



**KNOWLEDGE FIELDS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE
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The Knowledge Fields Development Directorate wishes to notify the research community of the following information with respect to development grant opportunities:

Part of the mandate of the Knowledge Fields Development Directorate (KFD) is to promote new knowledge and to push the boundaries of existing knowledge and associated research capacity by stimulating and developing the entire spectrum of knowledge fields.

In addition to the management of research programmes, KFD employs a range of tools to stimulate the development and advancement of knowledge fields.

These functions are driven by a dual approach, namely:

- **A directed approach:** development activities as identified and coordinated by the NRF;
- **A non-directed, ad hoc approach:** development activities as identified by the research community.

The KFD Directorate identifies a number of activities each year for implementation using both of these approaches.

Please be advised that the development grant strategy document, as well as the development grant application form for ad hoc grants may now be found on the NRF website (<http://www.nrf.ac.za/>) **These grants are awarded throughout the year and as such, are NOT subject to specific submission deadlines.**

The grant applications are subject to internal selection processes, and budget availability throughout the year.

Should you have any queries concerning the information on the website, please contact Candice Steele (Candice@nrf.ac.za) or Renee le Roux (Renee@nrf.ac.za).

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