

## National Annex South Africa

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| <b>Overview</b>    | Country  | South Africa  |
|                    | Funding agency   | National Research Foundation (NRF)  |
|                    | Contact person(s) and contact details                    | Mr Jonathan Diederiks<br>Email: CJ.Diederiks@risa.nrf.ac.za   |
|                    | Total budget available (local currency and Euro amounts) | €300,000 (approximately 5.1 million Rand)   |
|                    | Amount that individual projects can request              | €100 000 (approximately 1.7 million Rand)   |
|                    | Permitted project length (in years)                      | 3 to 4 years  |
| <b>Eligibility</b> | Eligible Institutions:                                   | NRF recognized research institution in South Africa   |
|                    | Eligible programmes/projects:                            | Programmes/projects that have been completed and/or are nearing completion (one year or less to completion), completed programmes/projects must be completed by no later than 2017.   |
|                    | Project location requirements                            | There must be countries from Global North and South (within the context of funding countries). Remember that we require minimum 3 countries from the organisations funding the call, but that does not mean that the projects have to be carried out in all 3 participating countries.  |
|                    | Eligible applicants and institutions                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time employees at an NRF recognized research institution<sup>1</sup> in South Africa.</li> <li>• Part-time employees on contract at an NRF recognized research institution in South Africa, but on condition that the appointment is for (at least) the duration of the project applied for in the submission. The length of the contract should be stated in the application form. Salaries must be paid by the research institution and the primary employment of the individual concerned must be at that institution. A contract researcher appointed at a university or</li> </ul> |

<sup>1</sup> A recognized research institution is one that meets all the following minimum requirements:

- Any institution that conducts basic or applied research for the benefit of the long-term knowledge base, whilst being committed to human resource capacity development, including a commitment to equity and redress, the institution ensures that a minimum of reasonable time (6 months minimum) is spent at the facility for the purpose of research and research capacity development.

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|  | <p>Eligible costs and further information on funding conditions</p> | <p>university of technology or science council on behalf of a third party to fulfill a very specific function for the latter does not qualify for support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful applicants will be eligible for funding for the duration of their awarded grant.</li> <li>• Applicants that prioritize the involvement of emerging researchers and elaborate the modalities of this involvement will have an advantage.</li> <li>• Retired academics/researchers, provided that they meet all set criteria as stipulated below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ are resident in SA,</li> <li>○ formally affiliated to a South African Higher Education Institution (e.g., appointed as an emeritus professor, honorary research associate/professor, supernumerary/contract employee),</li> <li>○ are active researchers with a distinguished track record in research and postgraduate student supervision, and</li> <li>○ are actively mentoring/training postgraduate students/young research staff.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Activities of successful South African Researchers in accordance with NRF guidelines and rules.</p> |
|  | <p>Other eligibility considerations</p>                             | <p>These grants are to be used for research purposes under the auspices of the NRF standard grant conditions and finance policies. The money is released on acceptance of the conditions of grant both by the applicant and his/her employing institution. The funds will be awarded against a number of items such as equipment, running costs, travel costs, etc. Annual Progress Reports, submitted before the end of March of the following year, are a prerequisite for the release of the subsequent year's funding. Failure to submit the Annual Progress Reports will result in the cancellation of the project. These grants will fall under the NRF audit requirements of beneficiary institutions.</p> <p>This is a collaborative research grant therefore applicants are expected to apply as a consortium as defined in the call document. The National Research Foundation will (serve as the South African funder) fund the associated activities of successful South African</p>  |

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|                  |   | participants collaborating in (for all the successful) transnational research collaborations, in accordance with the relevant NRF rules and policies. |
| <b>Resources</b> | Guidance on equity, diversity and inclusion of best practices | Gender equity and emerging and established researchers, and non-academic partners.  |
|                  | Ethics policy/statement                                       | As per call text and guidelines documents.  |