

DISCOVERY FOUNDATION AWARDS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) focus area(s)



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Internal deadline: 12th October 2020
10th January 2021

External deadline: 23rd October 2020
 15th January 2021

BACKGROUND

Discovery Limited established the Discovery Foundation in 2006 as an independent trust **aimed at strengthening the healthcare system**. While the Discovery Foundation's aim is to give more South Africans access to specialised healthcare services in places where it is needed most, it also has an obligation to **promote transformation** in this area. In other words, to meet the BEE legislative requirements for socioeconomic development. The Discovery Foundation will ensure that, wherever possible and across all grants together, **at least 75% of its beneficiaries are black people or that at least 75% of its total financial support goes to black people to further their studies or to benefit from the undertaking of certain socioeconomic development activities**.

In the first decade since its inception, the Discovery Foundation has invested over **R261 million in grants to support academic medicine through research, development and the training of medical specialists in South Africa**. Its aim is to invest R300 million towards specialised healthcare services over 20 years. The Discovery Foundation Awards include scholarships, bursaries and research fellowships as well as support for teaching and research institutions.

The Discovery Foundation makes **awards each year** for outstanding individual and institutional candidates, benefitting academic medicine, rural healthcare, specialist training and service delivery and innovation:

Groups of Awards	Category	Faculty Deadline
Academic medicine	<p>The Discovery Foundation Academic Fellowship Awards aim to promote research-focused training in academic medicine in South Africa.</p> <p>*Clinicians (preferably specialists) doing Masters research (R600 000) *Clinicians (preferably specialists) doing Doctoral research (R800 000)</p> <p>Discovery Foundation MGH Fellowship Award: The Discovery Foundation will unfortunately not be awarding the MGH Award in 2021.</p>	12th October 2020
Specialist training	<p>The Discovery Foundation Sub-Specialist Awards aim to contribute to human resources for clinical and academic medicine by supporting further subspecialist training, research and development in health faculties in South Africa.</p>	12th October 2020

Rural healthcare	<p>The Discovery Foundation Rural Fellowship Awards aim to attract and keep medical doctors in rural areas by facilitating access to resources and opportunities to develop professionally.</p> <p>Categories for application:</p> <p>(A) Individual awards for Family Medicine Registrars (R25 000) (B) Individual awards for Senior Rural Doctors or Family Medicine Specialist (R250 000 – R500 000) (C) Institutional awards (R250 000 – R500 000) (D) Distinguished Visitor awards (up to R250 000)</p>	10th January 2021
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidate must read the respective award of interest's guideline stipulated in the attached booklet.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

- Incomplete application form may result in disqualification. Failure to adhere to the page and word count limit may also result in disqualification. Anything else other than the requested document (*see attached booklet*) will not be considered.
- Preference will be given to applicants in the scope of Black Economic Empowerment.
- Preference will also be given to areas where there's the greatest need for clinical and medical research.
- Please note that in the case of institutions, banking details on your institution's letterhead is required, signed by two senior members of your institution.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms as well as supporting documents must be submitted to the Faculty Research Office (Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za) no later than the internal closing date.

More application guidelines can be found on the attached booklet.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents submitted for this application to the Faculty Research Office – Natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za. The Faculty Research Office will obtain the required institutional signatures, such as the Dean or Vice Principal for Research and Postgraduate Education.

Please note that if funding is awarded, a 15% UP recovery is applicable and should be budgeted for by the applicant.

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CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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