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## COMMUNIQUÉ

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE DSI-NRF POSTGRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2022 FUNDING

In our continuous engagements as the NRF we have identified opportunities to further improve the implementation of the DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding policy for efficiency and effectiveness while meeting the objectives of the policy. The following amendments on supplementation, scholarship values and acquisition of the electronic study device will be effective as of the 2022 academic year for new and continuing students funded from the 2021 academic year. The amendments to the policy are as follows:

1. Grantholders on Partial Cost of Study (PCS) or Full Cost of Study (FCS) funding may receive supplementary funding from another private-sector source, another South African government source, the NRF supervisor's running expenses (SARChI, CoEs, etc.) or any other source (e.g. Merit Awards), provided that the total funding received from the NRF and the other source(s) does not exceed institutional maximum limit for the respective levels of study;
2. The scholarship values no longer include a breakdown of allowances. Scholarship values are as follows for the new students to be funded in the 2022 academic year:

Category	Funding per level of Postgraduate Study					
	Honours		Master's		Doctoral	
	FCS	PCS	FCS	PCS	FCS	PCS
Value of the Scholarship (Rand)	144 700 pa	105 700 pa	162 900 pa	105 900 pa	170 430 pa	95 430 pa
Electronic study device allowance (Rand)	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a	10 000	n/a
Maximum Assistive Technology Device (Rand)	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a	20 000	n/a

3. The electronic study device allowance will be provided as a once-off for the duration of the postgraduate studies (FCS scholarship only). Quotations will no longer be required; and
4. For continuing students funded from the 2021 academic year under FCS and PCS, their scholarship values for the 2022 academic year will no longer include a breakdown of allowances.

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