



**SAMRC RESEARCH STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTED SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

<b>Instructions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Arial font size 11, single spacing to complete the application form.</li> <li>• The proposal may not exceed 30 pages, excluding the Annexures.</li> <li>• Completed applications must be sent to <a href="mailto:philstia.joshua@mrc.ac.za">philstia.joshua@mrc.ac.za</a></li> <li>• The closing date for applications is <b>15 October 2014</b>. Late applications will not be accepted.</li> </ul>	

<b>1. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI) DETAILS</b>			
Title			
Name & surname			
South African ID no:		Gender	
Qualifications <i>(State degrees/diplomas &amp; name of institutions where degrees were obtained)</i>			
Position			
Department			
School/Faculty			
Name and address of university/research institution			
Contact no(s)	Work:	Cell:	
Email			

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<b>2. SAMRC RESEARCH STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY</b>	
<b>University</b>	
<b>Title of Project(s)</b> <i>(Proposed work that may include up to five independent projects)</i>	
<b>i. Proposed Principal Investigator (SAMRC Research Strengthening and Capacity Development Funding Opportunity) (max two pages)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a detailed description of the Principal Investigator's scientific standing in the field of the project(s) being submitted for consideration for funding. Also include the PI's leadership and administrative capabilities to show that the PI has the skills and/or experience to manage the SAMRC Research Strengthening and Capacity Development Funding Opportunity team successfully.</li> </ul>	
<b>ii. Proposed research team (max two pages)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a description of the senior scientists (at least three) who will make up the SAMRC Research Strengthening and Capacity Development Funding Opportunity team and their scientific contributions in the project(s).</li> <li>Provide a detailed description of the scientific contribution to be made by the applying group and collaborators to date in the research area of the project(s).</li> <li>Provide a detailed track record of the publications and policy/practice impact of the research, if any, conducted by this group of collaborators in the past.</li> </ul>	
<b>iii. Background (max five pages)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide the background of why the proposed project(s) is/are likely to produce research of high impact.</li> <li>Describe the nature, scope, extent and impact of the research/challenge to be addressed by the project(s).</li> </ul>	
<b>iv. Scientific rationale (max five pages)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scientific rationale for the proposed project(s) and how the proposed project(s) will address the research/challenge identified above</li> <li>The mechanism by which the proposed project is expected to contribute to an integrated cross-disciplinary research programme for advancing relevant knowledge, and/or contribute to improvements in health outcomes.</li> </ul>	
<b>v. Research Project (max five pages)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a description of project(s) to be pursued by the institution. These may be expansions of existing Project(s) with new objectives.</li> </ul>	
<b>vi. Outline of networking activities over next three years (max five pages)</b>	
<p>Provide an account of the overall research approach, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specifics of the project(s) plan including any multi-disciplinary aspects</li> <li>an overview of proposed research methods and/or experimental techniques to be employed,</li> <li>the data-collection and analysis strategies/approaches to be adopted.</li> </ul>	
<b>vii. Research infrastructure (max one page)</b>	
<p>Describe the availability/access to research infrastructure, laboratory resources, at-risk and patient populations, databases, biobanks and other unique technologies that will enhance the research endeavours. Include a justification and description of site development where needed</p>	
<b>viii. Capacity development plan and networking plan (max two pages)</b>	
<p>Provide details of the capacity development plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>postgraduate students and post-doctoral staff;</li> <li>staff/student exchange programmes, if applicable</li> <li>outreach to researchers at other institutions which are well established in research</li> <li>support and pairing with under-resources sites/new investigators.</li> </ul>	
<b>ix. Expected outputs/outcomes (max two pages)</b>	
<p>This section should include an outline of the expected direct and/or indirect outputs/outcomes of the terms of the institution's</p>	

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<b>x. Impact of project</b> (max one page) Provide a description of the potential impact of the proposed project.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (SAMRC RESEARCH STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTED SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES)	
Name (please print)	Position
Signature	Date

<b>ANNEXURES</b>
Please attach the following as Annexures to the application:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A full CV of the Principal Investigator (s) listing a July 2014 Scopus H-index including his/her 20 most cited journal articles in research area of proposed project using Vancouver referencing</li> <li>ii. A brief bio-sketch (two-page NIH format) of senior scientists and key researchers</li> </ul>

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