ICSU-South Africa
Scientific Events/ Travel Grants

2017 – Second Online Call

Closing date: 24 October 2017

Only members of national ICSU committees are eligible to apply
1. INTRODUCTION

The International Council for Science (ICSU) is a non-governmental organisation with a global membership of national scientific bodies (121 members, representing 141 countries) and International Scientific Unions (31 members). ICSU has 17 Interdisciplinary Bodies, established with various strategic partners that address major issues of relevance to both science and society.

ICSU was created to strengthen international science for the benefit of society. This is in line with the strategic performance goals set in the National Research Foundation’s (NRF) Vision - striving towards an internationally competitive science, technology and innovation system.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN ICSU SECRETARIAT

The South African ICSU Secretariat serves the South African scientific community and most of the ICSU scientific unions and affiliates to which South Africa adhere. In 1992 the ICSU National Board of SA was appointed to advise the NRF, as the national adhering organisation to ICSU, on matters pertaining to international cooperation with ICSU and ICSU bodies. The goal of the National Board is to promote effective South African involvement in the organisation of the ICSU network. South Africa is also a national member, via the NRF, of a number of ICSU Unions and Associates. There are 30 South African National Committees/Unions affiliated to ICSU (refer to Annex 1).

The SA ICSU Secretariat provides support and organisational services for the ICSU National Board of SA, and to the SA ICSU National Committees to advance South Africa’s participation in international platforms. The total membership of these committees is in excess of 200 scientists. Approximately 100 South Africans serve on ICSU-related commissions and working groups. The ICSU programme in South Africa was established to achieve the following objectives:

- Internationalise the research platform;
- Enhance networking within the science system;
- Foster collaboration in order to improve the quality of research outputs by researchers;
- Increase the number of SA scientists in the international arena.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) through the NRF contributes ICSU membership dues.

3. TYPES OF GRANTS

The ICSU grants are unique in that applicants are members of national ICSU committees. The two types of ICSU grants supported by the NRF are:

1. **Travel Grants**: This investment area is divided into two categories:
   a. Travel by South African researchers to participate in *ICSU-related* international conferences, workshops, and relevant meetings.
   b. Support of *ICSU-related* conferences and workshops held in South Africa.

2. **Event Support**: Support for hosting of *ICSU-related* events in South Africa.
3.1 Travel Grants

目的（Purpose）

为了支持与ICSU研究活动相关的国际旅行，例如论文和海报的展示和发表，以及接待来自国外的专家。

资格标准（Eligibility Criteria）

- 成为ICSU委员会或ICSU相关工作组、工作小组或委员会的成员；
- 能力建设代表（目前完成或最近完成博士学位）被任命为特定联盟的SA委员会。每年最多可有两名能力建设代表申请；
- 每个申请人每一年只能支持一次活动/活动，且在竞争的基础上；
- 最多三名代表将被资助参加特定的ICSU活动；
- 代表将被资助最多五天；
- 申请将根据价值增值、代表性及战略基础考虑；
- 资金受可用资金的限制；
- 对于同一事件从其他NRF工具获得的额外资助将不考虑；
- 对于访问专家，学者还应与试图通过额外讲座、访问或学生参与的特定历史弱势机构接触。这一点应在申请中明确表示；
- 申请人应清楚表明来自其他来源的财务贡献。自/他来源的共投资是一个最低要求。

3.2 Event Support Grants

目的（Purpose）

为了通过资金支持促进在南非举行的国际研究事件的卓越性，这些事件与ICSU相关。

资格标准（Eligibility Criteria）

- DST、NRF和ICSU国家委员会在竞标一般大会、大会或其他活动举办之前应进行咨询；对于大型会议，应考虑DST/NRF会议基金。
- 事件必须有国际参与（全体代表[们]或国际参与），并可能有口头或海报展示。组织者鼓励南非洲学生参与该活动。
- 资金可用于与事件相关的场地和交通成本（例如，被邀请的主旨演讲者的飞机旅行和住宿），或特定的出版成本与活动有关，或作为活动结果。
- 由于预算限制，对事件的支持仅限于下述各项。
- 申请人应清楚表明来自其他来源的财务贡献。自/他来源的共投资是一个最低要求。
Summary of ICSU-Supported Activities

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| Travel Grants for Individual Researchers | Flights (economy)  
Accommodation  
Conference registration fees  
Subsistence (a maximum of €50 equivalent per day) |
| Foreign Research Fellowship | Flights (economy)  
Accommodation  
Ground transport |
| Local Events              | Flights (economy)  
Accommodation  
Venue hire  
Ground transport  
Cost for publishing ICSU related articles including:  
  - Newsletters  
  - Peer reviewed articles  
  - Books |

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications should be submitted on the NRF Online Submission System at [https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/](https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/)
- Register/Login using your ID/passport number and password
- Go to “My Applications” – Select “Create Application”
- Select the call you are applying for: **ICSU Grants for Travel and Hosting Events 2017**
- Complete all sections of the application
- Please attach the necessary documents in **PDF format**
- Should you not follow the guidelines for attaching the necessary supporting documents, your application may not be considered
- Remember to **submit** your application on completion
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

5. REVIEW PROCESS

In line with the NRF’s endeavour for a fair and objective granting process, all applications are subjected to the following:

- All grant applications should be submitted to the NRF electronically via an online application.
- For ICSU members at qualifying institutions, the NRF Designated Authority (DA) need to sign off and validate the application, as per usual NRF application procedure.
- In ALL cases (as well as for those members not attached to an institution), please enter the contact details and a letter of support of your Head of Department and/or Chairperson of the specific committee. The latter is to ensure alignment, fairness and consistency with applications.
- Applicants should upload an invitation letter from the host organisation/institution/person being visited or an official acceptance of conference presentation/poster, or a letter from the SA ICSU
Secretariat informing the delegates of their appointment as National Voting Delegate or Capacity Building Delegate, whichever might be applicable.

- Applications are reviewed by a NRF panel in consultation with a relevant ICSU Committee Chairperson.
- ICSU reviewers will make recommendations concerning the merit of applications under review including the budget request, in the form of written comments.
- **Given budgetary limitations, funding is not guaranteed. It is important to note that the applicant should clearly indicate financial contributions from other sources. No exceptions will be considered.**

- This call is for activities taking place during the period 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018.

### 6. REPORTING

Following the event, applicants must submit conference reports, proof of travel in the form of boarding passes and accommodation receipts. The report of the event should be submitted to the NRF no later than 21 days after the event. The report should be endorsed by the Chairperson of the applicable committee. Should the Chairperson of a Committee provide a report, it should be endorsed by the Chairperson of the National Board. Applicants who have not submitted previous conference reports to the NRF will not be considered for funding again.

The NRF support should be acknowledged in all publications and presentations (oral or poster). Use of the NRF logo should be according to the branding policies of the organisation, and can be obtained from the contact persons below.

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ANNEX 1 – ICSU COMMITTEES

1. The South African National Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA)
2. The National Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) & the Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP)
3. The International Astronomical Union (IAU)
4. The National Committee of the International Cartographic Association (ICA)
5. The South African National Committee for the International Geographical Union (IGU)
6. The South African National Committee for International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA)
7. The International Union of Crystallography (IUCr)
8. The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG)
9. The South African National Committee of the International Union of Geological Science (IUGS) and the International Correlation Programme (IGCP)
10. The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)
11. The South African National Committee of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS)
12. South Africa’s National Committee for International Union of Psychological Studies (IUPsyS)
13. The National Committee for the International Union of Nutrition Sciences (IUNS) and the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST)
14. The International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM)
15. The South African Committee of the International Mathematics Union (IMU)
16. The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)
17. The Science Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR)
18. The International Union of Radio Science (URSI)
19. International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR)
20. The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP)
21. The International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS)
22. The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
23. The International Brain Research Organization (IBRO)
24. The International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)
25. International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO)
26. Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE)
27. International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB)
28. International Water Association (IWA)
29. International Council for Scientific and Technological Information (ICSTI)
30. International Council on Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS)