on a proposal of more than **R500,000 p.a. OR in any foreign currency!**

How will the GMO assist you?

- Assist the PI during the proposal writing phase with compliance issues and compiling a budget according to the funder's guidelines;
- They are a university-registered entity who must submit the PI's application with SU as legal entity;
- See to contractual issues and funder negotiations on PI's behalf (and ensure that the necessary sign-offs occur);
- Ensure the necessary financial reports and audits during the life cycle of the grant; and
- Assist the PI with the financial management of the grant

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(1) National Research Foundation (NRF) bi- and trilateral agreements

Collaborative cooperation and mobility grants between South Africa and another country with combined proposal by PI from each of the countries, eg.

SA-Sweden

SA-Oman

SA-France

SA-Kenya

SA-Germany

SA-Japan

SA-Brazil

SA-Mozambique

SA-Netherlands

SA-Belgium

SA-Hungary

SA-China, *etc.*

Eligibility: PhD-qualified, jointly submitted with PI from each participating country



Closing dates: Varies (depending on governmental agreements)

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Program announcements (PA) or **Requests for applications** (RFA) are posted by the NIH (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide>) and many are open to researchers from SA universities to apply to. Searching efficiently requires some skill, as different funding mechanisms exist of which only some are accessible to SA researchers. The R01 mechanism is one of the most popular and successful mechanism at the FMHS.

**R01, R25
and more!**

Awards: US\$ 20,000 – 10,000,000 per project or subcontract, typically 3 – 5 years (*salaries, consultants, equipment, alterations & renovations, publications, travel, etc.*)

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Funding areas for discovery research:

- ▶ Biomedical science
- ▶ Population health
- ▶ Product development and applied research
- ▶ Humanities and social science
- ▶ Public engagement and creative industries
- ▶ Education

Training fellowships
and grant funding
Examples of funded work
on website

Support schemes apply to:

- ▶ Early-career researchers, Mid-career researchers & Established researchers

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(4) European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)



Funding priority areas:

The EDCTP (European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership) and EDCTP2 (supported under Horizon 2020) support collaborative clinical research projects in Sub-Saharan Africa on poverty-related infectious diseases aiming to increase new or improved medical interventions for:

- (1) HIV/AIDS**
- (2) Tuberculosis**
- (3) Malaria**



Types of grants: Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs)
Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
Training and Mobility Actions (TMAs)

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<http://www.edctp.org/>

(5) BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation



Funding priority areas:

- ▶ Enteric & diarrheal diseases
- ▶ HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Malaria
- ▶ Pneumonia, tuberculosis & neglected diseases
- ▶ Other infectious diseases
- ▶ Health solutions for family planning, nutrition, maternal, neonatal & child health, tobacco control & vaccine-preventable diseases



Cross-cutting themes:

- ▶ **Discovery** – closing gaps in knowledge; creating technologies
- ▶ **Delivery** – implementing & scaling up proven approaches
- ▶ **Policy & Advocacy** – Promoting better resources, effective policies, greater visibility of global health

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<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

(6) European Union Horizon 2020



European Union (EU) multi-national consortium-based large research grants are for experienced researchers. Projects are done with EU collaborators & partner countries. Funding schemes support Research & Innovation Actions, Coordination & Support Actions, ERC Grants, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and more.

Amongst the 9 themes supported are:

- 1. Health, demographic change and well-being***
- 2. Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and bio-economy***
- 3. Information and communication technologies***

Other EU supported activities:

COST actions (intergovernmental framework for coordination of research at European level), EuropeAid, DST H2020 seed funding

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<http://ec.Europa.eu/research/index.cfm>



WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES?

1. **Visit our website** for funding opportunities and currently **OPEN FUNDING CALLS** at www.sun.ac.za/RDSfunding
2. **Contact us** at the Research Development and Support Division (RDSD), Tygerberg campus, Stellenbosch University (5th floor, Education building):
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 - **Vusi April** (vpa@sun.ac.za or 021 938 9665)
 - **Tania Brodovcky** (taniab@sun.ac.za or 021 938 9150)
3. Visit the search portal **Open 4 Research** search portal to find further international funding opportunities:
<https://www.open4research.eu/stellenbosch>