General Application Guide 2025

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1. Background

During the last few years, the National Research Foundation (NRF) embarked on a process designed to enhance and simplify the NRF administrative interface with Researchers, Students and Designated Authorities. This has been done by streamlining its application templates and its Call Opening process, in line with the forthcoming Research Support Strategies by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) and the NRF. These changes will create enhanced efficiency in receiving and processing applications and be more effective in prioritising funding to serve the NRF mandate best.

2. Application Categories

As a result of the streamlining, the NRF will publish the One Call for Applications for funding in March 2024 (Review Period 1) and others later in Review Period 2 under the following categories.

Refer to Appendix 1 for the Review Periods and the relevant dates.

1) Concept Notes

a) Concept Notes (JINR) (Offline)

b) Concept Notes for Large Integrated Projects Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme

c) UGOOD: Expression of Interest

2) Global Knowledge Partnerships

a) DAAD Research Mobility Grants Programme

b) Fulbright - Visiting Student Research (Offline) Not processed by NRF

c) Global Young Scientists Summit (Offline)

d) Japan Hope Meeting (Offline)

e) MITACS (Offline) Not processed by NRF

f) NRF-DAAD Mobility Programme

g) YSSP (Offline)

3) Infrastructure Bridging Finance – *Call not opening in 2024*

4) **Infrastructure Grants**

a) National Equipment Programme

b) Research Infrastructure Professional Programme

5) Institutional Grants

a) DSI/NRF SARChI Chairs x7

b) HDI and UoTs Call

c) NRF/DHA SARChI CoP (Offline)

d) NRF/DSI CoP in Gender Based Violence

e) NRF/DSI CoP in Mental Health

f) NRF/EWSETA CoP on Just Energy Transition (offline)

g) NRF/SAIMI Co-funded Chair

h) NRF/SAIMI Co-funded CoP

i) NRF / UKZN Co-funded Chair for the study of the National Question

j) NRF/WRC CoP in Water Management (offline)

k) NWU/NRF co-funded chair in Deep learning using AI

l) ORTARChI Chair - Makarere University x1

m) Replacement Chairs – Review Period 1

n) Replacement Chairs – Review Period 2

o) SA/UK British Academy Chair in Digital Humanities

p) SARChI 5-year Reviews (Review Period 1)

q) SARChI 5-year Reviews (Review Period 2)

r) UCT/NRF Co-funded chair in Symbolic Artificial Intelligence

s) UFH/NRF SARChI Chairs x3

6) Non-funding opportunities

a) NRF Awards

b) Rating

7) NRF Postgraduate Scholarships

a) Extension Support for Masters' and Doctoral Studies

b) First-time Doctoral Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD, NRF-MINDS and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)

c) First-time Masters Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)

d) Honours Scholarships (Including NRF-SASOL & NRF-SARAO Scholarships)

8) Postdoctoral Grants

a) Postdoctoral Fellowships

b) SARAO Postdoctoral Fellowships

c) Sasol Postdoctoral Fellowships - *Call not opening in 2024*

9) Research Grants

a) Africa-Japan Collaborative Research (AJ-CORE) Programme

b) African Origins Platform

c) Africa-UK Physics Partnership Programme (AUPP) with the SGCI

d) Black Academics Advancement Programme

e) BRICS STI Multilateral (closed call)

f) BRICS STI Multilateral Call (open call)

g) Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers (CPRR)

h) Competitive Support for Unrated Researchers (CSUR)

i) Earth Systems Science Research Plan (ESSRP)

j) Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Large Grants (Closed Call)

k) Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants

l) Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 2

m) Global Change Earth System Science (GCESS)

n) Human and Social Dynamics

o) LEAWEF Multilateral Research Programme

p) Marine and Coastal Research

q) New Earth Observation Frontiers (NEOFrontiers) Product Development

r) NRF - Telkom Partnership programme

s) NRF / DFG International Research Training Groups (IRTGs) main research call

t) NRF co-funding programme with the French Institutes (CNRS/IRD/Cirad) (Closed call)

u) NRF-FNRS Bilateral Call

v) Russia: JINR Research and Innovation Grants

w) SA - China (MOST) Joint Research Programme (JRP)

x) SA - France (PROTEA) Call for Joint Proposals

y) SA - Japan (JSPS) Joint Research Proposals

z) SA - USA (NSF) Biodiversity on a Changing Planet (BoCP)

aa) SA-Brazil (FAPESP) Scientific Seminars on HSS

bb) SA-China YSEP Programme

cc) SA-India STI Bilateral Research Programme

dd) SA-Iran STI Bilateral Research Programme

ee) SA-Switzerland Lead Agency Funding Opportunity

ff) Support for Y-rated Researchers

gg) Thuthuka

hh) UGOOD

ii) Africa University Twinning Programme

10) SARAO Undergraduate and Diploma Scholarships

a) SARAO Undergraduate and Diploma Scholarships

b) SARAO Undergraduate Block Grant

11) Targeted Grants

a) DSI / NRF Research Development Grants for New Generation of Academics Programme (nGAP) Scholars (Closed Call)

12) Travel, Training and Conference Grants

a) Equipment Related Travel & Training

b) Equipment Related Travel & Training 2

c) JINR Student Practice

d) Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (1)

e) Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (2)

f) Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (3)

g) African University Twinning Programme (AUTP)

h) DSI / NRF Conference Fund

i) ERC Mobility

j) NRF/DFG International Research Training Groups (IRTGs) Preparatory Workshops

k) ISC Grants for Travel & Hosting of Events – Closed Call

l) Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC)

m) Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC) 2

n) SA-China Young Scientists Exchange Programme (YSEP)

o) South Africa-France PROTEA+ Cross Mobility Programme (CMP)

3. Cut-off dates and Review Periods

The NRF will accept applications for processing until the DA cut-off date for each Funding Opportunity as indicated in Appendix 1.

Applicant Cut-off Date: Applicants must submit their applications before or on this date. Applicants will not be able to create or submit applications after this cut-off date. They will be able to amend applications that were submitted by the Applicant Closing Date if/when the institutional Designated Authority opens the application for amendment.

Some institutions set their internal closing dates and applicants should therefore ensure that **the institutional deadlines are strictly followed**.

Applications submitted by institutions after the DA Cut-off Date will not be considered.

Institutional Cut-off Dates: Internal

The cut-off dates for submission of applications to institutions are dependent on the internal cut-off dates of individual institutions. Institutions may wish to set their own internal cut-off dates for submission of applications to their Researchers/Students, to ensure applications are not submitted late.

Applicants are **strongly advised** to adhere to the institutional cut-off dates so as NOT to miss the opportunity for their applications to be submitted to the NRF for review.

4. How to Apply

Applications must be submitted electronically on the *NRF Connect* system at https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za unless otherwise indicated.

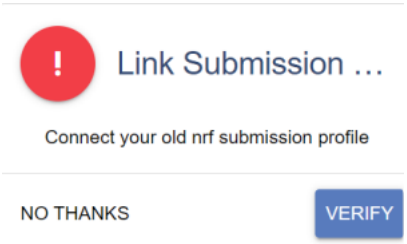
It is important to read the relevant documents before deciding on which funding opportunity to apply to. All eligibility criteria, as well as the applicable requirements, must be taken into consideration. All Framework and Application and Funding Guide documents are available on the NRF website at:

NRF Call for Proposals for Funding in 2024 and 2025 – National Research Foundation.

Framework documents for calls opening under Review Period 2 will be published on the website as they become available.

Instructions to Applicants

- Go to https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za
- Register with your ORCiD credentials. Should you not have any, please register on ORCiD to gain access.
- Should the user be an existing user on the NRF Online Submission System, there is functionality to migrate the CV from the previous system. Click Verify to link to the relevant account on the NRF Online Submission System.



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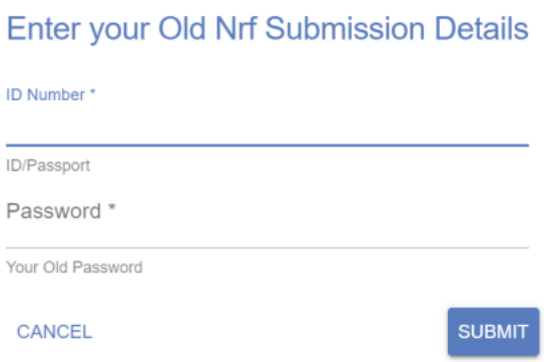

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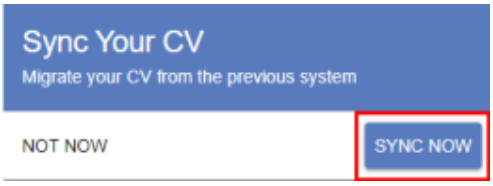
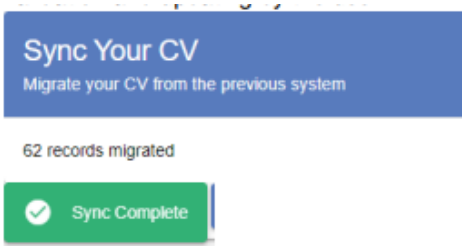
The user now has the option to sync/migrate their CV from the NRF Online Submission System to NRF Connect. Click Sync Now to do this.



Once this is done, the relevant information will be copied over to NRF Connect and be available for validation and updating by the user.



After logging in, the user should click on the Profile button to update or complete the profile details.

To access an application, go to:

- MY APPLICATION.
- Click on Applications.
- Click the expand icon next to the relevant Category to see the Calls associated with the Category.
- Click on Create next to the relevant funding instrument.

Complete all the compulsory sections of the application as well as the non-compulsory sections which are relevant to you.

- Attach all the required documents in **PDF** format.
- Submit the application on completion.
- Complete applications will go to the Research/Postgraduate Office of the applicant's institution for processing.

Link to NRF Connect documents: [NRF Connect Documents – National Research Foundation]

Number of Applications Allowed within a Category within a Call Year

Category	Applications per Category	Applications per Funding Opportunity
Concept Notes	1	1
Infrastructure Bridging Funding	1	1
Infrastructure Grants	1	1
Institutional Grants	2	1
Non-funding Opportunities	1	1
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships	1	1
Other Grants	1	1
Postdoctoral Grants	1	1
Research Grants	2	1
SARAO Undergraduate and Diploma Scholarships	1	1
Targetted Grants	1	1
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2	1
Travel, Training and Conference Grants: • Equipment-related Travel and Training • Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration	Per Review Period 2 2	Per Review Period 2 2

The following applications <u>will not</u> be considered for funding:

- Incomplete applications;
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the call documents;
- Applications submitted outside the NRF Connect System, unless indicated otherwise;
- Applications submitted in hard copies; and/or
- Applications in a language other than English.

Only applications endorsed by the Research/Postgraduate Office at Higher Education Institutions, or their equivalent at declared NRF Recognised Research Institutions, as gazetted, will be accepted. Please contact the relevant Research/Postgraduate Offices, or equivalent, at your institution if you have any queries.

Instructions to Research/Postgraduate Officers (or equivalent)

Please ensure that you prepare adequately for the advertised cut-off dates.

Designated Authorities (DAs) are the gatekeepers of quality applications to safeguard the reputation of institutions in accessing funds. As such they should:

- Provide guidance and advice to potential applicants, researchers, grantholders, and students in the choice of funding opportunities available to them;
- Review applications for completeness and correctness before submission to the NRF. This includes ensuring that all compulsory attachments are uploaded and are correct;
- Open applications for amendment if/when required and indicate where revisions are required;
- Ensure that applications meet all the Funding Opportunity eligibility criteria before submitting to the NRF;
- Decline applications that do not comply with the eligibility criteria and provide feedback to the applicant.

Please Note:

- Under no circumstance should DAs submit applications to the NRF if not all the eligibility criteria are met. This includes the correct attachments as required.
- For the Thuthuka funding opportunity, DAs are requested to enter the preferred Funding Track in the "Comments" block provided.

5. Evaluation of Applications

All applications received by the NRF are screened for eligibility and for compulsory documentation to be submitted with the application. Applications that are deemed not eligible or do not have **ALL** the required attachments will not be processed further.

Reviewing of most funding applications will be through a one-stage or a two-stage process.

One-stage review is when specialist reviewers are asked to review applications virtually **OR** convene as a panel to share their reviews of the applications, score them, generate a collective outcome, and provide a recommendation to the NRF. This process therefore entails the panel engaging the applications directly, and not receiving and dealing with postal reviewer reports.

Two-stage review is when applications are sent to remote, specialist reviewers who submit review reports on the application. Thereafter, the review reports are primarily considered by a panel/committee in scoring and generating collective outcomes and recommendations.

6. Outcomes

After considering the recommendation from the review process, the NRF makes awards according to the recommendations, set criteria and objectives of the various funding opportunities, and funds available.

7. Contact Details

Applicants are encouraged to first engage their institutional authorities, i.e. Research/Postgraduate Office (or equivalent) for information and advice.

For Funding Instrument-related queries

Please contact the relevant contact persons as indicated in the Framework and Funding and Application Guides.

For technical support, the NRF Support Desk can be contacted at the following e-mail address:

Email: supportdesk@nrf.ac.za

Appendix 1

Category	Funding Start Year	Review Period	Opportunity	Call Opening Date	Applicant Closing Date	DA Closing Date	NRF Screening Completed	Reviews Completed	Funding Decision Completed	Outcome Letters
Concept Notes	2025	2	Concept Notes (JINR) (Offline)	15 Jul 24	06 Sept 24	13 Sept 24	27 Sep 24	01 Nov 24	29 Nov 24	N/A
Concept Notes	2025	1	Concept Notes for Large Integrated Projects Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme	14 Mar 24	17 May 24	24 May 24	TCB	28 Jun 24	12 Jul 24	26 Jul 24
Concept Notes	2024	1	UGOOD: Expression of Interest	22 Jan 24	31 Mar 24	05 Apr 24	15 Apr 24	15 May 24	25 May 24	29 May 24
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		DAAD Research Mobility Grants Programme	DAAD Call	Done by DAAD	N/A	N/A	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		Fulbright - Visiting Student Research (Offline) Not processed by NRF	Fullbright Call	Done by Fulbright	N/A	N/A	Done by Fulbright	Done by Fulbright	Done by Fulbright
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		Global Young Scientists Summit (Offline)	GYSS Call	Done by GYSS	N/A	N/A	Done by GYSS	Done by GYSS	Done by GYSS
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		Japan Hope Meeting (Offline)	Japan Hope Call	Done by Japan Hope	N/A	N/A	Done by Japan Hope	Done by Japan Hope	Done by Japan Hope
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		MITACS (Offline) Not processed by NRF	MITACS Call	Done by MITACS	N/A	N/A	29 Feb 24	Done by MITACS	Done by MITACS
Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		NRF-DAAD Mobility Programme	DAAD Call	Done by DAAD	N/A	N/A	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD

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Global Knowledge Partnerships	2025		YSSP (Offline)	YSSP Call	Done by YSSP	N/A	N/A	Done by YSSP	Done by YSSP	Done by YSSP
Infrastructure grants	TBC	TBC	National Equipment Programme	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Infrastructure grants	2025	1	Research Infrastructure Professional Programme `	02 Apr 24	05 Jul 24	19 Jul 24	02 Aug 24	15 Oct 24	06 Dec 24	17 Dec 24
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	DSI/NRF SARChI Chairs x7	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	HDI and UoTs Call	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF / UKZN Co-funded Chair for the study of the National Question	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/DHA SARChI CoP (Offline)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/DSI CoP in Gender Based Violence	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/DSI CoP in Mental Health	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants			NRF/EWSETA CoP on Just Energy Transition (offline)	Already open	28 Feb 24	01 Mar 24	04 Mar 24	28 Jun 24	05 Jul 24	12 Jul 24
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/SAIMI Co-funded Chair	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/SAIMI Co-funded CoP	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF/WRC CoP in Water Management (offline)	Already open	28 Feb 24	01 Mar 24	04 Mar 24	28 Jun 24	05 Jul 24	12 Jul 24
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	NWU/NRF co-funded chair in Dep learning using AI	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	ORTARChI Chair - Makerere University x1	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	Replacement Chairs – Review Period 1	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	Replacement Chairs – Review Period 2	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	SA/UK British Academy Chair in Digital Humanities	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	SARChI 5-year Reviews (Review Period 1)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	SARChI 5-year Reviews (Review Period 2)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	UCT/NRF Co-funded chair in Symbolic Artificial Intelligence	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Institutional Grants	TBC	TBC	UFH/NRF SARChI Chairs x3	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	2025	1	Extension Support for Masters and Doctoral Studies	02-Apr-24	16 Aug 24	30 Sep 24	08 Nov 24	Done by HEIs	13 Dec 24	20 Dec 24
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	2025	1	First-time Doctoral Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD,	02 Apr 24	05 Jul 24	06 Sep 24	08 Nov 24	Done by HEIs	13 Dec 24	20 Dec 24

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			NRF-MINDS and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)							
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	2025	1	First-time Masters Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)	02 Apr 24	05 Jul 24	06 Sep 24	08 Nov 24	Done by HEIs	13 Dec 24	20 Dec 24
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	2025	2	Honours Scholarships (Including NRF-SASOL & NRF-SARAO Scholarships)	01 Jul 24	22 Nov 24	Set by HEIs	15 working days post HEI handover	Done by HEIs	5 working days post GMSA handover	5 working days post GMSA handover
Postdoctoral Grants	2025	1	Postdoctoral Fellowships	12 Mar 24	06 May 24	20 May 24	07 Jun 24	04 Oct 24	06 Nov 24	02 Dec 24
Postdoctoral Grants	TBC	TBC	SARAO Postdoctoral Fellowships	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	1	African University Twinning Programme (AUTP)	11 Mar 24	30 Apr24	07 May 24	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	1	Black Academics Advancement Programme (PhD Track, Post PhD Track)	11 Mar 24	15 May 24	30 May 24	TCB	27 Sep 24	08 Nov 24	06 Dec 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Russia: JINR Research and Innovation Grants	18 Mar 24	26 Apr 24	03 May 24	17 May 24	28 Jun 24	30 Sep 24	11 Oct 24

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Research Grants	2025	1	Thuthuka (PhD Track, Post PhD Track, Rating Track)	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	30 Jun 24	27 Sep 24	08 Nov 24	06 Dec 24
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	Africa-Japan Collaborative Research (AJ-CORE) Programme	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	1	African Origins Platform	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	Africa-UK Physics Partnership Programme (AUPP) with the SGCI	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	1	BRICS STI Multilateral (closed call)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	2	BRICS STI Multilateral Call (open call)	01 Jul 24	20 Sep 24	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers (CPRR)	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Competitive Support for Unrated Researchers (CSUR)	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Earth Systems Science Research Plan (ESSRP)	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	2	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Large Grants (Closed Call)	22 Aug 24	12 Sep 24	26 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Foundational Biodiversity	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	24 May 24	28 Jun 24	12 Jul 24	26 Jul 24

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			Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants							
Research Grants	2025	2	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 2	22 Aug 24	12 Sep 24	26 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Human and Social Dynamics	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	2	LEAWEF Multilateral Research Programme	01 Jul 24	20 Sep 24	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	Marine and Coastal Research	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	New Earth Observation Frontiers (NEOFrontiers) Product Development	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF - Telkom Partnership programme	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	2	NRF / DFG International Research Training Groups (IRTGs) main research call	01 Jul 24	20 Sep 24	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	NRF co-funding programme with the French Institutes (CNRS/IRD/Cirad) (Closed call)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	1	SA/Wallonia-Brussel Federation Science	11 Mar 24	13 May 24	17 May 24	03 Jun 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24

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			and technology Research Collaboration							
Research Grants	2025	2	SA - China (MOST) Joint Research Programme (JRP)	01 Jul 24	20 Sep 24	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	SA - France (PROTEA) Call for Joint Proposals	07 Mar 24	30 Apr 24	13 May 24	03 Jun 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	2	SA - Japan (JSPS) Joint Research Proposals	01 Jul 24	20 Sep 24	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	25 Oct 24	08 Nov 24	29 Nov 24
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	SA - USA (NSF) Biodiversity on a Changing Planet (BoCP)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	SA-Brazil (FAPESP) Scientific Seminars on HSS	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	TBC	TBC	SA-China YSEP Programme	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Research Grants	2025	2	SA-India STI Bilateral Research Programme	03 Jun 24	23 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	20 Sep 24	20 Dec 24	06 Feb 25	27 Feb 25
Research Grants	2025	2	SA-Iran STI Bilateral Research Programme	03 Jun 24	23 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	20 Sep 24	20 Dec 24	06 Feb 25	27 Feb 25
Research Grants	2025	2	SA-Switzerland Lead Agency Funding Opportunity	03 Jun 24	23 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	20 Sep 24	20 Dec 24	06 Feb 25	27 Feb 25
Research Grants	2025	1	Support for Y-rated Researchers	11 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	31 May 24	13 Sep 24	11 Oct 24	01 Nov 24
Research Grants	2025	1	UGOOD	02 Apr 24	15 Jul 24	29 Jul 24	30 Aug 24	24 Dec 24	25 Apr 25	25 Apr 25

Category	Funding Start Year	Review Period	Opportunity	Call Opening Date	Applicant Closing Date	DA Closing Date	NRF Screening Completed	Reviews Completed	Funding Decision Completed	Outcome Letters
Targeted Grants	2024	2	Research and Innovation Rewards Programme (RIRP) (Closed Call to NRF National Facilities)	03 Jun 24	31 Jul 24	07 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	N/A	27 Sep 24	04 Oct 24
Targeted Grants	2024	1	DST/NRF Research Development Grants for New Generation of Academics Programme (nGAP) Scholars	01 Feb 24	08 Mar 24	22 Mar 24	05 Apr 24	26 Apr 24	03 May 24	10 May 24
Non-Funding Opportunity	N/A	2	Rating for Individual Researchers	26 Oct 23	29 Feb 24	15 Mar 24	26 Apr 24	02 Jun 25	02 Jun 25	02 Jun 25
Non-Funding Opportunity	N/A	1	NRF Awards	11 Mar 24	29 Mar 24	05 Apr 24	19 Apr 24	31 Jul 24	31 Jul 24	20 Sep 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	1	Equipment Related Travel & Training	11 Mar 24	12 Apr 24	19 Apr 24	03 May 24	14 Jun 24	02 Aug 24	12 Aug 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	2	Equipment Related Travel & Training 2	01 Jul 24	23 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	13 Sep 24	25 Oct 24	06 Dec 24	13 Dec 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	2	JINR Student Practice	08 Jul 24	30 Aug 24	06 Sep 24	20 Sep 24	15 Nov 24	06 Dec 24	13 Dec 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders(1)	2024	N/A	Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (1)	TBC	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A
Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders(2)	2024	N/A	Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (2)	TBC	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A

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Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders(3)	2024	N/A	Travel, Training and Conference Grants: Scholarship@Fellowship-holders (3)	TBC	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC	N/A
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2025	1	DSI / NRF Conference Fund	11 Mar 24	30 Apr 24	07 May 24	26 Apr 24	31 May 24	14 Jun 24	01 Jul 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	TBC	TBC	ERC Mobility	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	1	NRF/DFG International Research Training Groups (IRTGs) Preparatory Workshops	11 Mar 24	29 Mar 24	15 Apr 24	13 May 24	13 Jun 24	28 Jun 24	12 Jul 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	1	ISC Grants for Travel & Hosting of Events – Closed Call	11 Mar 24	27 Nov 24	29 Nov 24	04 Dec 24	06 Dec 24	10 Dec 24	13 Dec 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	1	Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC)	11 Mar 24	12 Apr 24	19 Apr 24	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	2024	2	Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC) 2	01 Aug 24	30 Aug 24	06 Sep 24	04 Oct 24	15 Nov 24	22 Nov 24	06 Dec 24
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	TBC	TBC	SA-China Young Scientists Exchange Programme (YSEP)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	TBC	TBC	South Africa-France PROTEA+ Cross Mobility Programme (CMP)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC