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NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF)

NRF POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENT

All communication or consultation with the NRF by the Grantholder should be channelled through the Research/Postgraduate Office at the institution.

Everything related to the scholarship/grant can be managed via NRF Connect (<https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za>).

All documents related to the postgraduate scholarships e.g. Framework, Funding Guides etc. can be accessed via the NRF website: <https://www.nrf.ac.za/postgraduate-grants-documents>.

The following Postgraduate Administration document should be read and adhered to in conjunction with the accepted Conditions of Grant.

A. DOCUMENTATION AND RELEASE OF FUNDS

All official documents i.e. ID and passport copies, must be **valid** and must be **certified** for audit purposes. Birth certificates, temporary IDs/passports or expired documentation will not be accepted.

The award and related conditions must be accepted online via the NRF Connect system by April of the year of award. The following documents must be uploaded at time of award acceptance in order for funds to be released:

- a. **Proof of Registration**, the original document received from the institution
- b. Latest official **Academic Transcript**
- c. **Proof of previous NSFAS/ISFAP funding** if awarded an FCS scholarship, where applicable (excluding extension support)
- d. Signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** (to be submitted at time of take-up of award or with the mid-year progress report)

***Note:** The Institution has to confirm the cumulative grade point average (GPA) obtained for the previous degree. Institutions should not accept/process any awards where the GPA is less than the NRF minimum requirement of 65% and above.

No funds will be released without all the required documentation being submitted to the NRF.

B. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Postgraduate scholarships are funded at either full cost or partial cost of study under various funding opportunities.

Scholarships are awarded based on the “scholarship applying for” selected in the original application e.g. general scholarship; DAAD; SASOL, TWAS etc.

If you applied for a general scholarship, you can be funded under any of the following funding opportunities: NFSAS and Scarce Skills; Innovation or Scarce Skills.

In some instances your application may be moved to other funding opportunities and is dependent on NRF approval. You will be notified if this change does occur.

Further, if you applied for a scholarship linked to NRF-funded research, but selected a grant or funding opportunity with no student support component, then your application will be moved to the general scholarships pool of applications.

The award letter will indicate the level and cost centre under which you are awarded. For further details regarding the funding opportunity under which you are awarded, please refer to the table in [Appendix A](#) (page 9).

C. GRANT CHANGES

*All change requests must be submitted on the NRF Connect system and must be approved by the NRF.

1. Change of Institution

Change of institution is dependent on the funding opportunity that the Grantholder is funded under:

- 1.1. The Grantholder (general scholarships, DAAD, Nuffic (split-site), The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), SASAC or similar) is entitled to transfer the grant to another institution provided the institution is an NRF Recognised South African Public University or University of Technology. A revised CoG and Letter of Award indicating the relevant changes must be accepted and signed by the Grantholder and new institution. ***Note:** Grantholders under Extension Support are not entitled to a change of institution.
- 1.2. Grantholders funded under grantholder-linked scholarships, i.e., grantholders linked to an NRF-funded researcher's grant or a specific programme linked to institutions, e.g. South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI), Centre of Excellence (CoE), National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP) or similar, are permitted to change institutions if they continue to participate in the activities and remain associated with the NRF-funded researcher's grant.
- 1.3. A formal request should be submitted by the Grantholder 30 days before the effective date of transfer. It should be endorsed by the current and new Supervisor in writing *via* the Research/Postgraduate Office.
- 1.4. Transfer of postgraduate grants will be approved on assurance by the Grantholder and Supervisor that the postgraduate studies will be completed within the time stipulated in the original CoG.
- 1.5. The transfer of grants associated with CoEs, or SARChI must be endorsed by the CoE or Chairholder and relevant DA before submission to the NRF.

All change of Institution requests must be forwarded to GMSA by the Grantholder for local scholarships *via* the Research/Postgraduate Office of the Institution which must approve such requests.

NRF Connect option: Change in Beneficiary (attach all required documents)

2. Change of Supervisor and Research Project

- 2.1. Requests for changing the Supervisor of study: The NRF must be informed in writing by the Grantholder. The previous Supervisor must submit a letter of release, and the new Supervisor must submit a letter confirming supervision.

NRF Connect option: Change in Supervisor (attach all required documents)

- 2.2. Requests to change the research project or field of study for which the grant was awarded: A letter of application is submitted by the Grantholder to the NRF for consideration, providing details of the old and new projects. The Supervisor should support the change and provide confirmation that the new project information has been approved by the institution.

NRF Connect options:

Change in Discipline [for change in field of study] OR Change in Title [for change in research project/title] (attach all required documents)

- 2.3. A Grantholder receiving extension support to complete the degree cannot submit a project change or field of study change request.

3. Change between PCS and FCS Scholarships (South African citizens and permanent residents only)

3.1. Changes between PCS/FCS must be requested BEFORE the award is accepted on the NRF Connect system.

- 3.2. If a Grantholder was awarded PCS but is eligible for FCS, proof of previous NSFAS or ISFAP funding or proof of academic merit ($\geq 75\%$ for the previous degree), as well as a formal request for reconsideration, must be submitted to the NRF *via* the institutional Postgraduate/Research Office. These change requests must be submitted before 30 April of the year of the award. No changes to a category will be considered after this date unless otherwise approved by the NRF.
- 3.3. In the case where the grantholder is awarded a scholarship under PCS and requests a financial means test to be undertaken, the financial means assessment will only be conducted for the following year of award. The award of the FCS scholarship is however subject to the availability of funds.
- 3.4. The NRF reserves the right to adjust the award from FCS to PCS should the requirements for the FCS not be fulfilled by the Grantholder. In the case where a Grantholder was awarded FCS but is no longer eligible, and the award must be changed to PCS, a formal request must be submitted to the NRF with the relevant proof for the change in the financial situation of the Grantholder. In the case where the Grant-holder obtained $< 75\%$ for the previous degree, the award will be adjusted based on the submitted academic record and new Conditions of Grant will be issued for a PCS award.

Note: Applicants that are eligible for FCS can be awarded at PCS due to budget constraints. The NRF reserves the right not to make an award or adjust a grant under any circumstances from PCS to FCS

4. Deferments

The Grant may be deferred to the second semester of the year of award, however a formal request must be submitted to the NRF *via* the Research/Postgraduate Office for consideration by 30 April and approved by the NRF. Grants may not be deferred to the next calendar year.

NRF Connect option: Change in Duration (attach all required documents)

5. Abeyance

- 5.1. If the Grantholder requires their studies to be placed on abeyance for a short period (up to 12 months) due to medical/health reasons or for female Grantholders who require maternity leave, the Grantholder must submit a formal request and all supporting documents (e.g. note from medical practitioner, approval from institution, support from supervisor) must be submitted to the NRF for consideration before the period of abeyance.
- 5.2. If the abeyance request is approved by the NRF, the Grant will be paid pro-rata. The support period will not change, and funds for the requested period will be allocated in the final year of study.
- 5.3. If the abeyance request is not approved by the NRF, the grant will be cancelled and the relevant cancellation clause(s) as per the signed conditions of grant will apply.
- 5.4. Should the institution approve an abeyance period longer than 12 months, the relevant documents must be submitted to the NRF for consideration. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

NRF Connect option: Change in Duration (attach all required documents)

6. Employment

As per the conditions of grant, Grantholders cannot be employed and hold the scholarship at the same time. Should the Grantholder obtain employment during the tenure of the scholarship the following scenarios can apply:

- 6.1. If the Grantholder discontinues their studies, he/she will have to return the funds already received, and the scholarship will be cancelled.

NRF Connect option: Cancellation of Grant (attach all required documents)

- 6.2. If the Grantholder will be continuing with their studies, the scholarship will be made pro-rata, funds will not have to be repaid provided that the Grantholder completes the degree for which funding was awarded. Please refer to the relevant completion clause in the conditions of grant regarding the timeframe for completion of the degree.

NRF Connect option: Financial Adjustment (attach all required documents)

7. Upgrade from masters to doctoral

When a masters student is upgraded to doctoral study, the masters Grantholder can request an upgrade of their scholarship provided that they are still within the eligible period of support for an upgrade. The following documents are required:

- 7.1. Formal letter of request from the Grantholder, supported/endorsed by the supervisor.
- 7.2. Official upgrade documents i.e. proof from the institution that the upgrade has been approved by the higher degrees committee or similar.

NRF Connect option: Upgrade of Degree (attach all required documents)

D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Progress reports are required for the NRF to assess the progress of the Grantholder, and this is also required for the renewal of the scholarship in the next academic year. The NRF sends out communications to the institutions once the system has been opened for reports.

1. All Grantholders receiving NRF postgraduate funding (under the DSI-NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy implemented in 2021) will be required to submit bi-annual Progress Reports on the NRF Online Submission System, including the Supervisor's input on the Grantholder's performance. It is the responsibility of the Grantholder to ensure that the Supervisor has responded within the set timelines. The NRF reserves the right not to process and release funds if the Progress Report does not meet these requirements.
2. By the end of the funding period, local honours, masters, doctoral and doctoral joint degree Grantholders must have submitted two (2), four (4), six (6) or eight (8) reports, respectively. Extension support for masters and doctoral Grantholders are also expected to submit Progress Reports. Reports are due by the end of August in each funding year and again by mid-February of the following year unless otherwise specified by the NRF through official communication.
3. The Grantholder's supervisor will also have to respond on the progress and recommend continued funding. If a supervisor does not respond or does not recommend funding, the grant will be cancelled. ***Note:** it is the responsibility of the Grantholder to follow up with their supervisor regarding their response on the report.
4. A Progress Report is still required even if the grant is awarded during the course of the academic year.
5. Failure to submit a Progress Report on time will result in the cancellation of a Grant for the current and subsequent year(s). The Grantholder will not be eligible for further funding at the postgraduate level at which they were in breach of the CoG.
6. A Grantholder who is in his/her final year of funding (including Extension Support Grantholders) is still liable to submit a Progress Report(s) for the last year of funding even if they graduate with their degree within that year.
7. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements will categorise the Grantholder as having breached the CoG.
8. Should the NRF be informed by the institution of any under-performance or lack of progress during the tenure of the grant, the funding will be stopped and the Grantholder will be given an additional year after the maximum funding period of the NRF to complete the degree. If after the additional year the Grantholder has not completed the degree, the Grantholder will be liable for the repayment of funds received as outlined in Section 9 of the Conditions of Grant.
9. The Grantholder shall ensure that there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreed upon and signed by himself/herself and the Supervisor in the case of masters and doctoral studies, or between the Grantholder and the HoD/Supervisor in the case of honours studies and clarifying expectations and preferences in managing the research project. The agreed and signed MoU should be submitted with the mid-year reports due by the end of August. Masters Grantholders registered for coursework in the first year of study and Grantholders who registered in the second semester of the award year should submit the agreed and signed MoU with end-of-year reports due by mid-February of the following year.
10. Grantholders are expected to undertake at least 80 hours of Academic Service Work per annum in the form of structured, university determined academic support activities. University determined academic support activities may include tutoring/mentoring other students; volunteering for orientation of new students and on career days; or science engagement activities. Academic support activities must be included in the student-supervisor MoU and reported in the Grantholder's Bi-annual Report.

E. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE

Grantholders living with a disability may apply for additional funding for an **assistive technology device** of up to R20 000. This is the maximum amount allowed for the duration of the scholarship. The assistive device form can be accessed via the institutional postgraduate office or via the NRF website (<https://www.nrf.ac.za/postgraduate-grants-documents>). Once completed, the document should be validated by the Institutional DA before submission for NRF approval.

The assistive technology device allowance is designed for requirements related to research purposes rather than social services. As a result, the NRF will not pay costs associated with social services (e.g. caregivers).

NRF Connect option: Financial Adjustment (attach all required documents)

F. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Funds for this Award will be released upon receipt of a signed CoG that must be submitted electronically by the Research/Postgraduate Office. A satisfactory Progress Report supported by the supervisor must be submitted to renew the funding for subsequent years. The following documents must accompany the CoG: official academic transcript, proof of registration, and a certified copy of the Grantholder's identity document/passport.
2. Once the conditions have been met, the grant will be paid to the institution, which will administer it under the provisions of the Master Funding Agreement which is signed by the institution and the NRF. .
3. The institution shall create an internal unique identifier/reference number, which will be used as a reference for all matters about the grant for effective and efficient administration and internal reporting in respect of this grant.
4. The institution shall pay **monthly or quarterly stipends** into the Grantholder's valid South African bank account upon commencement of the registration until the end of the academic year.
5. The institution must make payments for a full year or half a year i.e. in accordance with the registration details of the Grantholder. Please refer to conditions of grant for further details.
6. The institution shall provide an enabling environment for postgraduate training; quality training and supervision of postgraduate students; quality assurance; code of ethics for research; wrap-around support; and an enabling environment for research collaboration. These expectations of universities are detailed in the *NRF Statement of Expectations for NRF Postgraduate Student Funding document*.
7. Any disputes between Supervisor and Grantholder, e.g. regarding the grant renewal, must be dealt with by the institution, and the final decision must be communicated to the NRF.
8. The DA is required to update the student completion record on the NRF Online Submission System.
9. An Institution may impose additional rules and regulations over and above the NRF's CoG under their Institutional financial processes.

G. GRANTHOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Grantholder must have a **valid transactional bank account** into which the institution will pay monthly or quarterly stipends upon commencement of the registration until the end of the academic year.
2. It is the responsibility of the Grantholder and the DA to ensure that the awarded funds are claimed within 60 (sixty) days of the release of funds. Failing to comply with those conditions mentioned

above, the NRF reserves the right to automatically take back funds so that the funds can be reallocated to other deserving students.

3. The Grant will be awarded for a full year or half a year. If a Grantholder is registered in the first half of the year (first semester), regardless of the month of registration, and is registered for a full year, the Grantholder is eligible for a full year scholarship and associated allowances. If the Grantholder registers in the second half of the year (second semester), the Grantholder is eligible for a half year scholarship and associated allowances.
4. In the event of any NRF policy changes to the award in subsequent years, the new policy shall apply. The DA or the NRF should be consulted regarding any policy updates.
5. All Grantholders receiving NRF postgraduate funding (under the DSI-NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy implemented in 2021) will be required to submit bi-annual Progress Reports on the NRF Online Submission System, including the Supervisor's input on the Grantholder's performance. It is the responsibility of the Grantholder to ensure that the Supervisor has responded within the set timelines. The NRF reserves the right not to process and release funds if the Progress Report does not meet these requirements.
6. A Grantholder who is in his/her final year of funding (including Extension Support Grantholders) is still liable to submit a Progress Report(s) for the last year of funding even if they graduate with their degree within that year.
7. A Progress Report is still required even if the grant is awarded during the course of the academic year.
8. The Grantholder must register for ORCID (www.orcid.org) to integrate NRF processes and systems and maintain the NRF's Research requirements. This requirement is intended to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research activities and outputs to these identifiers. The linking of such an identifier to Institutional systems will minimise the effort from Institutions and researchers to update such research activities and outputs and ensure the integrity of system content. The linking of this identifier is once-off either at the application or Progress Report submission stage.
9. The NRF-DAAD Grantholders must also register on the DAAD webportal (<https://portal.daad.de/>), as a mandatory requirement for all NRF-DAAD Grantholders. For further clarity, Grantholders must contact the DAAD Information Centre at daad@wits.ac.za.

H. MOBILITY GRANTS UNDER THE GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS (GKP)

1. South African Grantholders receiving NRF funding under specific funding instruments for doctoral studies in South Africa are encouraged to incorporate a period of international training that forms an integral part of their doctoral training programme.
2. Travel grants (for conferences, short term research visits, etc.) are available for selected funding programmes such as "DAAD", "Fulbright Foreign Student Program" and "SASAC". They are awarded based on successful travel grant applications. Applications are done *via* the NRF's funding partner, details of which are furnished in the "Application and Funding Guide" and "Framework" documents.
3. The travel grants for "Nuffic" are approved as part of the scholarship grant application. Students will need to apply to the NRF to process their travel grants based on the travel grant call schedule outlined in the Travel Grant guidelines document. For more information on the application process and timelines, please access the Travel Grant Guidelines on the NRF website.
4. NRF-TWAS and NRF-MINDS Grantholders will have to complete an NRF mobility grant form in order to access their mobility grant. This form can be obtained from the relevant institutional Research/Postgraduate Office as well as via the NRF website (<https://www.nrf.ac.za/postgraduate-grants-documents>).

NRF Connect option: Financial Adjustment (attach all required documents)

5. Through the Global Knowledge Partnerships Programme (GKP) Framework, the following modalities for international placement opportunities will be used:

6. International research visits through NRF-led networks such as "DAAD", "SASAC", "Mitacs", and "Fulbright Foreign Student Program" will provide mobility support for doctoral Grantholders to spend between three (3) and twelve (12) months abroad.
7. Guidelines for eligibility criteria for the "GKP" are available on <https://www.nrf.ac.za/GKP>

I. UNINTERRUPTED STUDY

Grantholders (under the DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding Policy implemented in 2021) are eligible to receive uninterrupted study support provided that they meet the following requirements listed below:

- submit a new scholarship application for each study level;
- submit the required bi-annual Progress Reports for the relevant levels of support;
- the NRF-funded degree is completed within the NRF funding periods, which are one (1) year for a full-time honours degree and two (2) years for a full-time masters degree;
- register for a masters degree immediately after completing the honours degree;
- register for a doctoral degree immediately after completing the masters degree; and
- meet all the university and NRF's requirements for postgraduate funding.

The NRF reserves the right not to award a scholarship or cancel an awarded scholarship should it come to the NRF's attention that the above requirements for uninterrupted study support have not been met.

J. PERSONAL/CONTACT DETAILS

Should your personal or contact details change, please ensure that you update the NRF Connect system. It is important for the NRF to have the most up-to-date information.

APPENDIX A

Table 1: Cost centres linked to the scholarship applied for in the application

Cost Centre Code	Name (Funding Opportunity/ Programme)	Funding Category:	Scholarship applying for (as per the application)	Level
		Full cost of study (FCS) or Partial Cost of Study (PCS)		
ACGR	African Coelecanth Ecosystem Programme	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
AOGR	Africa Origin Platform	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
ASRC	SARChI: Research Chair in Astronomy (Southern African Large Telescope)	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
BARC	SARChI: UK-SA Bilateral	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
BIRC	SARChI: Biotechnology	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CAGR	CoE: Invasion Biology	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CBGR	CoE: Catalysis	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CCGR	CoE: Birds as Keys to Biodiversity	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CFGR	CoE: Biomedical TB Research	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CGGR	CoE: Tree Health Biotechnology @FABI	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CHGR	CoE: Strong Materials	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral

CJGR	CoE: SACEMA	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CMGR	SARChI: Maths	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CNGR	CoE: Palaeosciences	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
COMG	Community Engagement and SASOL Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CORC	SARChI: Co-Funded	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CPGR	CoE: Indigenous Knowledge Systems	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CPRR	Competitive Support for Rated researchers	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CQGR	CoE: Mathematical and Statistical Science	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CRGR	CoE: Integrated Mineral and Energy Resources Analysis	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CTGR	CoE: Scientometrics and STI Policy	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CUGR	Competitive Support for Unrated researchers	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CVGR	CoE: Food Security	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CWGR	CoE: Human Development	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
CZGR	CoE: HIV/AIDS	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
DAAD	NRF-DAAD Doctoral	FCS	NRF-DAAD Scholarship	Doctoral

DAAM	NRF-DAAD Masters	FCS	NRF-DAAD Scholarship	Masters
DARC	RCCE: Communities of Practice	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
DARC	RCCE: Communities of Practice	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
DHRC	SARChI: Post-School Education and Training Research Chairs	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
ELGR	F'SATIE Scholarship	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
ENRC	SARChI: Energy Chairs	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
ESDF	Extension support doctoral full cost	FCS	Extension support doctoral	Doctoral
ESDP	Extension support doctoral partial cost	PCS	Extension support doctoral	Doctoral
ESMF	Extension support masters full cost	FCS	Extension support masters	Masters
ESMP	Extension support masters partial cost	PCS	Extension support masters	Masters
ESSD	Extension support doctoral	Old policy	Extension support doctoral	Doctoral
ESSM	Extension support masters	Old policy	Extension support masters	Masters
ESSR	Earth System Science Research Programme	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
GACG	DST GCRP - ACCESS Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
GCBF	Global Change- Belmont Forum Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral

GCRC	SARChI: SA Global Change	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
GCRV	Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Programme	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
GCST	Global Change DST Strategic Activities	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
GSCC	Global Change Social Science Research Programme	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
HIRC	SARChI: Health Innovation	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
HSGR	Human and Social Sciences Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IBCN	Integrated Biodiversity Information Programme - Concept Notes	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IBIP	Integrated Biodiversity Information - Large Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IBSG	Integrated Biodiversity Information Programme - Small Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IBTB	Integrated Biodiversity Information Programme - Team Projects	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IDOG	Innovation Doctoral	FCS	General scholarship	Doctoral
IDPC	Innovation Doctoral	PCS	General scholarship	Doctoral
IHGR	Innovation Honours	FCS	General scholarship	Honours
IHPC	Innovation Honours	PCS	General scholarship	Honours
IKGR	Indigenous Knowledge Systems	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
IKRC	SARChI: Indigenous Knowledge	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral

IMGR	Innovation Masters or SASAC Masters	FCS	General scholarship/SASAC	Masters
IMPC	Innovation Masters or SASAC Masters	PCS	General scholarship/SASAC	Masters
LURC	SARChI: Religion and Social Justice	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
MBRC	SARChI: Biostatistics in South Africa	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
MCGR	Marine & Coastal Research Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
MIND	NRF-MINDS	PCS	NRF-MINDS Scholarship	Doctoral
MMGR	Manus MatSci	FCS	Manus Matsci Scholarship	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NARC	SARChI: Nanotechnology	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NASH	National Space Science & Astrophysics	FCS or PCS	NRF-NASSP Scholarship	Honours
NASM	National Space Science & Astrophysics	FCS or PCS	NRF-NASSP Scholarship	Masters
NERC	SARChI: National Development Plan	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NFIS	New Earth Observation Frontiers (NEOFrontiers) – Innovation Support	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NFPD	New Earth Observation Frontiers (NEOFrontiers) – Product Development	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NFRC	SARChI: National Facilities Chairs	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NMRC	SARChI: SA/Namibia Joint Research Chair in Astronomy	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NSDF	NSFAS and Scarce Skills Doctoral	FCS	General scholarship	Doctoral

NSHF	NSFAS and Scarce Skills Honours	FCS	General scholarship	Honours
NSMF	NSFAS and Scarce Skills Masters	FCS	General scholarship	Masters
NTGR	National Institute Theoretical Physics (NITHEP)	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
NTWA	NRF-TWAS Scholarship	PCS	NRF-TWAS Scholarship	Doctoral
NTWD	NRF-TWAS Scholarship	PCS	NRF-TWAS Scholarship	Doctoral
NUFG	NRF-Nuffic Scholarship	FCS	Nuffic	Doctoral
NURC	SARChI: Numeracy	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
PAST	Palaeo-Anthropology Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
PBRC	SARChI: Pebble Bed Modular Reactor	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
PDPD	Professional Development Programme	FCS	NRF-PDP	Doctoral
RCCP	SARChI: Communities of Practice	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
RSSC	RSSC - Regional Service Centre for Climate Change	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
RTMG	Research and Technology Fund: Matching Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
RTNG	Research and Technology Fund: Non-Matching Grants	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SADP	SASAC Doctoral	PCS	NRF-SASAC Scholarship	Doctoral
SARC	South African Research Chairs Initiative	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SASD	SASAC Doctoral	FCS	NRF-SASAC Scholarship	Doctoral
SCRC	SARChI: South African Cities Network	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral

SDGR	SANAP Developmental Grant	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SIDG	Sasol Doctoral	FCS	NRF-SASOL Foundation	Doctoral
SIHG	Sasol Honours	FCS	NRF-SASOL Foundation	Honours
SIMG	Sasol Masters	FCS	NRF-SASOL Foundation	Masters
SKRC	SKA Chairs	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SNGR	SA National Antarctic Programme	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SSFD	Scarce Skills Doctoral	FCS	General scholarship	Doctoral
SSFH	Scarce Skills Honours	FCS	General scholarship	Honours
SSFM	Scarce Skills Masters	FCS	General scholarship	Masters
SSRC	SARChI: Social Sciences	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
SURC	SARChI: Sugarcane Bio-Refining Chair	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
TTTK	Thuthuka	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
UKRC	SARChI: SA - UK Bilateral	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral
WMRC	SARChI: Waste and Climate Change in SA	FCS or PCS	Scholarship linked to NRF-funded research	Honours/Masters/Doctoral