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## Funding

### **NRF Postgraduate Bursaries for 2021 - the new NRF One Call System**

Prospective new 2021 applicants (Hons/M/PhD funding) are reminded that the NRF is changing its bursary application process for the 2020-application/2021-funding round. The application submission deadlines are much earlier this year than they have been in the past - please check your Institution's closing deadline, via your University Research Office or your Research Supervisor. There is a PowerPoint presentation on the [Bursaries](#) page of our website to assist you with the new process, and there will also be a seminar run by the CoE-MaSS on Friday, 5 June, to assist you further with your application - seminar details shown above.

Students continuing with the same degree from 2020 into 2021 (i.e. Masters 1st year in 2020; Masters 2nd year in 2021) will not need to complete a new application on the NRF One Call System. Instead, these continuing students will complete an NRF Annual Progress Report later in the year (the NRF will provide the template to us; we estimate this will take place in ~September/October) for this continuation funding into next year.

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## Events

### **CoE-MaSS seminar series**

- **29 May 2020:** Dr Emmanuel Dufourq of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences
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(AIMS) will be presenting a seminar entitled "The world's rarest primate: A deep learning journey". Please view the poster [here](#).

- **5 June 2020:** Ms Caryn McNamara of CoE-MaSS will be presenting a seminar entitled "Applying for 2021 postgrad funding, using the new NRF Postgraduate One Call system". This presentation will be "generic" in that it will aim to address the process for Postgraduate Students from all Institutions.
- **12 June 2020:** Prof Aroon Basheemof the University of Zululand will be presenting a seminar. Title TBC

Details on how to connect remotely to our weekly seminars are listed on the [News and Events page](#) of our website, in the Event Calendar.

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## Vacancies

- **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR):** Research Group Leader: Climate and Air Quality Modelling. Please click [here](#) for more details.
  - **University of Cape Town** (Maths and Applied Maths): click [here](#) for more details.
  - **University of Cape Town** (nGAP Maths and Applied Maths): click [here](#) for more details.
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## Researcher profile

In 2019, Mr Liron Mazrahi was a Master's candidate at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. His research focused on working in robotics an autonomous learning; namely using reinforcement learning to teach computers. You can view his video [here](#).

