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**Funding to Impact: Fostering Capacity Development
Partnerships for Innovation Leadership**



20 - 21 October 2025

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**Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences
University, Garankuwa, Gauteng**

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The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), through its Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD), has developed funding mechanisms to support emerging research leaders in different areas of health research and to build research capacity in selected institutions across the country for the long-term sustainability of South African health research. While the RCD scholarships are aimed at supporting Masters and PhD studies, the purpose of the RCD grant programmes is to create an opportunity to fast-track and transition early-career and mid-career scientists to independent research leaders.

Under the theme of "Funding for Impact: Fostering Capacity Development Partnerships for Innovation Leadership" RCD will host a regional conference for RCD grant holders on 20-21 October 2025 in Gauteng. This is an opportunity for RCD beneficiaries to meet with the SAMRC President, present their research, engage in insightful discussions, and connect with peers and experts in their fields, thereby fostering research capacity strengthening through local partnerships and collaboration.

This year's event will bring together beneficiaries from Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, North-West University, the University of Limpopo, the University of Venda, the University of Johannesburg, the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Pretoria, and the Tshwane University of Technology.

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An interesting speaker line up will anchor the meeting, including talks from Prof Ntobeko Ntusi and [more](#)

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