

## SAMRC INTRA-MURAL POSTDOCTORAL AWARD

### REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

The Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD) invites applications for six (6) research fellowships in Health/Medical Research, the beneficiaries of which will be hosted within SAMRC intramural research units. The purpose of the research fellowship is to contribute & assist in accelerating the building of intramural research capacity and scientific leadership. This will be done by creating opportunities for intramural research units to host post-doctoral scientists that have demonstrated a potential to become established researchers. Preference will be given to candidates from the historically disadvantaged sector and research projects that contribute to the mandate of SAMRC and address public health research priorities in the country, including Biostatistics and Epidemiology as well as other scarce research areas. The research fellows will be appointed for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years subject to satisfactory performance and the availability of funds.

### Application Process

Interested prospective host research units must - in writing - recommend and forward applications from at least two (2) qualifying candidates. Applications will be submitted to the scholarship & grants selection committee for consideration and final recommendation for funding.

Full applications must reach RCD no later than **22 July 2017**. Applications must include a full research proposal, 3 referee's reports, and written commitment from the prospective host research unit to provide the infrastructure for the research project. The research unit or in-house programme, must provide written commitment of research supervision and mentorship by the Unit or Group Director or Designate.

Applications will be peer-reviewed and the host research units & applicants will be informed of the outcome of the application by **31 August 2017**.

#### Eligibility:

Applicants must be South African citizens or permanent residents, must be under the age of 40 years, should have a research doctorate, some research experience and must apply preferably within 5 years of obtaining a research doctorate. Preference will be given to applicants from the historically disadvantaged sector or from research units who are collaborating with disadvantaged institutions in order to advance the cause of transformation and research capacity development. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

#### Value of the Award:

The value of the SAMRC Intramural Post-doctoral Award is R350 000.00 per annum, comprising a salary contribution of R250 000.00 and running expenses of R100 000.00. Successful candidates will be hosted by the SAMRC intramural research unit which would have provided motivation for his/her funding for the duration of the award. The funds will be released by form of Journal Transfer to the research unit once the Agreement for the funding has been signed between Research Capacity Development (RCD), the host unit and the beneficiary.

**Conditions:** No applications will be considered without written commitment to provide the necessary infrastructure and running expenses for the research project by the Group Unit Director or Head of the SAMRC in-house programme or Designate. The research fellow must spend a minimum of 80% of his or her time undertaking full-time research on the approved project. Ethics approval for the research project is a necessity. Successful applicants will be required to sign a contractual agreement with RCD and the intramural research unit.

Completed application forms must be forwarded:

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APPLICATION FORMAT FOR FULL APPLICATIONS

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Applicant  
Current position

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PROPOSED THREE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER 2 YEARS SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

1. PROJECT TITLE (max. 200 characters)
2. **SAMRC INTRAMURAL RESEARCH UNIT**
3. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (max. 100 words)
4. COLLABORATORS
5. PROJECT DETAILS
  - 5.1 Objectives
  - 5.2 Background
  - 5.3 Detailed methodology
  - 5.4 Envisaged outputs/outcomes
6. **IMPACT**
  - 6.1 Capacity development
  - 6.2 Implementation considerations
7. **BUDGET**
  - 7.1 Itemised budget for year one

Budget item	SAMRC/RCD contribution	Intramural Research Unit Programme contribution	Other sources of funding	For office use only G/total
Research	R100 000.00			
Salary contribution	R250 000.00			
<b>TOTAL (Rands)</b>	<b>R350 000.00</b>			

- 7.2 Budget justification

ANNEXURE A: ATTACH ETHICS AND BIOSAFETY APPROVAL

ANNEXURE B: ATTACH CURRICULUM VITAE OF APPLICANT

ANNEXURE C: ATTACH WRITTEN COMMITMENT FROM INTRAMURAL RESEARCH UNIT

ANNEXURE D: GIVE NAMES AND CONTACT DETAILS OF THREE REFEREES