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DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for 2026 - apply now!

Are you planning to start a Master's or Doctorate in 2026 in a NITheCS field of science?

If you achieved **at least 65%** in your previous degree, you may be eligible for student funding. 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 who are:

- financially needy (i.e. those whose combined household family income is R350 000 per annum or less), or
- living with a disability, or
- exceptional academic achievers.

The **PCS funding** will be awarded to 5% of international students, including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who cannot be funded under FCS but meet other minimum requirements.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Consult with your current or prospective supervisor about funding before submitting your application.
2. Review these DSTI-NRF documents for more details on funding:
 - [DSTI-NRF Master's and Doctoral Application and Funding Guide for 2026](#)
 - [DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Scholarship Framework for 2026 Funding](#)
 - [NRF Statement of Expectation for Postgraduate Training](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
3. Apply via the [NRF portal](#) - quote the NITheCS **UID code 65212**.
4. Complete NITheCS' [tracking form](#) to notify us of your submission, so we can monitor the progress of applications in the NITheCS fields.

MORE INFORMATION:

1. NITheCS will host an **Information Seminar** on DSTI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding. The date will be advertised.
2. Full details and application resources are available on the [DSTI-NRF website](#).

NOTE:

Master's or PhD students who currently have DSTI-NRF funding and are eligible for a second or third year of funding must please submit a Progress Report (*not a new application*) by **15 August 2025**.

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