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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