

SAMRC RCD SCHOLARSHIPS



Pre-Application Webinar

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HOUSE KEEPING

- ☐ This webinar will be recorded
- ☐ Participants will be muted during the presentation
- ☐ Please chat your questions in the Q&A window
- ☐ The RFA documents can be found at the SAMRC funding webpage

[Request for Applications | SAMRC](#)

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Welcome and Introduction

- ☐ Introduction-Scholarship Team

Scholarship Programme Background

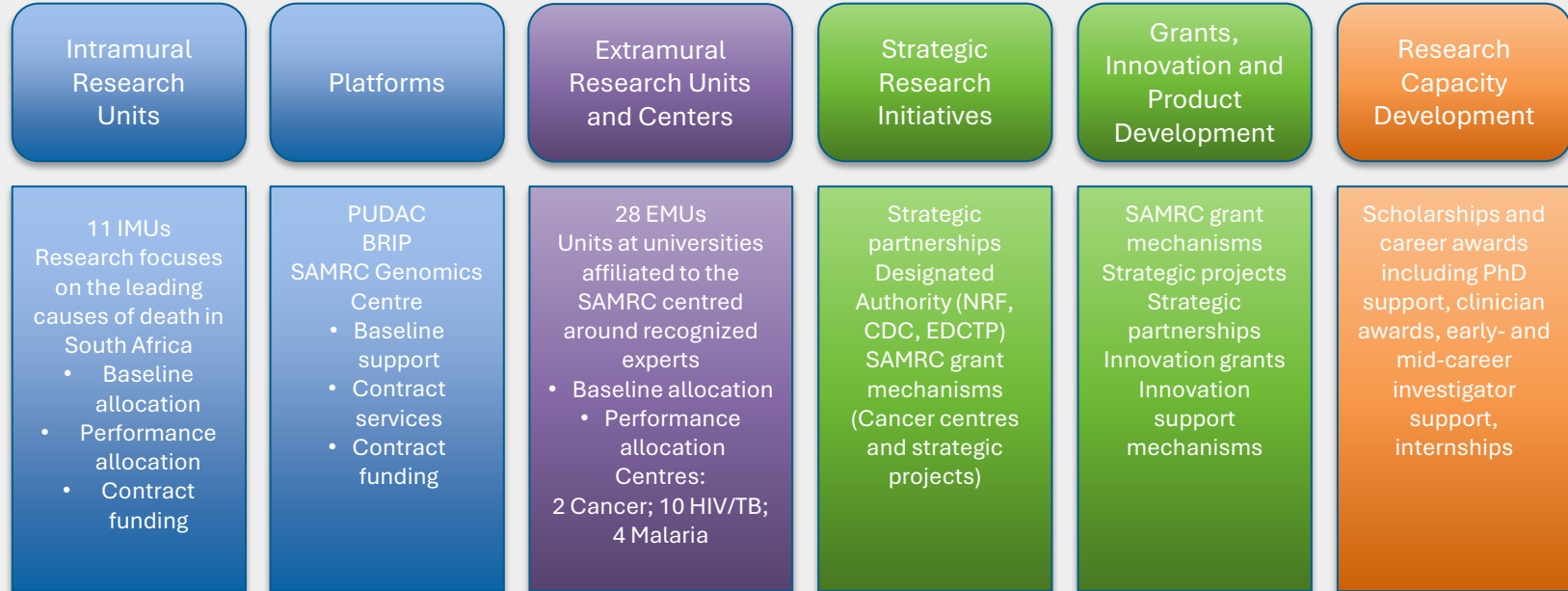
- ☐ Objectives of the SAMRC Postgraduate Research Associate Programme
- ☐ Objectives of the National Health Research Enterprise Programme
- ☐ Purpose of the two RFAs
- ☐ Available funding and funding period

Application Requirements

- ☐ Eligible applicants
- ☐ Required Supporting Documents

Submission Process, Evaluation Process and Q&A

OVERVIEW OF THE SAMRC | RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



The strategic goal # 4 of the SAMRC is “building capacity for the long-term sustainability of the South African health research”.

CAREER AWARDS| RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research
Capacity
Development
Initiative (RCDI)

Extramural
Postdoctoral
Fellowship

Mid-Career
Scientist
Programme

Intramural
Postdoctoral
Fellowship

SAMRC Early
Investigators
Programme

SCHOLARSHIPS| DOCTORAL AND MASTERS

Bongani
Mayosi
National
Health
Scholars
Programme

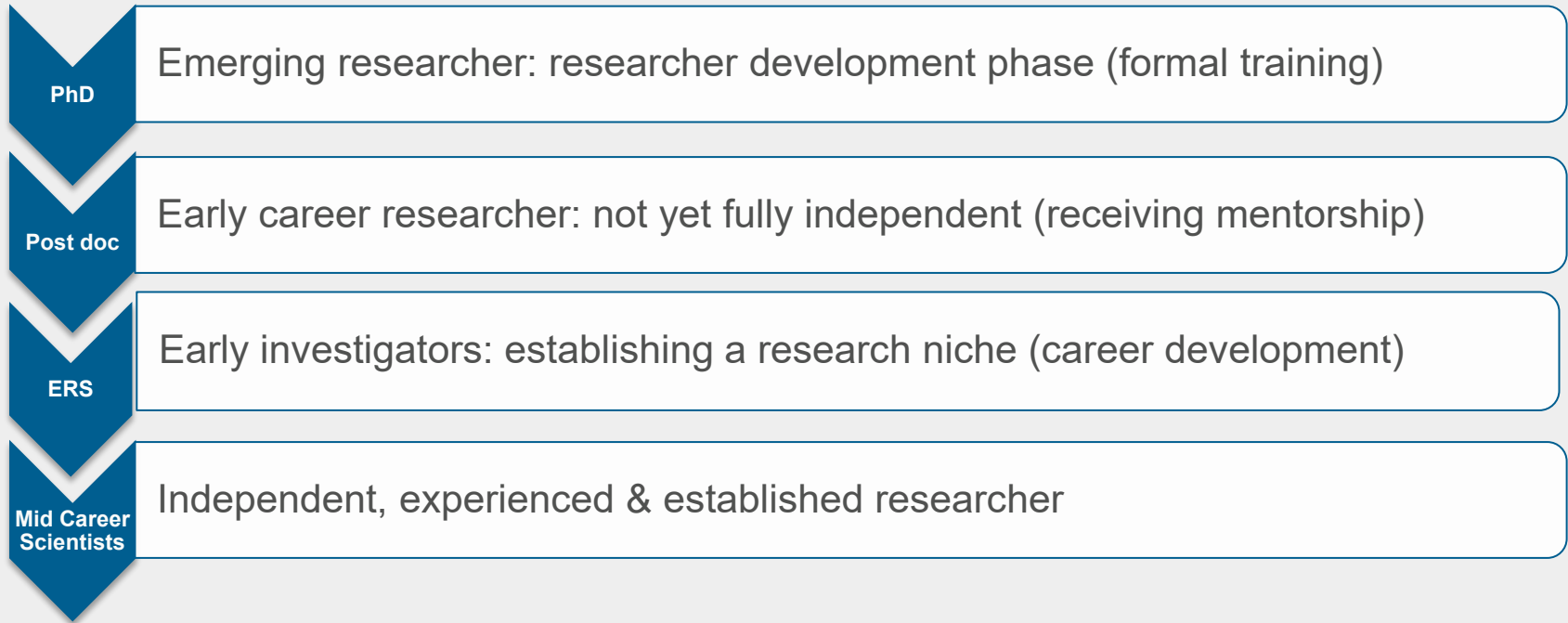
Clinician-
Researcher
Development
Scholarship

SAMRC
Postgraduate
Research
Associate
Programme

Researcher
Development
Awards

Specialized
Training in
Vaccinology/
Biostatistics

HEALTH RESEARCH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE



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NATIONAL
HEALTH
SCHOLARS
PROGRAMME**

**CLINICIAN-
RESEARCHER
(MBChB-PhD)
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME**

**SAMRC
POSTGRADUATE
RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE
PROGRAMME**

**BIostatISTICS
CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE**

**RESEARCHER
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME**

**CSSFF
PROGRAMMES
(STRATEGIC)**

Develop a vibrant and a transformed health research academic pipeline in SA that is adequately equipped to train healthcare workers and inspire a new generation of health/clinical researchers

Develop a cadre of highly trained clinician-scientists who are likely to be attracted to and excel in careers in academic medicine.

MBChB/BChD/BNurs holders

To equip candidates with postgraduate research experience through formal research training (MSc and PhD), collaborative research projects and dedicated mentorship from experienced SAMRC researchers. Research associates gain advanced skills, practical experience and professional readiness for appointment to research positions.

To build and strengthen capacity in data-driven biomedical and health research by providing funding support to scholars undertaking Doctoral and master's studies in Biostatistics or research programmes at the intersection of statistics, mathematics, biomedicine, computer science, data science, bioinformatics, epidemiology and health informatics.

Support employees in academic institutions or SAMRC units who are engaged in clinical/health research and wish to complete their doctoral degrees.

To train and build an Africa-based workforce and innovation pipeline for vaccine development, testing and manufacturing in Africa. The programme is geared to enhance Africa's health and biotechnology human capital and to grow Africa's workforce in vaccine manufacturing.

CSSFF MSc/PhD scholarships
UWC Masters scholarships
NMU medical scholarships

NDoH
PHEF
NHRC

SA Medical Schools

SAMRC Intramural and Extramural Units

SA universities

Health faculties of academic institutions

CSSFF
Institutions offering specialized Master's training in Vaccinology-related fields

Scholarship value = after-tax take-home pay of the candidate, based on the salary scales of the relevant post (or equivalent) in the NDoH

FT: R600K per annum
PT: up to R300K per annum
FT intercalated and nursing candidates

PhD R250K per annum over 3 yrs (+1)
MSc R200K per annum, max support 2yrs

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MSc R200K per annum, max support 2yrs

Up to R250K once-off funding

PT candidates

Varies
Funding over 3 yrs (+ 1) for PhD and max 2yrs for MSc

Additional support: research funds

Funding over 3 yrs (+ 1) for PhD

Funding over 3 yrs (+ 1) for PhD

SCHOLARSHIPS| GENERAL ELIGIBILITY



1. SA citizen or permanent resident



2. Registered full-time PhD student at a South African University



3. Research project and where applicable, ethics approval

NB: For Equity and redress, preference is given to scholars from under-represented groups/institutions and/or underprioritized/funded research areas.



4. Research project must be aligned with the national research priorities (Responsive to RFA)

SAMRC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROGRAMME

Objective	To equip with postgraduate research experience through formal research training (Masters and Doctoral studies), collaborative research projects and dedicated mentorship from experienced SAMRC researchers. Research associates gain advanced skills, practical experience and professional readiness for appointment to research positions.
RFA Purpose	Attract candidates in emerging/strategic research areas or fields where researchers from designated groups are underrepresented
Scholarship value	PhD: 250,000 p.a. x 3 years (+1*) MSc: 200,000 p.a. x 2 years
Funding period	Funding over 3 yrs (+ 1*) for PhD and max 2yrs for MSc * Additional year of funding on compelling motivation (PhD)
Deadline	Tuesday, 22 September 2026- 23:59

PRA| PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS

Infectious
diseases

Health systems
and policy
research

Digital health
and artificial
intelligence

Maternal, child
and adolescent
health

Non-
communicable
diseases

Genomics

Climate
change and
health

Antimicrobial
Resistance

PRA| STRATEGIC RESEARCH FIELDS

Biostatistics

Bioethics

Bioinformatics

Data Science

Digital Health

Demography

Epidemiology

Environmental
Public Health

Evolutionary
Virology

Implementation
and
Translational
Science

Health
Economics

Genomics

Immunology and
Structural
Biology

Behavioral
Science

SAMRC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROGRAMME

REQUIREMENTS	Masters	PhD
Fully developed & officially approved research proposal and ethics approval Abstract (concept note_MSc)	 N/A 1 st yr in 2026	
Research project must fall within the SAMRC priority research areas		
Written commitment of participation by a research unit director who is willing to host the student for the entire duration of the degree.		
Main or co-supervisor must be based at SAMRC		
Supervisor/s must have research funding for the project and appropriate facilities for the scholar to conduct the research project effectively		

SAMRC POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROGRAMME



- ❑ SAMRC intramural units
- ❑ SAMRC extramural units
- ❑ SAMRC research centres and platforms
- ❑ Masters funded for 1 year
- ❑ Masters in scarce skills and candidates registered in HDIs funded for 2 years
- ❑ 1st year Masters in 2026
- University admission letter & letter confirming approval of the candidate's research concept note by both SAMRC and academic supervisors

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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FUNDING

Funding at the SAMRC

Request for Applications (RFAs)

Research Capacity Development

Self-Initiated Research

Conference Applications

Request for Applications

Deadline: Monday, September 22, 2025 - 23:59

RFA: SAMRC Clinician-Researcher Development Programme

PhD funding opportunity for South African citizens or permanent residents who are students or graduates in medicine, dentistry, or nursing. This funding opportunity is designed to offer flexible and realistic options to clinicians who want to pursue their PhD studies. Funding may be used to provide protected research time from clinical training or clinical service obligations to support PhD studies undertaken in parallel with clinical activities. The use of funds is strictly for research training, i.e., obtaining a PhD.

Deadline: Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 23:50

SAMRC Postgraduate Research Associate Programme

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to attract PhD and Masters candidates within the following research fields, which will be given preference: Biostatistics, Bioethics, Bioinformatics, Data Science, Digital Health, Demography, Epidemiology, Environmental Public Health, Evolutionary Virology, Implementation and Translational Science, Health Economics, Genomics, Immunology and Structural Biology.

Deadline: Monday, August 18, 2025 - 23:59

SAMRC Researcher Development Programme

Funding opportunity for emerging researchers who are at the late stages of their PhDs (last 12-months). The funds can be used for dedicated time to spend on their research activities, pay for work relief, or any justifiable intervention. This Request for Applications particularly encourages applications from SAMRC staff and affiliated postgraduate students for whom completion of their PhD degrees has been directly impacted by the US funding cuts. Such applications may be considered for funding beyond 12 months.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1a – External Applicants and Supervisors must register or login to the Research and Innovation Management System (RIMS) asap.

Step 1b – Internal Applicants must login to the Research and Innovation Management System (RIMS) by **22 September 2026**.

Step 2 – All Applicants to complete the online application and upload all the required supporting documents by **22 September 2026**.

Step 3 – The SAMRC research supervisor must complete the research supervisor's commitment form and submit the application by **29 September 2026**.

RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

Register

The screenshot shows the 'Registration Details' page of the RIMS@SAMRC system. The URL in the browser is https://rims.samrc.ac.za/convers/registernew?lang=en_GB. The page features the RIMS logo and a 'Registration Details' section. A 'POPIA statement' is provided, explaining the protection of personal information. Below this, there is a section for 'Areas of Expertise' where users can indicate their focus research areas. The page also includes a 'Please wait...' button and a 'More' link for 'External Account Login'.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to RIMS@SAMRC' login page. The URL in the browser is <https://rims.samrc.ac.za/convers/secure/login>. The page features the RIMS logo and a 'Welcome to RIMS@SAMRC' section. A 'Please wait...' button is visible. The 'More' link for 'External Account Login' is highlighted with a red box. The page also includes a 'Please wait...' button and a 'More' link for 'External Account Login'.

External
Applicant

Both the supervisor and the applicant/student need to register on RIMS first!

See video below on how to register:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVWJEfhJyho>

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Internal
Applicant

APPLICANT| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

The screenshot displays the RIMS web application interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Web of Science', 'InCites', 'Journal Citation Reports', 'Essential Science Indicators', and 'EndNote'. The RIMS logo is prominently displayed on the left. The user's profile, 'Zikhona Mkoko', is shown with their email 'Zikhona.Mkoko@mrc.ac.za' and phone number '+27 21 938 0274'. A red box highlights the 'Applicant (External): Mkoko, Zikhona' dropdown menu in the top right corner. Below the profile, a sidebar on the left lists navigation options: 'Dashboard', 'Grant Applications to the SAMRC', 'Ethics Management', 'Person Data', 'Notifications', and 'Statistics'. The main content area shows 'Outstanding items' with a list of '1 Ethics operational document(s) in draft status' and a 'View All' button. Below this, the 'Recently edited' section indicates 'No recently edited items'. A red box also highlights the '+ Add New Content' button in the top right. The footer contains the RIMS logo, copyright information for Clarivate (©2026 CLARIVATE, TERMS OF USE, PRIVACY POLICY), and the Clarivate logo.

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Zikhona Mkoko Edit

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Outstanding items

► 1 Ethics operational document(s) in draft status View All

Recently edited

No recently edited items

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Search Help Applicant (External): Miko, Zikhona

Dashboard > Add new Grant Application to the SAMRC

Dashboard

- Grant Applications to the SAMRC
- Ethics Management
- Person Data
- Notifications
- Statistics

Add new Grant Application to the SAMRC

Select the appropriate grant application to the samrc type

Grant Application to the SAMRC	Information about the selected grant application to the samrc
☒ Funding Call	Funding Call
☐ GRADIANT grant application/project	
☐ Scholarship	

Cancel

APPLICANT| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/creator/grantFunding/default?templateSelectorID=16053630>. The page title is "New Grant Application to the SAMRC". On the left, a sidebar menu includes "Dashboard", "Grant Applications to the SAMRC" (highlighted), "Ethics Management", "Person Data", "Notifications", and "Statistics". The main content area has a tabbed interface with "Application form in progress" selected. Below the tabs, a "VERY IMPORTANT:" section contains two paragraphs of instructions. The "Application form" section features a dropdown menu with "Scholarship" selected. Below this, the "Instance of Scholarship Program for which application is being made" section includes a table with a redacted first column and a redacted second column. A red box highlights a blue plus icon in the bottom left corner of the table area. At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save", and "Save & close".

Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC > Add new Grant Application to the SAMRC

New Grant Application to the SAMRC

Application form in progress

Key Information * Applicant Details * Academic Information * More * ▾

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please remind your Supervisor to register on RIMS if they have not yet done so. When completing the RIMS registration form, they must please indicate that they require the 'Supervisor' role, and provide your name as their student. They will need to capture an online Commitment Form in support of your application.

Please ensure that you select the correct instance of the grant program for which you wish to apply before saving this form for the first time. If this is not done, this form will not be filled in correctly and your application will not be considered.

Application form

Scholarship ▾

Instance of Scholarship Program for which application is being made

Once you have selected the name of the related grant or scholarship program into the table below, please ensure that the **Form type** required by the selected program (*first column in table*) matches the **Application form** above

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Cancel Save Save & close

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Web of Science

InCites

Journal Citation Reports

Essential Science Indicators

EndNote



RIMS

Search

Help

Applicant (External) Mikoko, Zikhona

Chat

Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC > Add new Grant Application to the SAMRC

Dashboard

Grant Applications to the SAMRC

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New Grant Application to the SAMRC

Application form in progress

Key Information *

Applicant Details *

Academic Information *

More * ▾

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Application form

Scholarship

Supervisor Details *

Co supervisor Details

Project *

Additional Supporting Documents *

Supervisor Authorisation for Submission *

If Application Successful

Instance of Scholarship Program for which application is being made

Once you have selected the name of the related grant or scholarship program into the table below, please ensure that the Form type required by the selected program (first column in table) matches the Application form above.

Cancel

Save

Save & close

APPLICANT| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

Application form

Scholarship

Instance of Scholarship Program for which application is being made

Once you have selected the name of the related grant or scholarship program into the table below, please ensure that the **Form type** required by the selected program (*first column in table*) matches the **Application form** above

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Before continuing, please select the 'Save' button at the bottom of the screen **TWICE** in order for the system to check the validity of your selection above.

If you mistakenly selected the incorrect instance of the grant or scholarship program, please select the cancel button below, and then use the delete option to delete this application form before starting a new one.

Cancel

Save

Save & close

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Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC > Add new Grant Application to the SAMRC

New Grant Application to the SAMRC

Application form in progress

Key Information * Applicant Details * Academic Information * More * ▾

The SAMRC is committed to promoting equity in research and developing the research capacity of historically excluded groups, including medical scientists who are black, female and/or disabled. Please assist us to achieve these goals by providing the following demographic information.

Please do not submit your application until all the values in the Applicant Name table below are reflecting correctly.

In order for your application to be considered, your personal details held on our database are required to be current and complete. If any of the details in the table below are incomplete or incorrect, please send an email notification with updated information to rims.support@mrc.ac.za and we will correct your details on our system.

(Please note that either SA ID Number or Permanent Resident number or Passport Number or unique identification number in country of origin is required.)

Applicant Name

Title	Name	Country Name	Research Area(s)
Ms	Mkoko, Zikhona		

Gender: Female
Population Group: African
Date of birth: 01/08/1950
SA ID Number or Permanent Resident Number: 5008010996084
Passport Number or unique identification number in country of origin:
Email: Zikhona.Mkoko@mrc.ac.za

Cancel Save Save & close

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Mobile number

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Alternative number

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University email address

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Alternative email address

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Applicant Declaration *

I hereby submit my application for the full-time scholarship named in the first section of this application form, and am cognisant of the conditions under which this scholarship is awarded

Applicant Acknowledgement of Declaration *

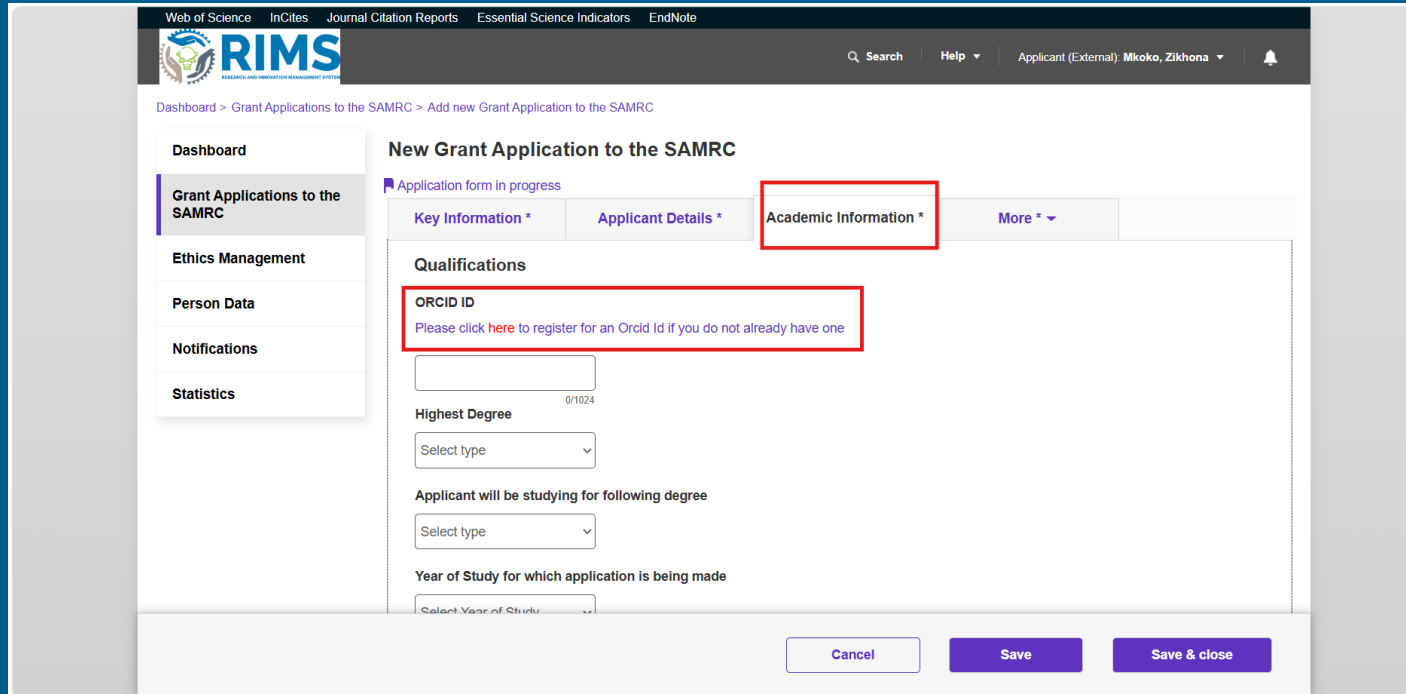
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Cancel

Save

Save & close

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New Grant Application to the SAMRC

Application form in progress

Key Information * Applicant Details * **Academic Information *** More * ▾

Qualifications

ORCID ID
Please click [here](#) to register for an Orcid Id if you do not already have one

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Highest Degree

Select type ▾

Applicant will be studying for following degree

Select type ▾

Year of Study for which application is being made

Select Year of Study ▾

Cancel Save Save & close

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Upload new file

Attach proof of registration for the current year

If the year of the award will be your first year of registration, you may attach an official admission letter from the institution where you intend to register

Upload new file

If requested, please attach updated proof of registration for the current year

Please note that you might receive an email indicating the requirement to attach an updated proof of registration for the current year to your application form. Should this be the case, please do the following:

1. Attach the requested document below
2. Select the tickbox to notify the grant administration team that the document has been attached
3. Select the *Save and close* button at the bottom of the screen to save the form in the status *Submit to SAMRC*.

Notify scholarship team that an updated letter of registration has been attached

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Please comment on progress to date if you are already enrolled in the PhD/Master's program

Please provide an overview of the work completed, highlighting progress made against the original PhD/Masters research plan. This should cover progress achieved since the commencement of studies.

Cancel

Save

Save & close

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New Grant Application to the SAMRC

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Key Information * Applicant Details * Academic Information * Co supervisor Details

Please note that if you are applying for a PRA grant, you are required to have both a Supervisor and a Co-supervisor, and at least one of these Supervisors must be affiliated with the SAMRC.

Applicant's Co-supervisor (if applicable)

Capture the name of your Co-supervisor by clicking on the plus sign below, and again on the plus sign that appears. A popup form will be presented on which to capture information for your Co_supervisor. Once you have captured such details, select 'Done' and 'Done' again. You will be returned to this form. Select 'Save' at the bottom of your screen to save these names to the database.



Is the Co-supervisor's institution national or international?

☐ National ☐ International ☐ Not applicable

Cancel Save Save & close

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Lerato Hlatshwayo

+

Search results for Lera

+

Key member of team/Collaborator/Co-Supervisor: Hlatshwayo, Lerato Onke

Is the Co-supervisor's institution national or international?

☐ National

☐ International

☐ Not applicable

Cancel

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Save & close

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New Grant Application to the SAMRC

Application form in progress

Key Information *

Applicant Details *

Academic Information *

Supervisor Authorisation for Submission *

Name of Research Supervisor (Designation and Date of Approval are to be captured by your research supervisor)

In order to find your supervisor's name in the table below, your supervisor is required to have registered successfully on RIMS. Information on how to register on RIMS is contained in the RFA documentation.

Please ensure that your supervisor has been assigned the RIMS system role of *Supervisor of Scholar* by checking the relevant contents of the table below once you have selected your supervisor's name. Your supervisor can email rims.support@mrc.ac.za to request the supervisor role should this role not yet have been assigned.

Lerato Hlatshwayo

Search results for **Lerato Hlatshwayo**

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Hlatshwayo, Lerato - Research Capacity Development (Office of the Vice President- Extramural Research & Internal Portfolio) (Active)

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APPLICANT| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

Start Applications to the SAMRC

Ethics Management

Person Data

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Key Information *

Applicant Details *

Academic Information *

Additional Supporting Documents *

Applicant's abridged curriculum vitae *

Applicant's CV containing a full list of research outputs in the last seven years and other meritorious achievements. Include all awards received e.g. scholarships/bursaries; research awards.

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PhD/Masters project approval letter *

For Masters candidates resuming studies in the year of the award:

Please attach a letter from the research supervisor confirming the approval of the candidate's research proposal concept note by both SAMRC and academic supervisors. The letter should clearly outline any coursework to be completed, together with the research component including key milestones such as proposal development and approval, literature review, data collection, data analysis, and final thesis submission. Each milestone should be accompanied by clear and realistic timelines.

For all other candidates:

Please attach an official approval letter confirming that the applicant's final version of their research proposal has been formally approved.

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Motivation demonstrating the applicant's suitability *

Please attach a motivation document (maximum 2 pages) demonstrating the candidate's suitability and describing how success in the scholarship application will impact the candidate's career. Must be written by the applicant.

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Supplementary documents in support of the application

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Please consult the RFA documents to ensure that you attach all required supporting documents

Addendum document(s) - For Office Use Only

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APPLICANT| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

The screenshot displays the RIMS web application interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Web of Science', 'InCites', 'Journal Citation Reports', 'Essential Science Indicators', and 'EndNote'. The user is logged in as 'Applicant (External): Mkoko, Zikhona'. The main content area shows the 'PRA: PhD Scholarship' application form, which is currently in progress. A 'Set Status' dialog box is open, allowing the user to choose the status of the application. The dialog box has two options: 'Application form in progress (keep in current status)' and 'Institutional approval/Supervisor approval'. The 'Institutional approval/Supervisor approval' option is highlighted with a red border. Below the dialog box, the 'Applicant's abridged CV' section is visible, followed by the 'PhD/Masters project' section. The 'PhD/Masters project' section includes instructions for candidates resuming studies and for all other candidates. The bottom of the page features 'Cancel', 'Save', and 'Save & close' buttons.

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RIMS

Search Help Applicant (External): Mkoko, Zikhona

Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC > Edit PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/ ...

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Grant Applications to the SAMRC

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PRA: PhD Scholarship 2026 : (Mkoko, Zikhona)

Application form in progress

Key Information *

Applicant's abridged CV

Applicant's CV containing a full list of scholarships/bursaries, research awards, and other meritorious achievements. Include all awards received e.g.

Additional Supporting Documents *

Set Status

Application form in progress (keep in current status)
Initial status when form is first created

Institutional approval/Supervisor approval
Choose this status to send the application form forward to the Institutional Authorizer/Applicant's Supervisor for authorization to submit (please consult the relevant grant application guidelines to determine whether this step is applicable or not)

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PhD/Masters project

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For all other candidates:

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PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical

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Supplementary documents in support of the application

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Addendum document(s) - For Office Use Only

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Search Help Applicant (External): Mkoko, Zikhona

Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC + Add New Content

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Grant Applications to the SAMRC (1)

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☐ Mkoko, Zikhona
North-West University
Investigating
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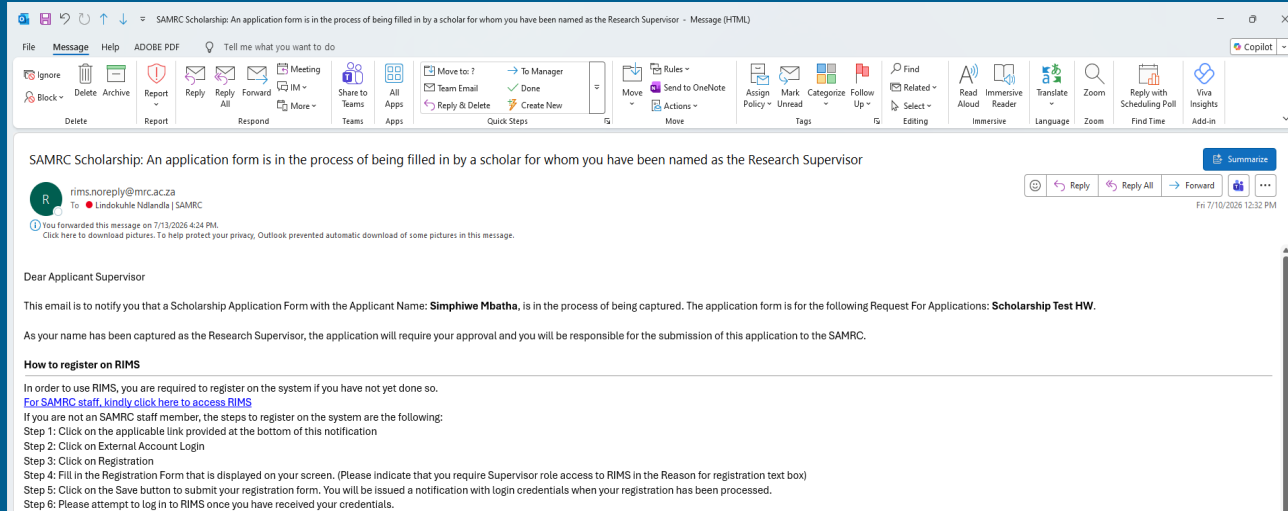
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REQUEST FOR SUPERVISOR COMMITMENT FORM



Please note that the supervisor will be unable to complete this section until they have registered on RIMS.

SUPERVISOR| RIMS SUBMISSION PROCESS

The screenshot shows the RIMS (Research and Innovation Management System) interface for a supervisor, Shirley Lavin. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/overview>. The top navigation bar includes links for Web of Science, InCites, Journal Citation Reports, Essential Science Indicators, and EndNote. The user's name, Shirley Lavin, is displayed in the top right corner, along with a dropdown menu for Supervisor: Lavin, Shirley. A red box highlights the 'Add New Content' button next to the 'View Profile' link. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: Dashboard, Commitment forms, Person Data, Notifications, and Statistics. The main content area shows the user's profile picture and name, followed by a section titled 'Outstanding items'. A red box highlights the text '1 Scholarship application(s) awaiting supervisor approval'. Below this, a list of items is shown, including 'PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026 : investigating (Mkoko, Zikhona)'. The 'Recently edited' section shows the same item, with the applicant name 'Mkoko, Zikhona' and the supervisor name 'Lavin, Shirley'. The footer includes the RIMS logo, the Clarivate logo, and copyright information for 2026.

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RIMS

Search Help Supervisor: Lavin, Shirley

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Shirley Lavin Edit

Outstanding items

1 Scholarship application(s) awaiting supervisor approval View All

PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026 : investigating (Mkoko, Zikhona)
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The screenshot displays the RIMS (Research and Innovation Management System) web application interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/new/options?isNew=true&nameOfIOT=declaration>. The page title is "Add new Commitment Form".

The interface includes a sidebar menu on the left with the following items:

- Dashboard
- Commitment forms (selected)
- Commitment Forms
- Grant Applications to the SAMRC
- Person Data
- Notifications
- Statistics

The main content area is titled "Add new Commitment Form" and contains the instruction "Select the appropriate commitment form type". Below this, there is a table with two columns: "Commitment Form" and "Information about the selected commitment form".

Commitment Form	Information about the selected commitment form
Supervisor of Scholarship Applicant	Please click on the left panel (<==) to open an empty Commitment Form that is to be completed by the Supervisor of a scholarship applicant.

A red box highlights the "Supervisor of Scholarship Applicant" option in the "Commitment Form" column. At the bottom of the page, there is a "Cancel" button.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/creator/declaration/default?templateSelectorID=16052380>. The page is titled "New Commitment Form" and features a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Commitment forms (selected), Commitment Forms, Grant Applications to the SAMRC, Person Data, Notifications, and Statistics. The main content area includes a "In preparation" status indicator, a "Supervisor Information *" section, and two tabs: "Research Project *" and "Project Feasibility *". The "Research Project *" tab is active, showing a "Type of Declaration" dropdown menu set to "Supervisor of Scholarship Applicant". Below this is a section for "Scholarship Program for which application is being made" with a note to ensure the correct grant program and call is selected. A table titled "Name of Supervisor *" contains the following information:

Name	Institution	
Ms Shirley Lavin	Strategic Monitoring Compliance and Government Liaison (Office of the Chief Research Operations Officer)	

Below the table is a section for "Supervisor's track record *" with a note: "Please note that track record information below should be listed on your attached abridged CV". This is followed by an "ORCID ID number *" field and a link: "Please click [here](#) to register for an Orcid Id if you do not already have one". At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save", and "Save & close".

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Will this research project (degree) be completed within the prescribed degree duration (PhD = 3 years/Masters = 2 years) *

The duration of the degree is counted from first year of registration

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered 'no' to the above question, please provide your reasons below

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Comment on the applicant's ability to conduct the proposed research project *

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The screenshot displays the RIMS (Research Information Management System) interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/editor/declaration/32966832/feasibility_info. The page title is "Applicant name: Mkoko, Zikhona; Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley;". The main content area is titled "Research Support Letter" and includes a section for "Has the Unit Director approved?". A red box highlights the "Set Status" dialog box, which has two options: "In preparation (keep in current status)" and "Completed". The "Completed" option is selected. Below the dialog box, there is a table with columns "Name", "Type", and "Size". The table contains one row: "3. Incomplete areas.png", "png", "394 KB". At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for "Cancel", "Save", and "Save & close".

Applicant name: Mkoko, Zikhona; Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley;

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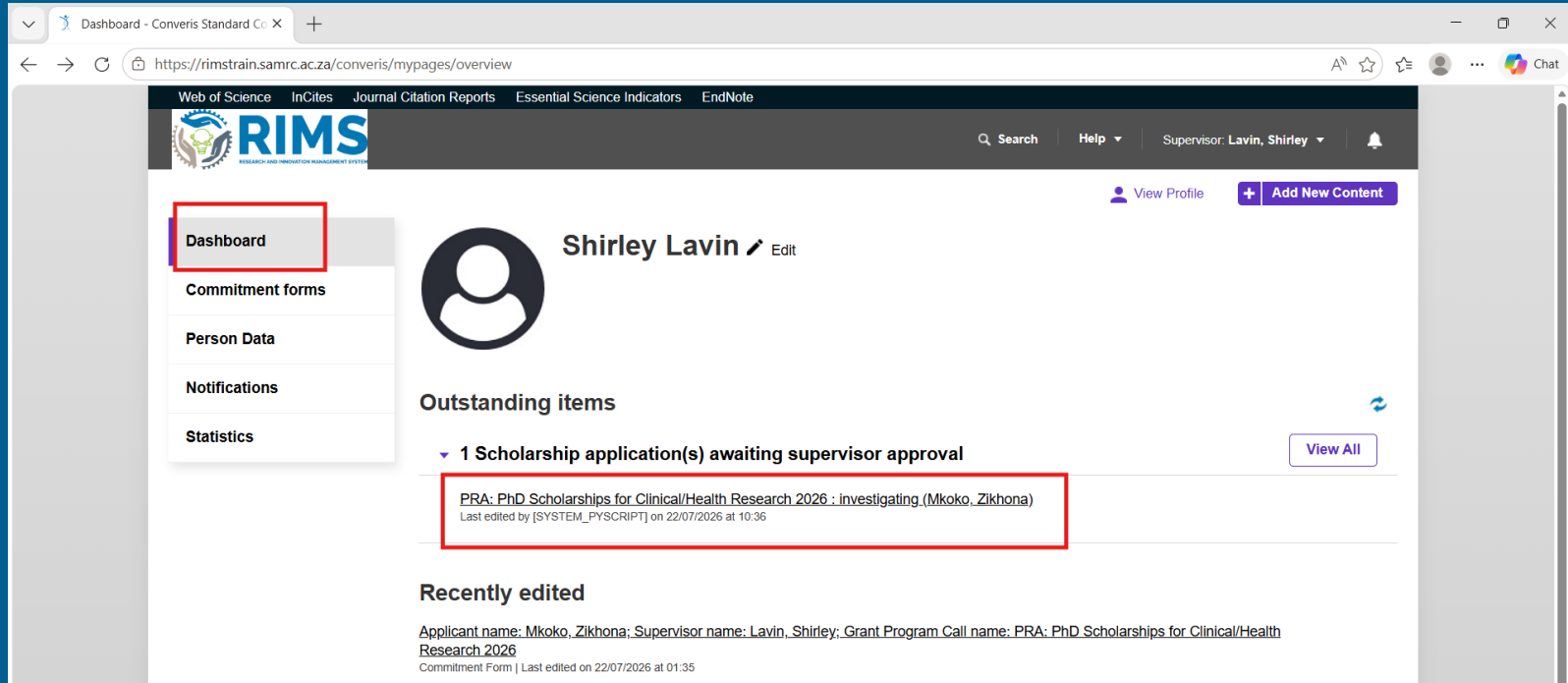
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The screenshot shows the RIMS Supervisor Dashboard in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays the URL <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/overview>. The dashboard header includes navigation links for 'Web of Science', 'InCites', 'Journal Citation Reports', 'Essential Science Indicators', and 'EndNote'. The RIMS logo is prominently displayed, with the tagline 'RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM'. The user's name, 'Shirley Lavin', is shown in the top right corner, along with a 'Supervisor: Lavin, Shirley' dropdown menu and a 'Chat' icon. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with 'Dashboard' (highlighted with a red box), 'Commitment forms', 'Person Data', 'Notifications', and 'Statistics'. The main content area features a profile section for 'Shirley Lavin' with an 'Edit' link. Below this, the 'Outstanding items' section is titled '1 Scholarship application(s) awaiting supervisor approval' and includes a 'View All' button. A red box highlights the application details: 'PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026 : investigating (Mkoko, Zikhona)' and 'Last edited by [SYSTEM_PYSCRIPT] on 22/07/2026 at 10:36'. The 'Recently edited' section at the bottom lists the application details: 'Applicant name: Mkoko, Zikhona; Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley; Grant Program Call name: PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026' and 'Commitment Form | Last edited on 22/07/2026 at 01:35'.

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Supervisor Information *

Research Project *

Project Feasibility *

Type of Declaration

Supervisor of Scholarship Applicant

Scholarship Program for which application is being made

Please ensure that the correct grant program and call is selected into this table. It must match the selection on the related application form.

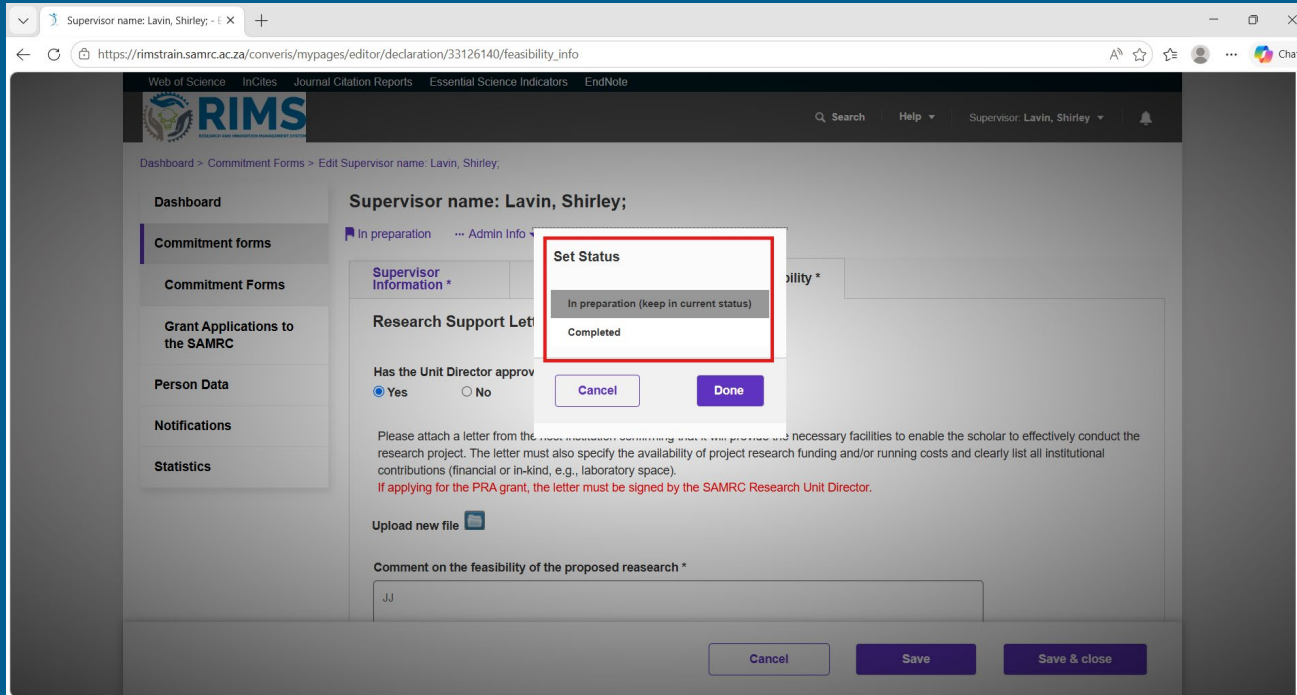
Program Name	Name of Program Call	Call Open Date	Application Close Date
RCD: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026	PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026	17/07/2026	28/08/2026

Name of Supervisor *

Name	Institution

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Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley; - E X +

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Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley;

In preparation Admin Info

Supervisor Information *

Research Support Letter

Has the Unit Director approved?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Set Status

In preparation (keep in current status)

Completed

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Please attach a letter from the supervisor confirming that the project has necessary facilities to enable the scholar to effectively conduct the research project. The letter must also specify the availability of project research funding and/or running costs and clearly list all institutional contributions (financial or in-kind, e.g., laboratory space).

If applying for the PRA grant, the letter must be signed by the SAMRC Research Unit Director.

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Comment on the feasibility of the proposed research *

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Search Help Supervisor: Lavin, Shirley

Dashboard > Grant Applications to the SAMRC > Edit PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/ ...

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PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026 : investigating (Mkoko, Zikhona)

Institutional approval/Supervisor approval -- Admin Info

Key Information * Applicant Details * Academic Information * More * ▲

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please remind your Supervisor to register on RIMS if they have not yet done so. When completing this form, you must please indicate that they require the 'Supervisor' role, and provide your name as their student. They will need to complete this form in support of your application.

Please ensure that you select the correct instance of the grant program for which you wish to apply. If this is not done, this form will not be filled in correctly and your application will not be considered.

Supervisor Details *

Co supervisor Details *

Project *

Additional Supporting Documents *

Supervisor Authorisation for Submission *

Reference Number

This number will be automatically generated once this application form has been submitted to the SAMRC.

Application form

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Key Information * Applicant Details * Academic Information * Supervisor Authorisation for Submission *

Name of Research Supervisor (Designation and Date of Approval are to be captured by your research supervisor)

In order to find your supervisor's name in the table below, your supervisor is required to have registered successfully on RIMS. Information on how to register on RIMS is contained in the RFA documentation.

Please ensure that your supervisor has been assigned the RIMS system role of *Supervisor of Scholar* by checking the relevant contents of the table below once you have selected your supervisor's name. Your supervisor can email rims.support@mrc.ac.za to request the supervisor role should this role not yet have been assigned.

Name of Supervisor	Organisation	Assigned user role	Designation	Date of Approval by Supervisor
Lavin, Shirley	Office of the Chief Research Operations Officer (Office of the President)		SAMRC 5/10/24	01/07/2026

FOR COMPLETION BY APPLICANT'S RESEARCH SUPERVISOR: *

Instructions:

- To authorize this application for submission to the SAMRC:
 - fill in your *designation* and the approval *date* alongside your name in the table above
 - attach your already completed *Commitment Form* below
 - select the tickbox under the label **Research Supervisor Declaration** below your attached Commitment Form
 - click on *Save and Close* at the bottom of this form, select *Submit to SAMRC* as the next step and click *Done*.
- To return this application for the attention of the applicant:
 - click on *Save and Close*, select *Return for clarification* as the next step and click *Done*.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://rimstrain.samrc.ac.za/converis/mypages/editor/grantFunding/32965722/SprvsrAuth>. The page displays instructions for supervisors, a search bar with 'Zikh' entered, search results for 'Zikh', a research supervisor declaration, and a checkbox for the supervisor's acknowledgement of declaration. The 'Save & close' button is highlighted with a red box.

Instructions:

- The Scholar name on the Commitment Form must match the Applicant name on this Application Form
- The name of the Scholarship Program on the Commitment Form must match the Scholarship Program selected in the first section of this application form
- The attached Commitment Form must be in a 'Completed' status

Search results for Zikh

☒	Applicant name: Mkoko, Zikhona; Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley; Grant Program Call name: PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026
☒	Applicant name: Mkoko, Zikhona; Supervisor name: Lavin, Shirley; Grant Program Call name: PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/Health Research 2026

Research Supervisor Declaration

I, the above-named Supervisor, hereby support the scholar's application for the SAMRC scholarship and commit to undertake the supervision of the applicant named on this application form

Research Supervisor's acknowledgement of declaration

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Buttons: Cancel, Save, Save & close

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PRA: PhD Scholarships for Clinical/ (Mkoko, Zikhona)

Institutional approval/Supervisor approval (keep in current status)

Choose this status to send the application form forward to the Institutional Authorizer/Applicant's Supervisor for authorization to submit (please consult the relevant grant application guidelines to determine whether this step is applicable or not)

Submit to SAMRC

Choose this status to submit the authorized application form to the SAMRC.

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Supervisor Authorisation for Submission *

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ed to have registered successfully on RIMS. Information on how

supervisor of Scholar by checking the relevant contents of the email rims.support@mrc.ac.za to request the supervisor role

Name of Supervisor	Organisation	Assigned user role	Designation	Date of Approval by Supervisor
Lavin, Shirley	Office of the Chief Research Operations Officer (Office of the President)		SAMRC 5/1024	01/07/2026

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NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ENTERPRISE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Objective	Aims to strengthen South Africa's health research capacity by supporting exceptional doctoral candidates conducting innovative, multidisciplinary research on priority health challenges. The programme is designed to nurture the next generation of health researchers and ensure continued scientific excellence and innovation with impact both nationally and globally.
RFA Purpose	To build a pipeline of highly skilled PhD graduates in the health sciences who will drive health research and innovation in South Africa and contribute to global health impact. Applicants working on cross-cutting technologies such as digital health, artificial intelligence, and genomics are encouraged.
Scholarship value	PhD: 250,000 p.a. x 3 years MSc: 200,000 p.a. x 2 years
Funding period	Funding over 3 yrs
Deadline	Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - 23:59

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ENTERPRISE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME



- ☐ South African citizen or permanent resident.
- ☐ Must hold a master's degree.
- ☐ Full-time PhD candidates in public academic institutions in South Africa
- ☐ Officially approved research proposal and ethics clearance (where applicable) for the PhD project.
Ethics under review?
- ☐ Written commitment from a research supervisor
(supervisor commitment form)
- ☐ Supervisor must have research funding for the project and appropriate facilities for the scholar

NHRE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME: PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS

HIV, TB and other
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diseases

Health system
strengthening and
policy research

Pandemic
Preparedness

Maternal, child and
adolescent health

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Funding at the SAMRC

Request for Applications (RFAs)

Research Capacity Development

Self-Initiated Research

Conference Applications

Request for Applications

Deadline: Monday, September 22, 2025 - 23:59

RFA: SAMRC Clinician-Researcher Development Programme

PhD funding opportunity for South African citizens or permanent residents who are students or graduates in medicine, dentistry, or nursing. This funding opportunity is designed to offer flexible and realistic options to clinicians who want to pursue their PhD studies. Funding may be used to provide protected research time from clinical training or clinical service obligations to support PhD studies undertaken in parallel with clinical activities. The use of funds is strictly for research training, i.e., obtaining a PhD.

Deadline: Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 23:50

SAMRC Postgraduate Research Associate Programme

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to attract PhD and Masters candidates within the following research fields, which will be given preference: Biostatistics, Bioethics, Bioinformatics, Data Science, Digital Health, Demography, Epidemiology, Environmental Public Health, Evolutionary Virology, Implementation and Translational Science, Health Economics, Genomics, Immunology and Structural Biology.

Deadline: Monday, August 18, 2025 - 23:59

SAMRC Researcher Development Programme

Funding opportunity for emerging researchers who are at the late stages of their PhDs (last 12-months). The funds can be used for dedicated time to spend on their research activities, pay for work relief, or any justifiable intervention. This Request for Applications particularly encourages applications from SAMRC staff and affiliated postgraduate students for whom completion of their PhD degrees has been directly impacted by the US funding cuts. Such applications may be considered for funding beyond 12 months.

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How to apply

Opening date: 28 July 2026

Closing date: 22 September 2026, 23:59

Three-step process:

Step 1 – Applicant to complete the **online application**.

Step 2 – Applicant to upload all the **required supporting documents**.

Step 3 - Research supervisor or proposed supervisor must complete the **research supervisor's commitment form** and submit the application.

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Scholarship Application

SAMRC Institutional Clinician-Researcher Development Programme

Research Award and Scholarship Conditions

- All remuneration/fellowships and grants received concurrently with this award for the purpose of obtaining a PhD received, must be declared to the Division of Research Capacity Development of the SAMRC.
- Awardees may not, without seeking approval from the Division of Research Capacity Development of the SAMRC, register at a university other than that through which the application was submitted.
- Once the award has been made, the awardee may not change the research supervisor or subject of research without informing the Division of Research Capacity Development of the SAMRC.
- Awardees are required to submit bi-annual progress reports endorsed by the request supervisor or upon request.
- Where applicants are engaged in parallel clinical training (including undergraduate medical training, internship, community service or specialist training), they are required to submit an annual statement detailing their progress with clinical training, with an estimate for completion of training, which must be countersigned by the Dean or Programme Director.
- The award is for one year, renewal of funding will be considered on an annual basis, and success thereof will be subject to satisfactory progress being made.
- Research awardees who have not spent all funds in a particular year must specifically request the carry forward of such funding into the subsequent year within their renewal application. The SAMRC reserves the right to adjust approved research funds based on submitted annual progress reports.
- Awardees are required to attend all training and support workshops organised by the SAMRC RCD
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the SAMRC to complete their studies within the specified time period.
- If awarded, applicants must be able to take up the award immediately.
- The scholarship is for the specified enrolment year, and therefore cannot be deferred to the subsequent years.
- Awardees are expected to conduct the research in accordance with the approved research proposal and budget.
- Once awarded funding, awardees are not allowed to move between RCD scholarship programmes and funding categories (e.g., full-time to part-time)

Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)

As of the 1st of July 2020, the new Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) came into full effect. The law is designed to protect how all juristic persons use, store and process data. You can read the full details on the act here: <https://popia.co.za/>

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- I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the scholarship conditions.
- I hereby authorise and consent to the organisation sharing my personal information for the purpose of evaluating my application for funding.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

* must provide value

☐ Agree ☐ Do not Agree

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Application Form

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Personal Details

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr) Mr	First name Vincent
Surname Fipaza	Gender
Population group African	Date of Birth 13-09-2024 Today 03-M-Y
Citizenship	South African Permanent resident
Specify Other	
Study permit number	
South African ID number:	9002055363088 0 characters remaining
Postal Address	320 Pretorius Road, Arcadia Expand
Work telephone number 1	Mobile number 0000
Alternative number	1
University e-mail address	vincent.fipaza@mrc.ac.za
Alternative e-mail address	

Academic Information

Highest qualification	MSc (Major subjects and full course name e.g. BSc Honours Biotechnology)
Other/ previous tertiary qualifications	MSc (Major subjects and full course name e.g. BSc Honours Biotechnology)
Field of Specialisation	
Other (specify field of specialisation)	
Are you currently studying?	☐ Yes ☐ No reset
Full name of the qualification (e.g., Biotechnology Honours)	

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Highest qualification	MSc (Major subjects and full course name e.g. BSc Honours Biotechnology)
Other/ previous tertiary qualifications	MSc (Major subjects and full course name e.g. BSc Honours Biotechnology)
Field of Specialisation	Biotechnology
Other (specify field of specialisation)	
Are you currently studying?	☐ Yes ☒ No reset
Full name of the qualification (e.g., Biotechnology Honours)	
Institution where registered	
Anticipated completion date	
Are you currently employed?	☐ Yes ☒ No reset
Name of the employer (please include the department name)	
If employed, please provide details on how the studies will be accommodated in the next 2 years (2025 and 2026)	
SAPC registration number (if applicable)	12-07-2024
Years of relevant work experience	2
Is this application for MSc Pharmacy Administration and Policy Regulation at UWC:	☒ Yes ☐ No reset
If yes, please enter your UWC application number or current student number	333
Year of study in 2025	☒ 1st year ☐ 2nd year reset

I Vincent Fipaza, hereby submit my application for a Scholarship and am cognisant of the conditions under which this scholarship is awarded. NB: An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete and will not be processed

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Supporting Documents

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List of required supporting documents

1. A certified copy of the applicant's South African identity document/Study Permit: (must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths)

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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2. Certified copy of qualifications that meet the entry criteria

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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3. Certified academic transcripts

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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4. Reference or recommendation letter from an academic or industry mentor who has worked with the applicant, highlighting the applicant's key skills, strengths, accomplishments and suitability for the program

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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5. Applicant's motivational letter

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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motivation letter stating their career objectives and how success in this program will impact their career

6. Applicant's curriculum vitae

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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curriculum vitae containing a full list of current qualifications, research outputs (e.g., publications, conference, or symposium presentations etc.) and other meritorious achievements (e.g., scholarships, awards etc.) and relevant research and work experience (if applicable)

7. Are you currently employed?

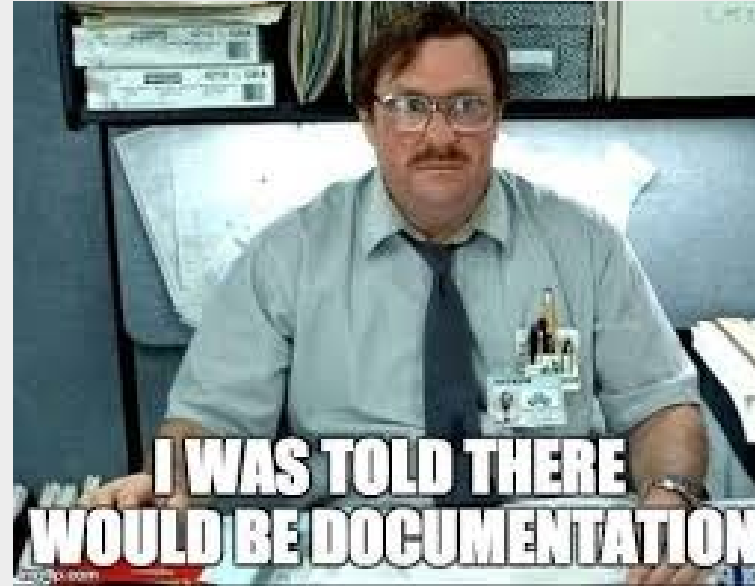
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☐ Yes ☐ No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS!!!

Checklist

Requirements and selection criteria (Please use this list to ensure that your application is complete)	Attached check (v)	
1. Suitability of the candidate: Max. 2 pages: Motivation demonstrating the candidate's suitability and describing how success in the scholarship application will impact the candidate's career. Must be written by the applicant.	Y	N
2. Suitability of the candidate: Abridged curriculum vitae containing a full list of research outputs in the last seven years and other meritorious achievements.		
3. Quality of the science: Max. 2 pages: Abstract of the Master's or PhD research proposal outlining the aim and objectives, rationale, design, feasibility, plans for research translation and information dissemination as well as potential impact of the proposed research project. NB: Proposed research project should be aligned with the SAMRC priority research areas list on the application form.	Y	N
4. Main supervisor's track record: Max. 2 pages: An abridged outline of publications, grants and experience of the main supervisor in research supervision of Master's and PhD students in the last five (5) years	Y	N
5. Research environment: Max. 2 pages: Letter from the host institution or SAMRC research unit (Head of Department/SAMRC Research Unit Director) confirming availability of appropriate research facilities and project funding for the scholar to effectively conduct and complete their research project within the prescribed degree study period.	Y	N
6. Certified copy of the applicant's South African identity document (must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths within the last 6 months from submission of application.)	Y	N
6. Proof of registration for the current year. If 2026 will be your first year of registration please provide official admission letter from the institution where the applicant will register.	Y	N



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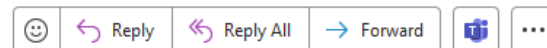
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MSc Pharmacy Administration and Policy Regulation Scholarships for Pharmacy, Health, Life and Allied Sciences Graduates: Application Submission



RCD Scholarship <Vincent.Fipaza@mrc.ac.za>
To Vincent Fipaza | SAMRC



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Supervisor Commitment Form

From: redcap.support@mrc.ac.za <redcap.support@mrc.ac.za>

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:23 AM

To: Lerato Hlatshwayo | SAMRC <Lerato.Hlatshwayo@mrc.ac.za>

Subject: SAMRC Researcher Development Award | Supervisor Commitment Form

Good day,

This email serves to notify you that you have been nominated as the Research Supervisor in the SAMRC Researcher Development Award Programme Application for Rock Paper

You are required to endorse the application by completing the Research Supervisor commitment form before the closing date of **18 August 2025**.

[Supervisor Commitment form](#)

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Review Criteria	Description
1. Suitability of the candidate	1. Academic merit and candidate's research experience 2. Specific and clear career goals (cover letter) 3. Past research outputs (journal articles, conference presentations and proceedings, book chapters, patents and awards)
2. Quality of science	Scientific merit and feasibility (3 yrs for a PhD) Alignment to the call's research priority areas, originality, clear objectives, research methodology and potential impact
3. Supervisor's track record in the last 5 years	Past contributions to knowledge production and mentorship (e.g., postgraduate students' supervision, journal articles, book chapters, designs and patents etc.)
4. Research environment	Institutional and/supervisor's support for the applicant through providing research infrastructure, project funding and an enabling environment.
5. Equity Race, gender and institution	Race , gender and institutions (Historically Disadvantaged Institutions vs Historically Advantaged Institutions)

The crucial aspect of scholarship criteria is that you must show how you meet and perhaps even exceed them.



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