



**National
Research
Foundation**

PO Box 2600
Pretoria 0001
South Africa
Tel: (012) 481 4000
Int. Code: +27 12
info@nrf.ac.za
www.nrf.ac.za

DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2025 Academic Year

The DSI and NRF are pleased to announce a call for **new applications** for DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the academic year 2025. All **continuing students** who are eligible for a second or third year of funding must submit a Progress Report and not a new application.

The NRF **minimum academic requirement** for postgraduate funding is **65%**. The entry age requirement is 28, 30 and 32 years or younger for honours, master's and doctoral studies respectively, in the year of application, regardless of first year of registration. Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost of Study (FCS)** or **Partial Cost of Study (PCS)**. The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and Permanent Residents only, who are either **financially needy** (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less than or equals to R350 000 per annum), **living with a disability** or **exceptional academic achievers**. However, the PCS funding will be awarded to **5% of international students** including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS, but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria. The scholarships are intended to support honours, master's and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

All the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Connect System by accessing the link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>. **No manual applications will be accepted.**

Students' Applications Opening and Closing Dates:

Level of study	Opening dates	Closing dates
Honours (General)	01 July 2024	22 November 2024
First-time Master's	23 May 2024	05 July 2024
First-time Doctoral		05 July 2024
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support		15 September 2024

The Designated Authority (DA) Submission to NRF Closing Dates:

Level of study	Closing dates
Honours Applications (Institutions to claim funds)	31 March 2025
First-time Master's Applications	06 September 2024
First-time Doctoral Applications	06 September 2024
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support Applications	01 November 2024

NB: Honours General Scholarships will open in July 2024 and institutions will have until end of March 2025 to claim funds of recommended eligible students.

Honours applicants requiring ISFAP assessment should submit their applications by 02 September 2024.

Please refer to the Application and Funding Guide and Framework documents when completing the online application form at every step of the process.

For enquiries, applicants' are encouraged to contact the Research or Postgraduate offices at their universities. Should there still be a need to contact the NRF, below are the contact persons and details:

For General honours related enquiries, please contact:

Mr Lehlogonolo Phaahla: Professional Officer – HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4315.
Email Address: LA.Phaahla@risa.nrf.ac.za

For General First-time master's and doctoral, and NRF-DAAD related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Kgaugelo Molepo: Professional Officer – HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4148.
Email Address: KJ.Molepo@risa.nrf.ac.za

For master's and doctoral Extension Support, NRF-SASAC, PDP and NRF-SASOL related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Nontokoza Kunene: Professional Officer – HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4105
Email Address: NS.Kunene@risa.nrf.ac.za

For National Skills Fund and NRF-MINDS related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Busisiwe Sibiyi: Professional Officer – HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4166
Email Address: BG.Sibiyi@risa.nrf.ac.za

For Global Knowledge Partnerships related enquiries, please contact:

Mr Nelson Komane: Professional Officer - HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4219.
Email Address: SN.Komane@risa.nrf.ac.za

For First-time SARChI honours, master's and doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Andisiwe Jukuda: Professional Officer – RCCE. Telephone: 012 481 4113.
Email Address: AH.Jukuda@risa.nrf.ac.za

For First-time CoEs honours, master's and doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Malekgotla Finger: Professional Officer – RCCE. Telephone: 012 481 4003.
Email Address: MD.Finger@risa.nrf.ac.za

For SARAO Master's and Doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

Annah Mashemola at amashemola@sarao.ac.za .

Telephone: 011 268 3420.

For SARAO Honours related enquiries, please contact:

Mkhululi Jodwana at mjodwana@sarao.ac.za.

Telephone: 011 268 3412.

NRF FRAUD LINE to anonymously report any irregular, corrupt or unethical conduct relating to funding:

Telephone: 0800 701 701

SMS: 39772

Website: <https://www.nrf.ac.za/pixpopup-item/fraud-hotline-popup/>

We would appreciate, if you could advertise the funding call and disseminate the information widely within your institution.