

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME (RIPP) 2025

The National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) is pleased to announce the **provisional awards** for the Research Infrastructure Professional Programme (RIPP) 2025. The successful applications for the 2025 academic year are listed in Table 1, 2 and 3 for Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral candidates respectively.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your name appears in the tables that follows, you have been successful in receiving a provisional award for 2025.
- **Successful candidates will be able to view and download their award letters in January 2024, via NRF Connect against their applications.**
- Read through the Conditions of Grant (CoG) letter and award letter documents carefully before accepting the award.
- Access 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.
- Funds will only be released once the completed and required documentation have been received by the NRF.
- The NRF feedback on the review of applications will be forwarded to all unsuccessful applicants by February 2025.
- Please send all enquiries regarding the outcomes to the NRF via your Research Office.

Table 1. Successful applicants for the 2025: Research Infrastructure Professional Programme (RIPP) – Masters Candidates, Full Cost of Study.

#	Reference	First Name	Last Name	Institution / Organisation
1	RIPP240908267272	Mudi-Munaka	Mbedzi	Agricultural Research Council
2	RIPP240906266869	Joelle	Botha	Stellenbosch University
3	RIPP240904266272	Elise	le Roux	Stellenbosch University
4	RIPP240828264188	Jessica Kate	Lotter	Stellenbosch University

Table 2. Successful applicants for the 2025: Research Infrastructure Professional Programme (RIPP) – Doctoral Candidates, Full Cost of Study.

#	Reference	First Name	Last Name	Institution / Organisation
1	RIPP240828264339	Emihle	Benise	Rhodes University
2	RIPP240829264592	Tumelo	Msutu	Rhodes University
3	RIPP240904266173	Nkululeko	Zuma	Rhodes University
4	RIPP240912268421	Tlangelani	Maluleke	South African Environmental Observation Network
5	RIPP240909267367	Neha	Ramsarup	South African Environmental Observation Network
6	RIPP240822262019	Bianca Leigh	Hamman	Stellenbosch University
7	RIPP240822262050	Sinegugu	Mhlophe	Stellenbosch University
8	RIPP240904266185	Ontlametse Tlamelo	Nkgwang	Stellenbosch University
9	RIPP240827263916	Reuben	Smit	Stellenbosch University
10	RIPP240902265742	Thobekile	Leyane	University of Cape Town
11	RIPP240911267986	Francois	Swanepoel	University of Cape Town
12	RIPP240823262621	Vezile	Ngququ	University of the Witwatersrand

Table 3. Successful applicants for the 2025: Research Infrastructure Professional Programme (RIPP)- Postdoctoral Candidates

#	Reference	First Name	Last Name	Institution / Organisation
1	RIPP240822262304	Apelele	Ntlantsana	Rhodes University
2	RIPP240902265550	SIXOLILE	CENTANE	Rhodes University
3	RIPP240829264511	Christian J.T.	van der Merwe	South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO)
4	RIPP240910267650	Petronella	Janse van Rensburg	South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO)
5	RIPP240904266165	Dinah	Mukhari	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)
6	RIPP240906266774	Kaylee	Smit	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)
7	RIPP240823262565	Nelisiwe	Mkize	Stellenbosch University
8	RIPP240829264515	Carla	Eksteen	Stellenbosch University
9	RIPP240902265570	Daneal	Rorke	Stellenbosch University
10	RIPP240821261586	Kimberley	Williams	University of Cape Town
11	RIPP240821261886	Nhlanhla	Hlongwa	University of Cape Town
12	RIPP240822262028	Sincengile	Ntshingila	University of Cape Town
13	RIPP240827263779	Bavisha	Koovarjee	University of Cape Town
14	RIPP240902265671	Nokwanda	Hendricks	University of KwaZulu-Natal
15	RIPP240822262073	Dhielnawaaz	Abrahams	University of the Western Cape
16	RIPP240822262075	Miranda Mengwi	Ndipingwi	University of the Western Cape
17	RIPP240830264909	Lyle Adrian	September	University of the Western Cape
18	RIPP240822262308	Siphumelele	Mkhondwane	University of Zululand
19	RIPP240906266843	Phakamani	Tsilo	University of Zululand

We congratulate all the 2025 awardees.