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| **PROJECT FUNDING: SUBCOMMITTEE B** ***Young researchers that do not qualify for NRF Thuthuka funding***  |
| **A. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT**  |
| **Name** (Title, initials and surname) **Academic Department**:  |   |
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| **B. CURRICULUM VITAE**  |
| **Please register on the NRF’s online submission page at** [**https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za.**](https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/) **Complete your CV under ‘My Profile’, including current postgraduate students. Use the ‘Print View’ function to print or download a pdf version of you CV and attach it to this application.**   |
| **C. PROJECT INFORMATION**  |
| **Short title of project**  |
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| **Project abstract**  |
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| **Project start date**  |  | **Project end date**  |  |
| **Will you attain a Doctoral qualification through this project**  | **Yes / No**  |
| **Has the Doctoral proposal been approved?**  | **Yes / No / Not applicable**  |
| **Supervisor** (title, initials and surname) |  |
| **Supervisor's employing institution**  |  |
| **Supervisor’s e-mail address**  |  |
| **D. DETAILS OF RESEARCH**  |
| **Problem Statement** 1. The problem statement should succinctly identify and explain the problem to be solved.
2. Discuss the problem statement within the framework of the theory or line of enquiry underpinning the study.
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| **Literature Review and Conceptual Framework** A good literature review demonstrates: 1. Knowledge of the research problem or area of research and critical evaluation of each work.
2. An understanding of the theoretical and research issues related to the research question or area of research.
3. Ability to integrate and synthesise the existing literature.
4. New theoretical insights or develops a new model as the conceptual framework for this research.
5. The gap in knowledge which the research aims to fill.
6. Ability to make a significant and substantial contribution to the literature filling this major gap.
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| **Research Question and/or Hypothesis** 1. State the main research question(s).
2. State your hypothesis or theory, if any. (Please do not confuse the hypothesis with the null hypothesis.)
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| **Proposed Research Plan** 1. Break down your research into different aims.
2. Each Aim should have Objectives linked to it with relevant activities, a workplan, timelines, team members and expected outputs.
3. These objectives should substantiate the requested budget.
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| 4. The research aim(s) and objective(s) should relate directly to the research project and not to capacity or human resource development aim(s). |
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| **Methods** 1. Describe the study design and provide justification.
2. Describe the site selection and provide justification.
3. Describe the data collection and comment on maintaining rigor.
4. Describe the data analysis and comment on maintaining rigor.
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| **Collaboration** 1. Provide information on any current or proposed collaboration if applicable to the proposal.
2. Details required are: Researcher(s), Institution, Nature of Collaborarion, Funding Contribution and Deliverable Contribution.
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| **Alignment to National and Institutional Strategies** Indicate which policy imperative and/or national research/institutional strategy your proposal aligns to. |
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| **E. ETHICAL CLEARANCE**  |
| **Does this project require ethical clearance?**  | **Yes / No**  |
| **Has ethical clearance been obtained?**  | **Yes / No / Not applicable**  |
| **Additional Comments on Ethical Clearance**  |
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| **F. FINANCIAL DETAILS**  |  |  |
| **BUDGET**  |  |  |
| **Category**  | **Amount**  | **Motivations**  |
| **Subcommittee B**  | **Please provide a clear motivation, linked to your project proposal, for each budget item listed**  |
| Temporary research/technical assistance  |   |   |
| Research materials and supplies (specify and add lines if necessary):    |     |     |
| Project associated travel  |   |   |
| CAF use (specify which unit) More information about the Central Analytical Facilites (CAF) is available at www.sun.ac.za/saf.  |   |   |
| Supplement for equipment (up to a maximum purchase price of R50 000)  |   |   |
| **TOTAL (may not exceed R100 000)**  |   |
| **OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING**  |  |  |
| **Source**  |  |  | **Amount**  |  | **Status**  | **Applied for/Approved**  |
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| **G. DECLARATIONS**  |
| I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is correct. I accept that continued funding will be dependant on the results of this project which will be evaluated by progress report every year in light of the investment made by Sub-Committee B.  |
| Signature (Applicant)  | Date  |
| I confirm my support for this application and also undertake to ensure that the applicant receives the necessary mentoring that will enable him/her to become an established researcher.   |
| Signature (Departmental Chairperson)  | Date  |
| **H. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**  |
| **Please attach the following documents to this application:** 1. Your CV in the NRF format.
2. If you are currently registered for your doctoral degree, proof of registration.
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