General Application Guide 2025-2026

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The National Research Foundation (NRF) has opened applications for various funding opportunities, with specific cut-off dates that applicants must adhere to. Each opportunity has defined eligibility criteria and submission requirements, which must be carefully followed to ensure successful application processing. Applications must be submitted electronically through the NRF Connect system. It is essential for applicants to review all requirements before submission, as only complete and eligible applications will be considered.

2. Application Categories

The Calls have been published on the NRF Connect System (https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/), with the first set available in February 2025 (Review Period 1), followed by additional calls in Review Period 2. These opportunities are categorized as outlined below. For a comprehensive overview of the Review Periods and their respective dates, please refer to Appendix 1.

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3. Cut-off dates and Review Periods

The NRF will accept applications for processing until the Designated Authority (DA) cut-off date for each Funding Opportunity, as indicated in Appendix 1. All applications must be submitted by the applicant's cut-off date. After this date, applicants will no longer be able to create or submit their applications.

However, they may amend a submitted application if the institutional Designated Authority (DA) reopens it for revisions.

It is important for applicants to be aware that each institution may have its own internal cut-off dates. Applicants must confirm and adhere to these internal deadlines to ensure their applications are submitted on time.

Applications submitted after the institutional DA cut-off date will not be considered for processing.

4. How to Apply

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

Before applying, it is crucial to read the relevant eligibility criteria and documents associated with each funding opportunity. All Framework and Application Guides are available on the NRF website at https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding.

Please note that Framework documents for Bilateral and Multilateral Research Grants (Review Period 2) will be published on the website as they become available.

- Visit https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za

- Register with your ORCiD credentials. Should you not have any, please register on ORCiD to gain access.

- **Remember t**o 'Sync' your CV with the NRF Online Submission CV, should you have one, first.

To create an application:

- Go to "My Applications"

- Click on "Applications"

- Click on the plus sign next to the Category you want to apply to

- Click on Create to create an application and start completing your application.

For further instructions, you may refer to the Application Guide available at:

https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding.

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.

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

Targeted 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 on available funding opportunities

- Review applications for completeness and correctness before submission to the NRF. This includes ensuring that all compulsory attachments are uploaded and are correct;

- Reopen applications for amendment if/when required and provide clear feedback on required revisions;

- 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 applications for funding 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 first reviewed by remote experts who submit reports. 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, sets criteria and objectives for the various funding opportunities, and funds available.

7. Contact Details

Applicants should first contact their institutional authorities, i.e. Research/Postgraduate Office (or equivalent) for information and advice. For funding-related queries, refer to the contact details in the relevant Framework and Funding Guides.

For technical support, please contact the NRF Support Desk at: supportdesk@nrf.ac.za.

Appendix 1

Category	Domain	Funding Opportunity	Funding Start Year	Review Period	Call Opening Date	Applicant Closing Date	DA Closing Date	Reviews Completed	Funding Decision Completed	Outcome Letters Completed
Concept Notes	SIII	Concept Notes (JINR) (Offline)		1	05 March 2025	09 April 2025	16 April 2025	11 June 2025	N/A	25 June 2025
Concept Notes	TRSA	Thematic Research: ICT Concept Notes		1	15 May 2025	15 June 2025	26 June 2025	30 July 2025	Not applicable	05 August 2025
Concept Notes	TRSA	Thematic Research: Health Concept Notes		1	15 May 2025	15 June 2025	26 June 2025	30 July 2025	Not applicable	05 August 2025
Concept Notes	TRSA	Thematic Research: Energy Concept Notes		1	15 May 2025	15 June 2025	26 June 2025	30 July 2025	Not applicable	05 August 2025
Concept Notes	TRSA	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Concept Notes (for Large Call)	2025	1	17 February 2025	25 April 2025	02 May 2025	01 July 2025	N/A	N/A

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Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	DAAD Research Mobility Grants Programme			DAAD Call	Done by DAAD	N/A	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	Fulbright - Visiting Student Research (Offline) Not processed by NRF			Fullbright Call	Done by Fulbright	N/A	Done by Fulbright	Done by Fulbright	Done by Fulbright
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	Global Young Scientists Summit (Offline)			GYSS Call	Done by GYSS	N/A	Done by GYSS	Done by GYSS	Done by GYSS
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	Japan Hope Meeting (Offline)			Japan Hope Call	Done by Japan Hope	N/A	Done by Japan Hope	Done by Japan Hope	Done by Japan Hope
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	MITACS (Offline) Not processed by NRF			MITACS Call	Done by MITACS	N/A	27 February 2025	Done by MITACS	Done by MITACS
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	NRF-DAAD Mobility Programme			DAAD Call	Done by DAAD	N/A	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD	Done by DAAD
Global Knowledge Partnerships	NGER	YSSP (Offline)			YSSP Call	Done by YSSP	N/A	Done by YSSP	Done by YSSP	Done by YSSP

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Infrastructure grants	NGER	Research Infrastructure Professional Programme (RIPP)		1	01 April 2025	13 June 2025	04 July 2025	26 September 2025	28 November 2025	12 December 2025

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Institutional Grants	SIII	DSI/NRF SARChI Chairs x7		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	NRF/DHA SARChI CoP (Offline)		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	NRF/DSI CoP in Gender Based Violence		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	NRF/DSI CoP in Mental Health		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	NRF/SAIMI Co-funded CoP		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	Replacement Chairs – Review Period 2		1	06 March 2025	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	SARChI 5-year Reviews (Review Period 2)			17 December 2024	15 May 2025	22 May 2025	24 July 2025	31 July 2025	07 August 2025
Institutional Grants	SIII	HDI and UoTs Call			14 October 2024	31 January 2025	07 February 2025	06 June 2025	20 June 2025	01 July 2025

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Non-funding Opportunities	SIII	JINR Student Practice		2	04 August 2025	01 September 2025	08 September 2025	31 October 2025	12 December 2025	12 December 2025
Non-funding Opportunities	TRSA	Rating for Individual Researchers		2	24 October 2024	18 February 2025	27 February 2025	27 November 2025	29 January 2026	31 March 2026
Non-funding Opportunities	TRSA	NRF Awards		1	17 February 2025	28 March 2025	05 April 2025	31 May 2025	30 June 2025	01 July 2025

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NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	NGER	Extension Support for Masters and Doctoral Studies	2026	1	02 April 2025	15 August 2025	30 September 2025	Done by HEIs	12 December 2025	19 December 2025
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	NGER	First-time Doctoral Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD, NRF-MINDS and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)	2026	1	02 April 2025	04 July 2025	05 September 2025	Done by HEIs	12 December 2025	19 December 2025
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	NGER	First-time Masters Scholarships (Including NRF-SARAO, NRF-DAAD and NRF-SASOL FOUNDATION Scholarships)	2026	1	02 April 2025	04 July 2025	05 September 2025	Done by HEIs	12 December 2025	19 December 2025

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NRF Postgraduate Scholarships (Local)	NGER	Honours Scholarships (Including NRF-SASOL & NRF-SARAO Scholarships)	2026	2	01 July 2025	21 November 2025	31 March 2026	Done by HEIs	21 April 2026	28 April 2026
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships	SARAO	SARAO Doctoral Scholarships	2026	1	01 April 2025	04 July 2025	14 July 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships	SARAO	SARAO Master's Scholarships	2026	1	01 April 2025	04 July 2025	14 July 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC
NRF Postgraduate Scholarships	SARAO	SARAO Honours Scholarship	2026	1	01 April 2025	31 August 2025	10 September 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC

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Postdoctoral Grants	NGER	Postdoctoral Fellowships	2026	1	17 February 2025	15 April 2025	30 April 2025	29 August 2025	17 October 2025	07 November 2025
Postdoctoral Grants	SARAO	SARAO Postdoctoral fellowships	2026	2	01 June 2025	31 August 2025	10 September 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC

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Research Grants	NGER	Black Academics Advancement Programme (PhD and Post PhD Tracks)	2026	1	17 February 2025	11 April 2025	25 April 2025	29 August 2025	17 October 2025	07 November 2025
Research Grants	NGER	Support for Y-rated Researchers	2026	1	17 February 2025	11 April 2025	25 April 2025	12 September 2025	31 October 2025	07 November 2025
Research Grants	NGER	Thuthuka (PhD, Post PhD and Rating Tracks)	2026	1	17 February 2025	15 April 2025	25 April 2025	12 September 2025	31 October 2025	14 November 2025
Research Grants	NGER	(NRF)- SASOL Young Academics Accelerator Programme (YAAP)	2026	1	17 March 2025	11 April 2025	25 April 2025	29 August 2025	17 October 2025	07 November 2025
Research Grants	IGP	Africa-UK Physics Partnership Programme (AUPP)	2026	1	28 February 2025	14 April 2025	18 April 2025	30 June 2025	01 December 2025	January 2026
Research Grants	IGP	Africa-Japan Collaborative Research (AJ-CORE) Programme	2026	1	15 May 2025	15 August 2025	20 August 2025	30 October 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	NRF co-funding programme with the French Institutes (CNRS/IRD/Cirad) (Closed call)	2026	1	01 April 2025	27 June 2025	02 May 2025	25 July 2025	29 August 2025	12 September 2025
Research Grants	IGP	SA - France (PROTEA) Call for Joint Proposals	2026	1	01 April 2025	27 June 2025	02 May 2025	25 July 2025	29 August 2025	12 September 2025

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Research Grants	IGP	SA - USA (NSF)Research Programme	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	LEAP-SE Multlateral Call	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC6	TBC
Research Grants	IGP	South Africa–Sweden University Forum (SASUF)	2026	1	01 April 2025	30 April 2025	06 May 2025	31 July 2025	22 August 2025	29 August 2025
Research Grants	IGP	NRF / São Paulo State Foundation (FAPESP) of Brazil Joint Science and Technology Research Collaboration	2025	1	06 February 2025	31 March 2025	04 April 2025	04 July 2025	07 August 2025	22 August 2025
Research Grants	IGP	SA-Iran STI Bilateral Research Programme	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	SA-Switzerland Lead Agency Funding Opportunity	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	BRICS STI Multilateral Call (open call)	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	SA - China (MOST) Joint Research Programme (JRP)	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	SA - Japan (JSPS) Joint Research Proposals	2026	2	01 July 2025	26 September 2025	03 October 2025	19 December 2025	06 February 2026	20 February 2026
Research Grants	IGP	NEOFrontiers StartUPS and Small Medium and Micro Enterprises Innovation Support Second Cohort		1	24 February 2025	24 March 2024	07 April 2025	30 April 2025	30 May 2025	09 June 2025
Research Grants	IGP	NRF – AXA Research Fund Africa Scientific Progress Award (ASPA)	2025	1	12 February 2025	19 March 2024	27 March 2025	25 April 2025	16 May 2025	30 May 2025

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Research Grants	IGP	New Earth Observation Frontiers (NEOFrontiers) Research Accelerator Fund For Space Innovation		1	24 February 2025	21 April 2025	02 May 2025	15 July 2025	10 August 2025	15 August 2025
Research Grants	SIII	Russia: JINR Research and Innovation Grants		2	02 July 2025	06 August 2025	13 August 2025	30 September 2025	31 October 2025	12 December 2025
Research Grants	TRSA	Thematic Research: ICT		2	30 September 2025	16 November 2025	27 November 2025	20 February 2026	20 March 2026	20 March 2026
Research Grants	TRSA	Thematic Research: Health		2	30 September 2025	16 November 2025	27 November 2025	20 February 2026	20 March 2026	20 March 2026
Research Grants	TRSA	Thematic Research: Energy		2	30 September 2025	16 November 2025	27 November 2025	20 February 2026	20 March 2026	20 March 2026
Research Grants	TRSA	ACEP Phuhlisa		2	30 September 2025	30 October 2025	11 November 2025	28 November 2025	29 November 2025	29 November 2025
Research Grants	TRSA	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Large Grants (Closed Call)		2	24 July 2024	22 August 2025	29 August 2025	04 November 2025	01 December 2025	12 December 2025
Research Grants	TRSA	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 1	2025	1	17 February 2025	25 April 2025	02 May 2025	01 July 2025	31 July 2025	15 August 2025
Research Grants	TRSA	Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) - Small Grants 2		2	24 July 2025	22 August 2025	29 August 2025	04 November 2025	01 December 2025	12 December 2025

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Targeted Grants	NGER	DST/NRF Research Development Grants for New Generation of Academics Programme (nGAP) Scholars	2025	1	17 February 2025	20 March 2025	28 March 2025	17 April 2025	02 May 2025	09 May 2025
Targeted Grants (Ad Hoc)	IGP	Research and Innovation Rewards Programme (RIRP) (Closed Call to NRF National Facilities)	2025	1	03 February 2025	03 April 2025	21 April 2025	13 September 2025	11 October 2025	01 November 2025
Targeted Grants (Ad Hoc)	IGP	Telkom-National Research Foundation Future Technologies Programme Ad Hoc Call for Students : First cohort	2025	1	24 February 2025	17 March 2025	24 March 2025	N/A	04 April 2025	11 April 2025
Targeted Grants (Ad Hoc)	IGP	Telkom-National Research Foundation Future Technologies Programme Ad Hoc Call for Students : Second cohort		2	01 October 2025	04 November 2025	11 November 2025	N/A	25 November 2025	01 December 2025

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Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration 1	2025	1	17 February 2025	31 March 2025	07 April 20251	16 May 205	06 June 2025	30 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	DSI / NRF Conference Fund	2025	1	17 February 2025	07 April 2025	14 April 2025	23 May 2025	13 June 2025	13 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	NRF / European Research Council (ERC) Partnership	2025	1	17 February 2025	31 March 2025	08 April 2025	16 May 2025	06 June 2025	30 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	Germany (DFG) IRTG		1	03 March 2025	30 April 2025	07 May 2025	31 May 2025	13 June 2025	30 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	ISC Grants for Travel & Hosting of Events		1	03 March 2025	27 November 2025	04 December 2025	18 December 2025	N/A	N/A

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Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC) 2	2025	2	01 August 2025	01 September 2025	08 September 2025	29 September 2025	17 October 2025	31 October 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	SA-China Young Scientists Exchange Programme (YSEP)	2025	1	17 February 2025	31 March 2025	08 April 2025	16 May 2025	06 June 2025	30 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	Equipment Related Travel & Training 1	2025	1	17 February 2025	31 March 2025	07 April 2025	16 May 2025	06 June 2025	30 June 2025
Travel, Training and Conference Grants	IGP	Equipment Related Travel & Training 2		2	01 August 2025	01 September 2025	08 September 2025	29 September 2025	17 October 2025	31 October 2025

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Undergraduate and Diploma Scholarships	SARAO	SARAO Bachelor of Engineering Technology Scholarships	2026	2	01 July 2025	30 September 2025	15 October 2025	30 November 2025	TBC	TBC
Undergraduate and Diploma Scholarships	SARAO	SARAO Diploma in Engineering Technology	2026	2	01 July 2025	30 September 2025	15 October 2025	30 November 2025	TBC	TBC
Undergraduate Scholarships	SARAO	Undergraduate Scholarships for Students from the Karoo to Study at Sol Plaatje University	2026	2	01 June 2025	31 August 2025	10 September 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC
Undergraduate Scholarships	SARAO	Undergraduate Scholarships	2026	2	01 June 2025	31 August 2025	10 September 2025	31 October 2025	TBC	TBC