

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS FOR THUTHUKA RESEARCH GRANTS FOR 2025

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The National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Department of Science, technology and Innovation (DSTI) are pleased to announce the provisional Thuthuka grant awards for funding in the 2025 academic year. The new Thuthuka awards for applicants, who responded to the 2025 Call for applications, have been made according to the strategic objectives of the Thuthuka Funding Instrument and the available budget. The successful new Thuthuka awardees for the PhD, Post-PhD and Rating Tracks are listed in Table 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- If your name does not appear on the relevant Table, you have not been awarded the Thuthuka research grant for 2025.
- **Successful candidates will be able to view and download their award letters in January 2025, via NRF Connect against their applications.**
- Read through the Conditions of Grant (CoG) letter and award letter documents carefully before accepting the award.
- **Guidelines on how to accept the award:** <https://www.nrf.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Acceptance-of-Award.pdf>
- All required documentation must be uploaded on the awardees' NRF Connect profile within two months of receipt of the award letter.
- **The sooner the NRF obtains all the required documents, the sooner it will release the funds.**
- The NRF feedback on the review of applications will be forwarded to all unsuccessful applicants between January and March 2025.

**Table 1. Successful applicants for the Thuthuka PhD Track grant for 2025**

#	Reference	First Name	Last Name	Institution
1	TTK240409212945	Deen	Ebrahim	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
2	TTK240507217791	Ntombizanele	Maqache	Central University of Technology, Free State
3	TTK240510218200	Joseph Eminsang	Conduah	Central University of Technology, Free State
4	TTK240508217913	Olumuyiwa Yinus	Odufuwa	Central University of Technology, Free State
5	TTK240320210093	Samuel	Waters	Central University of Technology, Free State
6	TTK240318209711	Paul	Vosloo	Central University of Technology, Free State
7	TTK240415214232	Nomvuyo	Nomadolo	CSIR - Future Production: Chemicals
8	TTK240411213472	Londiwe	Motibane	CSIR - Future production: Manufacturing
9	TTK240418214904	Gift	Khumalo	Durban University of Technology
10	TTK240503217137	Philani	Khumalo	Durban University of Technology
11	TTK240425216003	Mathapelo Lifa	Hadebe	Durban University of Technology
12	TTK240401211556	Amahle	Khumalo	Durban University of Technology
13	TTK240430216664	NHLANHLA	NKOSI	Durban University of Technology
14	TTK240426216125	Penelope	Youngleson	Durban University of Technology
15	TTK240404212128	Melvin	Chetty	Durban University of Technology
16	TTK240418214908	Siphiwengesihle	Mbamali	Durban University of Technology
17	TTK240425215891	NOLWANDO LAWRANCE	MGILANE	Durban University of Technology
18	TTK240425215919	Raveena	Singh-Naidu	Durban University of Technology
19	TTK240503217150	Fezokuhle	Makhanya	Mangosuthu University of Technology
20	TTK240429216473	Keaobaka	Matjiwa	Nelson Mandela University
21	TTK240426216124	Lucia	Mhlongo	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
22	TTK240319209814	Lindi	Mathebula	South African Medical Research Council (MRC)
23	TTK240502216999	Janine	Baxter	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
24	TTK240409213020	Adèle	Mey	Stellenbosch University
25	TTK240408212944	Delecia Allison	Dauids	Stellenbosch University
26	TTK240408212830	Thumeka	Jalavu	Stellenbosch University
27	TTK240320210059	Kerri	Keet	Stellenbosch University
28	TTK240411213500	Susan	Njeyiyana	Stellenbosch University
29	TTK240325210762	Zinhle	Mthomboti	Stellenbosch University
30	TTK240328211234	Jodie	Layman-Lemphane	Stellenbosch University
31	TTK240324210668	Christel	Hanson	Tshwane University of Technology
32	TTK240314209063	Thobile	Dlamini	Tshwane University of Technology

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33	TTK240425215925	Thapelo	Lebese	Tshwane University of Technology
34	TTK240410213258	Thandiwe	Radebe	Tshwane University of Technology
35	TTK240420215197	Fezeka	Zwane	Tshwane University of Technology
36	TTK240422215416	Inge	Smit	University of Cape Town
37	TTK240426216166	Obakeng Luthando	Jona	University of Cape Town
38	TTK240502216941	Mmaphuti Jaqueline	Chokoe Maluleke	University of Cape Town
39	TTK240325210779	Michelle	Hannington	University of Cape Town
40	TTK240425215888	Johnathan	Muller-Stuurman	University of Cape Town
41	TTK240419215114	RIYAAN	DAVIDS	University of Cape Town
42	TTK240521219399	NOLUTHANDO	MDLALOSE	University of Johannesburg
43	TTK240419215130	Nthabiseng	Mabale	University of Johannesburg
44	TTK240421215237	Carley	Chetty	University of Johannesburg
45	TTK240520219261	Khutso	Lebea	University of Johannesburg
46	TTK240422215299	Kerri-Lee Ann	Francois	University of KwaZulu-Natal
47	TTK240422215463	Moloko	Matshipi	University of Limpopo
48	TTK240510218155	Siphosethu	Dibakoane	University of Mpumalanga
49	TTK240422215391	Tasleemah	Hazarvi	University of Pretoria
50	TTK240429216579	Nyasha	Dhlembeu	University of Pretoria
51	TTK240421215242	Yoshin	Chetty	University of Pretoria
52	TTK240408212735	Sabeeha	Mahomed	University of South Africa
53	TTK240328211207	Mmakgabo	Selepe	University of the Free State
54	TTK240415214210	Kelly	Kilian	University of the Free State
55	TTK240322210500	Rethabile	Masiu	University of the Free State
56	TTK240514218651	Tammy	Hartel	University of the Western Cape
57	TTK240514218506	ANTHEA	JEFTHA	University of the Western Cape
58	TTK240429216555	Suwayda	Ahmed	University of the Western Cape
59	TTK240509217992	Melitta	Gqada	University of the Western Cape
60	TTK240326210912	Sikhumbuzo	Maisela	University of the Witwatersrand
61	TTK240504217317	Devon	Jarvis	University of the Witwatersrand
62	TTK240520219317	Dineo	Tshabalala	University of the Witwatersrand
63	TTK240410213377	Sanelisiwe	Duze	University of the Witwatersrand
64	TTK240422215379	Rubina	Shaikh	University of the Witwatersrand
65	TTK240312208731	Zelna	Booth	University of the Witwatersrand
66	TTK240408212702	Nhlanhla	Nyembe	Vaal University of Technology

**Table 2. Successful applicants for the Thuthuka Post-PhD Track grant for 2025**

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1	TTK240318209578	Sinalo	Mani	Agricultural Research Council (South Africa), Animal Production Institute
2	TTK240411213599	Simon	Lashmar	Agricultural Research Council (South Africa), Animal Production Institute
3	TTK240408212711	Rulien	Erasmus	Agricultural Research Council (South Africa), Animal Production Institute
4	TTK240329211384	Mujahid	Aziz	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
5	TTK240425216043	Zondi	Nate	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
6	TTK240403211919	Amy	Padayachee	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
7	TTK240402211706	Rumbidzai	Muvunzi	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
8	TTK240329211356	Bronwyn Claudia	Swartz	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
9	TTK240502216978	Tanja	Coetzer	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
10	TTK240514218494	Ida-Keshia	Sebelego	Central University of Technology, Free State
11	TTK240423215576	Percy	Hohne	Central University of Technology, Free State
12	TTK240514218633	Beatrix	van der Linde	Central University of Technology, Free State
13	TTK240315209308	Andile	Mtshali	Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)
14	TTK240409213134	Tovhowani	Ramulongo	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa
15	TTK240312208649	Zandile	Mahlangu	CSIR - Advanced Agriculture and Food
16	TTK240507217714	Kanyane	Malatji	CSIR - Future Production: Chemicals
17	TTK240415214180	Nokwazi	Mphuthi	CSIR - Future production: Manufacturing
18	TTK240327211153	Charles	Maphanga	CSIR - Future production: Manufacturing
19	TTK240402211640	Justin	Harrison	CSIR - Future production: Manufacturing
20	TTK240318209656	Ratshilumela	Dima	CSIR - NextGen Enterprises and Institutions
21	TTK240410213231	Prettier Morongoa	Maleka	CSIR - NextGen Enterprises and Institutions
22	TTK240430216756	Sifiso	Myeni	Durban University of Technology
23	TTK240504217306	Magareth	Mtshengu	Mangosuthu University of Technology
24	TTK240527221420	Khuthadzo	Mudzanani	Mintek
25	TTK240509218123	Mokgehle Refiloe	Letsoalo	Mintek
26	TTK240514218547	Palesa	Seele	Mintek
27	TTK240412213796	Kumeshan	Reddy	Nelson Mandela University
28	TTK240316209461	hlanganani	nyembe	Nelson Mandela University
29	TTK240328211285	Laura Novienyo Abla	Amoah	Nelson Mandela University
30	TTK240322210476	Velile	Vilane, PhD	Nelson Mandela University
31	TTK240501216880	James	Sekonya	Nelson Mandela University
32	TTK240411213481	Johannes	Sibeko	Nelson Mandela University

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33	TTK240410213265	Nomtha	Hadi	Nelson Mandela University
34	TTK240326210953	Zikhona	Tywabi-Ngeva	Nelson Mandela University
35	TTK240421215219	Gaotswake Patience	Kovane	North-West University
36	TTK240407212636	Reitumetse	Nkhahle	North-West University
37	TTK240318209707	Nicholin	Scheepers	North-West University
38	TTK240411213608	Aviwe	May	North-West University
39	TTK240412213816	Khumoetsile Daphney	Shopo	North-West University
40	TTK240314209054	Marianne	Pretorius	North-West University
41	TTK240410213344	Tamrin	Veldsman	North-West University
42	TTK240502217111	Dominic	Daula	Rhodes University
43	TTK240318209763	Stanley	Kuja	Rhodes University
44	TTK240418214906	Nanamhla	Gwedla	Rhodes University
45	TTK240502216927	Sizwe	Zondo	Rhodes University
46	TTK240507217716	Siyabonga	Melamane	Rhodes University
47	TTK240316209442	Melusi Andile Charles	Dlamini	Rhodes University
48	TTK240326211029	Solanka Ellen	Ledwaba	Rhodes University
49	TTK240312208578	Sabashnee	Davies	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
50	TTK240410213254	Pedzisai	Makoni	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
51	TTK240429216385	Shoeshoe	Mokhele	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
52	TTK240319209886	Sashrika	Pillay- Addinall	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
53	TTK240422215295	Madan	Poka	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
54	TTK240430216677	Nana Millicent Dudzile	Buthelezi	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
55	TTK240430216715	Tiani	Wepener	Sol Plaatje University
56	TTK240322210442	Zarina	Ebrahim	Stellenbosch University
57	TTK240415214220	Precious	Simba	Stellenbosch University
58	TTK240409213055	Chantelle	van Staden	Stellenbosch University
59	TTK240324210665	Johannes Cornelius	Schoeman	Stellenbosch University
60	TTK240320210060	Cornelia	Malherbe	Stellenbosch University
61	TTK240409213082	Neo	Motang	Stellenbosch University
62	TTK240319209840	Clint Alex	Steed	Stellenbosch University
63	TTK240322210470	Malefu	Moleleki	Stellenbosch University
64	TTK240408212792	Leanne	Johnson	Stellenbosch University
65	TTK240408212906	Peter	Faul	Stellenbosch University
66	TTK240409213013	Megan	Matthews	Stellenbosch University

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68	TTK240405212340	Karen	Garner	Stellenbosch University
69	TTK240331211483	Nur	Dhansay	Stellenbosch University
70	TTK240321210363	Rensu	Theart	Stellenbosch University
71	TTK240327211117	Nicole	Taylor	Stellenbosch University
72	TTK240318209587	Melody	Neaves	Stellenbosch University
73	TTK240402211612	Marlon-schylor	Le Roux	Stellenbosch University
74	TTK240313209002	Nicholus	Malatji	Tshwane University of Technology
75	TTK240428216292	Moipone	Teffo	Tshwane University of Technology
76	TTK240418214804	Munyadziwa	Ramakokovhu	Tshwane University of Technology
77	TTK240428216337	Maria	Mashigo	Tshwane University of Technology
78	TTK240404212258	Mulalo	Mutoti	Tshwane University of Technology
79	TTK240321210341	Mokgadi	Hlongwane	Tshwane University of Technology
80	TTK240426216083	Godfrey	Ndlovu	University of Cape Town
81	TTK240424215790	Jia	Fan	University of Cape Town
82	TTK240425216020	Hassana	Moosa	University of Cape Town
83	TTK240408212808	Camalita	Naicker	University of Cape Town
84	TTK240521219436	Kathija	Shaik	University of Cape Town
85	TTK240319209883	Caitlin	Courtney	University of Cape Town
86	TTK240424215713	Shaine	Raseale	University of Cape Town
87	TTK240506217551	Sherlyn	Gabriel	University of Cape Town
88	TTK240327211129	Lyle Dennis	Vorsatz	University of Cape Town
89	TTK240521219352	Asanda	Mtintsilana	University of Cape Town
90	TTK240411213525	Celiwe	Ngcamphalala	University of Cape Town
91	TTK240419215024	Anita	Campbell	University of Cape Town
92	TTK240506217508	Ghodeejah	Higgins	University of Cape Town
93	TTK240321210312	Hildegard	Witbooi-Masayiti	University of Fort Hare
94	TTK240501216902	Curswan	Andrews	University of Fort Hare
95	TTK240422215307	Mosa	Khasu	University of Johannesburg
96	TTK240320210088	Motsi Ephrey	Matlakala	University of Johannesburg
97	TTK240507217709	Msizi Innocent	Mhlongo	University of Johannesburg
98	TTK240315209366	Ndivhuwo Raymond	Tshiluka	University of Johannesburg
99	TTK240415214129	Mathapelo	Seopela	University of Johannesburg
100	TTK240312208605	TBJ	Molelekoa	University of Johannesburg

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102	TTK240430216739	Rishen	Roopchund	University of Johannesburg
103	TTK240429216545	Thulane	Paepae	University of Johannesburg
104	TTK240410213389	Siyasanga	Mpelane	University of Johannesburg
105	TTK240503217203	Glenda	Motsi	University of Johannesburg
106	TTK240429216402	Marole	Maluleka	University of Johannesburg
107	TTK240418214718	Nomonde	Mvelase	University of KwaZulu-Natal
108	TTK240506217473	Nolwazi	Ngcobo	University of KwaZulu-Natal
109	TTK240403211885	Daniel	Kirkman	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College Campus)
110	TTK240428216308	Motlalepule	Lekeka	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg Campus)
111	TTK240416214413	Kristy-Lyn	Barry	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg Campus)
112	TTK240502217030	Lerato	Phali	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg Campus)
113	TTK240412213789	Xoli Precious	Mfene	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg Campus)
114	TTK240319210021	S'fiso	Gumbi	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
115	TTK240423215513	Lwamkelekile	Mkize	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
116	TTK240428216302	Bongani Prince	Ndlovu	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
117	TTK240324210678	Simo	Mthethwa	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
118	TTK240327211038	Karabelo	Moloantoa	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
119	TTK240320210161	Sinenhlanhla Precious	Sikhosana	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
120	TTK240320210076	Corné	Coetzee	University of Limpopo
121	TTK240408212892	Onele	Gcilitshana	University of Limpopo
122	TTK240314209113	snethemba valencia	dube	University of Limpopo
123	TTK240524220589	Linneth Nkateko	Mabila	University of Limpopo
124	TTK240412213870	Ngwanamohuba	Seloma	University of Limpopo
125	TTK240411213613	Khumisho	Dithebe	University of Limpopo
126	TTK240406212548	Peter Tshepiso	Ndhlovu	University of Mpumalanga
127	TTK240509218099	Nkosinathi	Kaptein	University of Mpumalanga
128	TTK240325210708	Raksha	Janak	University of Pretoria
129	TTK240426216108	Hlologelo Climant	Khoza	University of Pretoria
130	TTK240411213672	Machel	Leuschner	University of Pretoria
131	TTK240503217172	Renate	Thiede	University of Pretoria
132	TTK240506217571	Candice	MacMillan	University of Pretoria
133	TTK240507217721	Charles	Siyasiya	University of Pretoria
134	TTK240423215644	lone	Loots	University of Pretoria

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135	TTK240506217514	Nkhensani	Mogale	University of Pretoria
136	TTK240429216398	Ntombenhle Hlengiwe	Gama	University of Pretoria
137	TTK240429216527	Robert	Mangani	University of Pretoria
138	TTK240405212383	Renata	Eccles	University of Pretoria
139	TTK240503217197	June Cheptoo	Serem	University of Pretoria
140	TTK240424215805	Rene	Stander	University of Pretoria
141	TTK240418214748	Auriel Adele	May	University of Pretoria
142	TTK240408212768	Shakira	Akabor	University of South Africa
143	TTK240405212335	Tshimangadzo Saddam	Munonde	University of South Africa
144	TTK240326210920	S. Marcus	Makgabo	University of South Africa
145	TTK240404212081	Phuti Daniel	Phofele	University of South Africa
146	TTK240403211864	Patricia	Photo	University of South Africa
147	TTK240416214351	Josh	Platzky Miller	University of the Free State
148	TTK240415214201	Teboho Patrick	Mokoena	University of the Free State
149	TTK240313208815	Jatro	Mhlongo	University of the Free State
150	TTK240428216351	Sanele	Mbambo	University of the Free State
151	TTK240321210282	Loquitur	Maka	University of the Free State
152	TTK240404212073	Rudi	Swart	University of the Free State
153	TTK240416214477	Katlego	Mashiane	University of the Free State
154	TTK240424215851	Mathabatha	Maleka	University of the Free State
155	TTK240325210789	Ernestine	Atangana	University of the Free State (Bloemfontein Campus)
156	TTK240504217282	Luzaan	Africa	University of the Western Cape
157	TTK240415214135	Lee-Shae Salma	Scharnick-Udemans	University of the Western Cape
158	TTK240508217946	Juley	De Smidt	University of the Western Cape
159	TTK240508217978	Lungile	Penxa	University of the Western Cape
160	TTK240507217713	Khayelihle Brian	Makhathini	University of the Western Cape
161	TTK240506217441	Trevor	Makhetha	University of the Western Cape
162	TTK240417214597	Nompumelelo PP	Ikegwuoha	University of the Western Cape
163	TTK240314209104	Gbeminiyi	Oyewole	University of the Witwatersrand
164	TTK240513218399	Lungile	Khambule	University of the Witwatersrand
165	TTK240422215368	Thanujj	Kisten	University of the Witwatersrand
166	TTK240410213261	Kutlwano	Xulu	University of the Witwatersrand
167	TTK240510218181	Keneiloe	Molopyane	University of the Witwatersrand
168	TTK240511218296	Matthew J.	Noakes	University of the Witwatersrand



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171	TTK240404212267	Nancy	Meulenberg	University of the Witwatersrand
172	TTK240415214185	Anja	Meyer	University of the Witwatersrand
173	TTK240507217734	Memory	Zimuwandeyi	University of the Witwatersrand
174	TTK240318209622	Lewis Alfred	Parsons	University of the Witwatersrand
175	TTK240515218749	Rina	Durandt	University of the Witwatersrand
176	TTK240317209540	Yuxiang	Ye	University of the Witwatersrand
177	TTK240313208902	Isobel	Kolbe	University of the Witwatersrand
178	TTK240406212563	Tawanda	Nyambuya	University of the Witwatersrand
179	TTK240515218754	Paul	Maluleka	University of the Witwatersrand
180	TTK240320210103	Sivuyisiwe	Situngu	University of the Witwatersrand
181	TTK240322210510	Lutendo	Mathomu	University of Venda
182	TTK240326211037	Gudani	Mukoma	University of Venda
183	TTK240405212344	Shirley	Selahle	University of Venda
184	TTK240313208890	Kwanele	Phinzi	University of Zululand
185	TTK240324210651	Itumeleng Christopher	Kohithetse	Vaal University of Technology
186	TTK240322210494	Agnes	Pholosi	Vaal University of Technology
187	TTK240319209851	Nozipho	Mabaso	Vaal University of Technology

**Table 3. Successful applicants for the Thuthuka Rating Track grant for 2025**

#	Reference Number	First Name	Last Name	Institution
1	TTK240325210812	Mabotse	Tjale	CSIR - Future production: Manufacturing
2	TTK240422215415	Zamani	Cele	CSIR - Future Production: Chemicals
3	TTK240422215359	Lindani	Mdlalose	CSIR - Future Production: Chemicals
4	TTK240506217424	Ntokozo	Dambuza	Nelson Mandela University
5	TTK240414214048	Tapiwa	Gundu	Nelson Mandela University
6	TTK240406212565	Mandla Vincent	Khumalo	Nelson Mandela University
7	TTK240405212358	Thrinsheshen	Moodley	North-West University
8	TTK240325210813	Madeleine	Uys	North-West University
9	TTK240503217213	Siphokazi	Magadla	Rhodes University
10	TTK240418214996	Ala	Alhourani	University of Cape Town
11	TTK240506217636	Siseko	Kumalo	University of Fort Hare
12	TTK240520219274	Hlalefang Bernedict	Khobai	University of Johannesburg
13	TTK240408212831	Sifiso	Xulu	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Westville Campus)
14	TTK240405212471	Irene	Ramavhoya	University of Limpopo
15	TTK240408212927	Edwin	Makhado	University of Limpopo
16	TTK240504217335	Christiana	Kappo-Abidemi	University of Mpumalanga
17	TTK240409213108	Tatenda	Dalu	University of Mpumalanga
18	TTK240513218381	Oluwasogo	Olorunfemi	University of Mpumalanga
19	TTK240425215933	Bongiwe	Mshengu	University of Pretoria
20	TTK240425215903	Varshika Manilal	Bhana-Pema	University of Pretoria
21	TTK240404212108	Amanda	Maswanganye	University of South Africa
22	TTK240327211045	Lucky Tendani	Nesengani	University of South Africa
23	TTK240423215613	Hilary Kennedy Nji	Bama	University of the Free State
24	TTK240404212159	Jolly	Musoke	University of the Free State
25	TTK240320210209	Petra	Maass	University of the Free State
26	TTK240509218083	Olive	Khaliq	University of the Free State (Bloemfontein Campus)
27	TTK240314209153	Norman	Muzhinji	University of the Free State (Bloemfontein Campus)
28	TTK240507217814	Kim	Lategan	University of the Western Cape
29	TTK240425215960	Razia Z	Adam	University of the Western Cape
30	TTK240328211319	Hamed	Hashemi	University of the Witwatersrand
31	TTK240411213628	Phumlani Zipho	Ngcobo	University of Zululand

**We congratulate all 2025 awardees**