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INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR RATED RESEARCHERS (IFRR)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING IN 2018

Applicant Closing Date: 8 March 2018

DA Closing Date: 15 March 2018

In 2007, Universities South Africa (USAf) previously known as the Higher Education South Africa (HESA) led a review of the National Research Foundation's (NRF) evaluation and rating system. At the conclusion of the review, HESA acknowledged and endorsed the value that evaluation and rating of individuals add to the research promotion and support part of the NRF mandate. The review report recommended that the NRF re-establishes the link of the evaluation and rating system to funding. Based on this recommendation, the Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers (IFRR) instrument was created.

In 2017, the NRF reviewed the nature, form and levels of funding for IFRR grants. The internal review resulted in the revision of the IFRR funding instrument that takes effect from 2018. The changes are included in the revised 2018 IFRR framework document that is attached to this communication.

- **Only researchers who are newly rated AND researchers who are rated with no Incentive funding in 2018, should apply.**
- **If the outcome of a rating is communicated later than 15 March 2018, researchers will only be able to apply for funding in 2019.**
- **Funding for current Incentive grant-holders will be awarded as presented in section 5.3.2 of the 2018 IFRR Call framework document.**

Applicants must ensure that their Curriculum Vitae are updated on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

Applications must be submitted electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>

The online application form consists of two sections:

- **Project Information** - where the system displays the rating, researchers have to complete the fields to compose their research profile.
- **Budget**- this is not a budget for a research proposal, hence a budget motivation must be provided for the year in which the funding is required indicating what the applicant hopes to achieve with the funding i.e. student training, outputs etc. (please refer to the Framework section 5).
- Researchers will have to indicate in the application form at the time of completing the form, when these funds will be required over the duration of their NRF rating cycle.
- The section that was completed for the rating application called "Ongoing and planned future research" will be migrated from the rating application at <https://submission.nrf.ac.za> to the section "Total Expected Outputs" to guide researchers to align the budget to these goals. If the rating application was done on an earlier online system, this field will be empty.

For further information please view the attached Framework and Funding Guide

CALL CLOSES 08 March 2018

It is the responsibility of each applicant to familiarise themselves with the internal closing date, set by their institution in order to meet the NRF closing date. Incomplete OR late submissions will not be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: Designated Authorities have until 15 March 2018 to validate applications.

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