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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS CALENDAR 2027

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RCD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

Programme caters for: ***PhD and Masters*** *students (in scarce skills and emerging areas). Scholarships include stipend and tuition; and in some programmes tuition fee, protected time and/or research project funds.*

Funding Programmes	Funding Start Year	Call Opening Date	Call Closing Date	Awarding	Application Process
SAMRC Clinician Researcher Development Programme	2027/2028	February 2027	March 2027	June/July 2027	Read more about the programme **here**. Click **here** to join our mailing list and receive notifications when the call is opened
Biostatistics Capacity Development Initiative	2027/2028	February 2027	March 2027	June/July 2027	Read more about the programme **here** Click **here** to join our mailing list and receive notifications when the call is opened
SAMRC Postgraduate Research Associate Programme	2026/2027	Call Closed - Read more about the programme **here**			
National Health Research Enterprise Doctoral Programme	2026/2027	Call Closed - Read more about the programme **here**			
SAMRC Researcher Development Award	2026/2027	Call Closed - Read more about the programme **here**			
Bongani Mayosi National Health Scholars Programme	2026/2027	Call Closed - Read more about the programme **here**			

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RCD GRANT PROGRAMMES

Programme caters for: ***Postdoctoral Fellows; Early Career Scientists; Mid-Career Researchers; and MSc and PhD students*** *in the RCDI programme*

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SAMRC Early Investigators Programme (EIP)	2027/2028	No Current Open Calls Read more about the programme **here** Click **here** to join our mailing list and receive notifications when new RFA's are released.			
SAMRC Research Capacity Development Initiative (RCDI): Nested Postdoctoral fellowships and Postgraduate Scholarships: (At Selected Universities: UNIVEN, UNIZULU, UL, UFH, SMU, WSU, UWC, MUT) **(Closed)**	2026/2027				
SAMRC Mid-Career Scientist Programme	2026/2027				
SAMRC Research Capacity Development Initiative (RCDI) Programme at Selected Universities (closed call – SMU, WSU, UWC, MUT)	2026/2027				

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