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DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding - 2025 Academic year

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR NRF MASTERS AND DOCTORAL CALL FOR 2025

The NRF has extended the date of new applications for Masters and Doctoral from the 05th of July 2024 to the 19th of July 2024

Students are encouraged to apply before the closing date to avoid encountering technical issues

The NRF **minimum academic requirement** for postgraduate funding is **65%**. The entry age requirement is 28, 30 and 32 years or younger for honours, master's and doctoral studies respectively, in the year of application, regardless of the first year of registration. Successful applicants will be funded either at Full Cost of Study (FCS) or Partial Cost of Study (PCS). The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and Permanent Residents only, who are either financially needy (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less than or equals to R350 000 per annum), living with a disability or exceptional academic achievers. However, the PCS funding will be awarded to 5% of international students including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria. The scholarships are intended to support honours, masters and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

All the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Connect System by accessing the link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>. **No manual applications will be accepted.**

Student Applications Opening and Closing Dates:

Level of study	Opening dates	Closing dates
Honours (General)	05 July 2024	22 November 2024
First-time Master's	23 May 2024	19 July 2024
First-time Doctoral		19 July 2024
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support		15 September 2024

Level of study	Applicant Closing dates
SARAO: Honours and Masters	20 August 2024
SARAO: Doctoral	20 August 2024
SARO Undergraduate	31 August 2024

Honours applicants requiring ISFAP assessment should submit their applications by 02 September 2024.

All enquiries on applications must be directed to: nrfbursaries@up.ac.za