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| DST-NRF Collaborative Postgraduate Training Call 2018 |
| APPLICATION DEADLINE  |
| 8th May 2017 |
| BACKGROUND |
| The Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the National Research Foundation (NRF) are pleased to announce the Collaborative Postgraduate Training call.This three-year block grant application is open to lead applicants from public universities in South Africa. If part-time doctoral students are nominated, the grant will run for a period of five (5) years and the grant for operational expenses will run for three (3) years.The Collaborative Postgraduate Training funding instrument is a funding instrument which will enable multi-institutional collaborate training of a cohort of postgraduate students in a specific scarce skill discipline or priority research area. The training must involve a collaborative network of postgraduate students and supervisors led by the applicant.ObjectivesThe objectives of this funding instrument are:* To train a cohort of students in a specified scarce skill discipline or emerging research area spanning thephysical, natural, social and human sciences, engineering and technology fields;
* To facilitate postgraduate training within a collaborative multi-institutional network; and
* To improve institutional capacity in order to enhance postgraduate training programmes at public universities in South Africa.
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| ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA |
| Eligibility criteria for the lead applicant hosting the Collaborative Postgraduate Training grant are listed below. The applicant must:* hold an academic position at a South African public university for the full duration of the awarded grant;
* hold a doctoral degree and have proven postgraduate supervision experience to host and supervise postgraduate students;
* demonstrate existing collaborations with national and international research institutions and universities for research and postgraduate training;
* demonstrate access to research funding by the applicant and consortium members to cover the research costs for the projects to be undertaken by the postgraduate students; and
* include at least two Historically Disadvantaged Higher Education Institutions, one of which may be the lead institution, in the Collaborative Postgraduate Training Initiative.
* Grant-holders of SARChI and Centres of Excellence are not eligible to apply.
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| SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME: |
| The NRF invites lead applicants from public universities in South Africa to submit applications for funding support for a three-year block grant broken down as follows:Postgraduate scholarships: No less than 60% of grant costs may be requested for Honours, Master’s and Doctoral bursaries; andInstitutional Capacity: No more than 40% of the grant costs may be requested for institutional support comprising of small equipment costing less than R200 000; specialised software for research purposes; training workshops; international guest lecturers; technical staff in selected disciplines such as curators and artists in training and science communication and outreach activities that may include programmes for supporting research exposure to undergraduate students.Support for part-time postgraduate studies: support for part-time postgraduate students will only be considered in scarce and priority disciplines and/or disciplines where the majority of postgraduate students are registered for part-time studies. The target for the funding instrument is to support 90% full-time students and 10% part-time students. Targets on postgraduate student support will also be managed per grant. In improving efficiencies, the time to completion for postgraduate students must be monitored. |
| HOW TO APPLY |
| Please refer to the links below for more information – [Framework document](https://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/447/ZP_Files/Funding%20Opportunities/NRF/DST%20NRF/Collaborative%20Postgraduate%20Training/collaborative-postgraduatetraining-2017_funding-framework_call_16-march2017_final_3.zp113322.pdf)[Application guide](https://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/447/ZP_Files/Funding%20Opportunities/NRF/DST%20NRF/Collaborative%20Postgraduate%20Training/collaborative-postgrad-trainingapplication-guide-2017-march-15_final_2.zp113324.pdf)Applicants must apply on the NRF Online Submission System at: [https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za](https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/) and follow the application process set out in the call document and application guide. |
| APPLICATION DEADLINES: |
| The UP application deadline is Monday 8 May 2017. Please submit by then for institutional approval.NRF Contacts:Should you have any queries with regards to the call requirements or application procedure, please contact:* Ms Tsibiso Mohlomi: Project Leader – Human and Infrastructure Capacity Development (HICD). Telephone: 012 481 4315. E-mail: tsibiso.mohlomi@nrf.ac.za
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