

**SAMRC Internship Scholarship Programme
Masters and PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research**

SAMRC INTRAMURAL/EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH UNITS

The SAMRC post-graduate research training internship programme has been restructured to be in line with all other post graduate scholarship programmes offered by the SAMRC. The objective of the SAMRC Internship Scholarship Programme remains primarily to transform the composition of the country's health / clinical research human capital to be more representative of the face and demographics of the nation. The Division of Research Capacity Development has been awarded a specific budget to ensure that this objective is met.

Within the context of the SAMRC, the SAMRC Internship Scholarship Programme is specifically designed to open up an opportunity to develop Generic Black i.e. African Black, Colored, and Indian and Asian scientists through Masters' and PhD studies.

Applications are invited from eligible South African health professionals for eleven (11) available scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to health professionals thus:

Level	No of years	Value of scholarship p.a.	Tuition p.a.	Notes
PhD	3 + (1)	R180 000.00	R20 000.00	1. Funding is until completion of degree, or the specified number of years whichever comes first. 2. Candidates must be registered, have ethics clearance for the research project.
MSc	2	R140 000.00	R20 000.00	

The closing date for applications is **13 January 2017**, and announcement of scholarship holders will be made **by February 2017**. Scholarships become **effective on April 01st 2017**, in- line with national treasury time phrame.

The SAMRC Internship Scholarship Programme aims to contribute positively towards efforts to strengthen and accelerate progress towards equity in research capacity development of all young scientists across South Africa. Where appropriate priority will be given to hitherto underrepresented designated groups, universities and SAMRC research agendas

Please submit applications (and queries) to Ms. Jorene Naidoo @ Jorene.naidoo@mrc.ac.za

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Personal details:

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr)						First Name:	
Surname:						Gender:	
Population group:	Black	Coloured	Indian	Asian	White	Date of Birth:	
Postal Address:						Physical address:	
(Attach) certified copy of South African Identity Document						Confirm here with a tick (✓) that you have attached the ID document.	
Work telephone no: (where Applicable)						Mobile no:	
University e-mail address:						Personal e-mail address:	

Academic Information:

Highest qualification currently held: Mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	BSc		MSc	
This application is for which degree level: Mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	MSc		PhD	
In 2016 I am currently in my: Mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	1 st year MSc	2 nd year MSc		
	1 st year PhD	2 nd year PhD	3 rd year PhD	4 th year PhD
University at which currently registered				
Department & Faculty				
Research area				
Title of research project to be funded				
Supervisor				
co-supervisor (where applies)				
Confirmation of registration status: Please mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	YES , I am currently registered for a		NO , I am not registered for the MSc /PhD degree	

	MSc / PhD degree	
My Research project has Ethics Clearance Mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	Yes	No
The project title has been accepted by the Post graduate office or equivalent office Mark the correct one with a tick (✓)	Yes	No

Below is a table showing documents that must be submitted with the application (not more than 7 pages) and the selection criteria: ***It is important that you check (✓) the right column to confirm completeness of application before submitting.***

Selection Criteria	Executed Mark with a tick (v)
1. Suitability of the candidate: 1-page only: motivation that is accompanied by an abridged curriculum vitae containing a list of top publications and other meritorious achievements. A paragraph describing how success in the SAMRC Internship scholarship programme application will impact your career	
2. Quality of the science: ≤2 pages only: abstract of the MSc/PhD proposal outlining the rationalé, design, feasibility, plans for research translation and information dissemination as well as potential impact of the proposed research project.	
3. Abridged track record of supervisor: ≤3 pages only: (1) A paragraph statement from the supervisor indicating commitment to educate and train the applicant, (ii) confirmation of availability of funding and facilities for the proposed doctoral project, and (iii) an abridged outline of top 10 publications, grants and experience of supervising MSc/PhD students.	
4. Research environment: ≤ 1 page letter from the host institution outlining the career plan of the applicant upon completion of the MSc/PhD.	
5. Signed application form: please sign below and submit this form with your application.	
6. Certified copy of South African identity document is attached	
7. Confirm that 7 pages has not been exceeded	

Re – check that you have actioned all 7 points above

All documents must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format only

Conditions

- Scholarship holders are expected to spend at least 90% of their time conducting research. Teaching and clinical activities may not take up more than 10% of the time of the scholar. Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other bursaries, grants or remuneration which binds them to enter the service of any organization without prior approval from the SA Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
- Candidates may not hold a bursary from more than one statutory science council at any given time
- Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other non-binding remuneration/fellowships and grants without prior approval from the SAMRC
- Scholarship holders may not, without obtaining the SAMRC's prior approval, register at a university other than that through which the application has been submitted
- Once the award has been made the scholarship holder may not change his/her supervisor without informing and getting approval by the SAMRC
- Scholarship holders will be expected to submit progress reports signed off by the research supervisors as and when requested by the Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD). The renewal of funding will be considered on an annual basis subject to satisfactory progress being made.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the SAMRC to complete their studies within the specified time period

I, _____ (full names), hereby submit my application for a full-time PhD Scholarship and am cognisant of the conditions under which this scholarship is awarded.

Signature:	Date:
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