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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 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)**

- (1) Undergraduate research funding**
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# ***(1) Undergraduate research funding***

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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:** Inge Sonn ([ingeks@sun.ac.za](mailto:ingeks@sun.ac.za))

## ***(2) Research assistant funding***

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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:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))



### ***(3) Temporary research assistance funding***

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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:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

## ***(4) Lecturer replacement funding***

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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:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

## ***(5) Postdoctoral fellowships***

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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 potential postdoctoral fellow and advertise fellowship to recruit a suitable fellow; Postdoctoral fellows should be within 5 years of obtaining a PhD degree

**Award:** From R220,000 p.a. for 2 years

**Closing dates:** Varies (March-September)

**Enquiries:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

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

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



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

**Eligibility:** FMHS Postdoctoral fellows  
FMHS Doctoral and Masters students (full time or part-time)

**Award:** R100,000 for Postdoctoral fellows; R80,000 for Doctoral, and R40,000 for Masters students (all for 1 year)

Allowable budget items: *Running expenses, field travel, minor equipment, research assistance, publication fees, etc.*

Non-allowable budget items: *Conference travel, some forms of remuneration, e.g. consultancy fees, etc.*

**Closing date:** 1 October

**Enquiries:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

**#1 option for  
PhD &  
Masters  
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 R20,000 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)

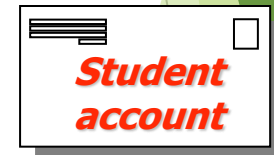
**Enquiries:** Tashwell de Wet ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

## 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](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za))

## ***(8) FMHS open access publication fund (FMHS-OAF)***

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The FMHS-OAF provides financial support towards article processing charges (APC) of research publications in peer-reviewed Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)-accredited open access or hybrid journals.

**Eligibility:** FMHS early-career staff (10 or less publications to date), postdoctoral fellows, and postgraduate students, who do not have dedicated grant funding towards APC

**Award:** Up to R30,000, supporting 100% of the APC for the prorated FMHS-affiliated authors, pending the availability of funding

**Closing date:** *Ad hoc* applications, any time of the year

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

# **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) International collaboration grant**

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



## ***(9) Statistical consultation support***

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### **Biostatistics Unit & Clinic, FMHS**

**Eligibility:** Postgraduate students not having funding support for statistical consultation through a research grant

*Postdoctoral fellow and FMHS researchers are eligible for a subsidised rate for biostatistical support, but they should budget for these statistical consultation fees in their research grant applications*

**Award:** A subsidised rate per hour is paid for the services of the biostatisticians from the Dean's fund for postgraduate students requiring statistical services

**Enquiries:** Liesel Floor ([lieselfloor@sun.ac.za](mailto:lieselfloor@sun.ac.za))

**Book an appointment:**

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

# ***(10) FMHS strategic equipment fund***

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*(administered through FMHS Business Management)*

A specific amount may be made available annually for the purchase of equipment or computer 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](mailto:stefans@sun.ac.za))  
or your Head of Division / Department



## ***(11) DRD travel grant: International research travel***

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For (1) international conferences, (2) research visits abroad OR  
(3) hosting senior international researchers at SU.

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

**Award:** Up to R17,000 (for visits <3 months)  
*but not more than 50% total budget*

**Closing dates:**

**March** (for travel between 1 April and 30 September)

**July** (for travel between 1 August and 30 March)

**Enquiries:** Dominique Meyer ([dominiquem@sun.ac.za](mailto:dominiquem@sun.ac.za))

## ***(12) Africa collaboration grant***

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

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

**Eligibility:** \*Full-time SU staff, #postdoctoral fellows,  
¢postgraduate students (see above categories)

**Award:** (1) R80,000; (2) R30,000; (3) R30,000; (4) R20,000

**Closing dates:** April, November (TBC)

**Enquiries:** Sue-Vicky Brandt ([brandt@sun.ac.za](mailto:brandt@sun.ac.za)),  
Nico Elema ([nicoelema@sun.ac.za](mailto:nicoelema@sun.ac.za))

## ***(13) International collaboration grant***

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

For institutional visits to strengthen collaboration with counterparts in countries other than African countries, preferentially, but not exclusively, to existing institutional partners.

**Eligibility:** Full-time SU academic or support staff

**Award:** R20,000 – R30,000

**Closing dates:** March (TBC)

**Enquiries:** Lidia du Plessis ([lidia@sun.ac.za](mailto: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 staff, or teams, or centre responsible for teaching, learning, and assessment

**Award:** R60,000 for 1 year

**Closing dates:** June, November

**Enquiries:** Anthea Jacobs ([finlo@sun.ac.za](mailto:finlo@sun.ac.za))

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/ctl/Pages/FIRLT.aspx>

# **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***

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## **A. Discovery Foundation Academic Fellowship Award**

**Eligibility & awards:** Individual awards

RSA citizens / permanent residents

Clinicians / newly qualified medical specialists

- Research-focussed training in academic medicine in South Africa
- Developing 'clinician scientists'
  - Clinicians (preferably specialists) embarking on a Masters by dissertation, MPhil, MSc (*running costs / salary replacement up to R600,000*)
  - Clinicians (preferably specialists) embarking on a PhD (*running costs / salary-replacement bursary up to R800,000*)

**Closing date:** September

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))



**#1 option  
for clinician  
Masters /  
PhD**



# ***(1) Discovery Foundation awards***

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## **B. Discovery Foundation Sub-specialist Award**

**Eligibility:** Institutional award

RSA citizens / permanent residents

- Towards the salary of trainees in existing and HPCSA-accredited sub-specialist training programmes
- Preferably applicants who have already been identified by a host institution as a fellow eligible for sub-specialist training

**Award:** Up to R2,200,000 over 2 years salary-replacement

**Closing date:** September

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

# ***(1) Discovery Foundation awards***

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## **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](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))



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Med and other  
MMed projects**

# ***(1) Discovery Foundation awards***

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## **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

**Award:** R250,000 – R500,000 over one year

**Closing date:** November

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovsky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

# ***(1) Discovery Foundation awards***

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## **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 clinicians (not required to be SA citizens) 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](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

# ***(1) Discovery Foundation awards***

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## **D. Discovery Foundation Excellence Award**

### **Eligibility:**

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

**Discontinued**

**Award:** Up to R1,000,000

**Closing date:** November (if call is made available)

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

## ***(2) Life Healthcare scholarships for subspecialty training***

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*(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](mailto:scholarships@colmedsa.co.za)

### ***(3) Hamilton Naki clinical scholarships***

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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](mailto:Rachel.Persent@netcare.co.za))

## ***(4) Heart and Stroke Foundation research grants***

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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](http://www.heartfoundation.co.za) for specific research focus areas).

**Eligibility:** Established and mid-/early-career researchers, including post-doctoral fellows and PhD students. Masters students may apply provided an established researcher is a co-applicant. Non-South Africans may apply if 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](mailto:bianca.snyders@heartfoundation.co.za))

**Upon launch of the call**



# ***(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)***

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## **SAMRC 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 for full time research)*

**Closing date:** TBA

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

<https://www.samrc.ac.za/research-capacity-development/scholarships-funding>

## ***(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)***



### ***Bongani Mayosi 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 for full time research)*

**Closing date:** TBA

**Enquiries:** Tania Brodovcky ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za))

<https://www.samrc.ac.za/research-capacity-development/scholarships-funding>

## ***(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)***

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### **SAMRC Early Investigators Programme (EIP)**

To support career development of early postdoctoral scientists.

**Eligibility:** RSA citizens / permanent residents; permanently employed or on long-term contract at an academic institution; health/medical research PhD with 4 years postdoctoral experience, or PhD with 2 years postdoctoral experience for clinician-scientists

**Award:** Up to R500,000 for up to 5 years

**Closing date:** TBA

**Enquiries:** Frederic Nduhirabandi ([Frederic.nduhirabandi@mrc.ac.za](mailto:Frederic.nduhirabandi@mrc.ac.za))

<https://www.samrc.ac.za/research-capacity-development/grants>

# ***(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 ( $\pm$ June – October)

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

# ***(5) Medical Research Council (MRC)***



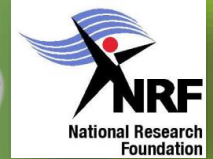
## **MRC SIR grant research funding priorities**

**Subject  
to change**

- HIV and TB
- Other Infectious Diseases including Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Maternal, Infant and Child health
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Brain, Behaviour, and Mental Health
- Injury and Interpersonal violence
- Occupational and Environmental health
- Health Systems, Health Economics, Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Insurance (NHI)
- African Traditional Medicines (ATM)
- Vaccine, Diagnostics and Drug Discovery
- Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- One Health

**Enquiries:** Maléne Fouché ([mfouche@sun.ac.za](mailto:mfouche@sun.ac.za))  
Shannon Faro ([sbrooks@sun.ac.za](mailto: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**
- **Research collaboration mobility grants (various)**
- **Honours, Masters, PhD scholarships; Postdoctoral fellowships, *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 (TBC)

**Enquiries:** Dominique Meyer ([dominiquem@sun.ac.za](mailto:dominiquem@sun.ac.za))

# ***(7) Poliomyelitis Research Foundation***

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## **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

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



## **(8) Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)**

### **Field supported: CANCER RESEARCH**

#### **Type A 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
- Cancer prevention and risk reduction of cancer, with a particular focus on behavioural
- Cancer care including rehabilitation and palliative care services
- Other health system research relating to the above categories
- Research relating to cancer chemistry/molecular biology as these relate to early detection, risk reduction

**No call in 2024**

**Eligibility:** RSA citizens / permanent residents with a 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 intent: March; Full proposal: September

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

## **(8) Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)**

**Field supported: CANCER RESEARCH**

### **Type B/C Research priority areas:**

An evaluation of CANSA programmes which could include an evaluation of a health awareness campaign, CANSA Seal of Recognition, or CANSA care services. CANSA will assist in identifying a project to be evaluated.

- An evaluation of cancer. Psychosocial and health service needs of adolescents and youth with cancer.
- CANSA will consider other topics than the topics listed above if of interest to CANSA and addresses cancer risk reduction or improves outcomes to cancer patients.

**Eligibility:** Master's students (registered with a supervisor)

**Award:** Up to R60,000 p.a. for 1 year (research stipend)

**Closing date:** Letter of intent: July

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## ***(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*); Forensic  
medicine/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)

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# **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** 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***

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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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## **Funding priority areas:**

- ▶ Enteric & diarrheal diseases
- ▶ HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Malaria; Other infectious diseases
- ▶ Pneumonia, tuberculosis & neglected 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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## ***(6) Horizon Europe***

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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.

Other EU supported activities:

COST actions (intergovernmental framework for coordination of research at European level), EuropeAid, etc.

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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](http://www.sun.ac.za/RDSfunding)
2. **Contact us** at the Research Development and Support Division (RDSD), Tygerberg campus, Stellenbosch University (5<sup>th</sup> floor, Education building):
  - **Tashwell de Wet** ([tashwell@sun.ac.za](mailto:tashwell@sun.ac.za) or 021 938 9056)
  - **Tania Brodovcky** ([taniab@sun.ac.za](mailto:taniab@sun.ac.za) or 021 938 9150)
3. Visit the **Open 4 Research** search portal to find specific international funding opportunities:  
<https://www.open4research.eu/stellenbosch>