

Evaluation and Rating Eligibility Criteria

The following persons are eligible to apply for evaluation and rating:

1. **Permanent/fulltime (P/FT) researchers at NRF recognised institutions***:
2. **Fixed term contract researchers**** formally affiliated with NRF recognised institutions (e.g. retired researchers, research associates/fellows) who are active researchers with a notable track record in research and/or postgraduate student supervision.
3. **Fixed term contract/part time (C/PT) researchers**** at NRF recognised institutions who are active researchers with a notable track record in research and/or postgraduate student supervision and could include
 - a) Persons holding joint appointments between a SA institution and a foreign institution; **or**
 - b) Persons holding joint appointments between two institutions within SA (of which at least one appointment should be a formal association with an NRF recognised research institution).
4. Persons who are **in the process of being appointed in full-time posts** at a NRF recognised institution. A motivation confirming the researcher's employment and intended start date must be provided in the relevant comments block on the rating application.

*NRF recognised research institutions are declared (and gazetted) by the Department of Science and Technology and include Public South African (SA) Higher Education institutions (HEIs), Science Councils and other research performing public institutions. The list is available on the NRF Submission System at: <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>

The current contract must still be valid at the closing date for rating applications and institutions need to motivate the institutional benefits in terms of capacity building and/or student postgraduate training as well as the institutional commitment in terms of future support to enable the applicant to retain his/her association. They must provide **some commitment in the relevant comments block that the association will still be in place two years after the rating becomes valid. Applications from researchers in these categories will be screened for validity of the claims before being processed.

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