



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Internal Deadline: Round 1: 15 February 2021, Round 2: 1 September 2021

External Deadline: Round 1: 28th February 2021, Round 2: 15th September 2021

BACKGROUND

The PRF works to support research aimed at furthering the development of Medical Virology in South Africa. There are two calls per year (faculty closing date: 15 February and 1 September).

Applications are invited for funding under the following six categories:

- ~~Post Doctoral Fellowship~~
- Bursary
- ~~James Gear Fellowship~~
- ~~Travel Grant~~
- Research Grant
- Major Impact Project (MIP)

At present and for the time being, due to the large funding requirements for Research Grants and Bursaries, NO applications for Post-Doctoral Fellowships and Travel Grants will be considered and therefore should **NOT be submitted for 2021.**

Bursary

Bursaries are ordinarily awarded only to South African citizens or persons with permanent residency permits for South Africa. A limited number of bursaries may be awarded to other non-South African applicants. BSc (Hons) and Masters Applicants must have minimum pass of 60% to be considered.

Maximum duration of support will be 2 years for Masters and 3 years for PhD bursaries.

Research Grant

Research grants are awarded to establish researchers who have a track record of independent innovative research supported by a significant publication record. Awarded to applicants in possession of PhD or equivalent degree / Or in exceptional cases the Principal Investigator may have a master's degree and at least 3 or more years of research experience and publications.

Major Impact Project (MIP)

The funding ceiling is R 500 000 per annum for 3 years.

For more information please visit the [PRF website](#) or alternatively contact Ms Natasha Jeftha (natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)

Please note that if funding is awarded for contract research (excluding scholarships), a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bursary:

- Applicants working full-time positions (receiving a salary) may NOT apply

Research grant: (No 2nd Round, thus February submissions only)

- Only applicants with a PhD/equivalent degree may apply, in extraordinary cases an applicant with a master's degree and 3 or more years experience may apply.
- The research proposal must have ethics approval.

HOW TO APPLY

Application and renewal application forms are attached. Applications forms must be submitted in **BOTH Microsoft word (unsigned format) and signed (via scanning or other methods) PDF format** by email to Mrs. Jeftha - natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za.

Please take note of the internal deadline of **15 February 2021 and 1 September 2021 – NO late applications will be accepted or processed.**

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CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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