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Call for Applications

DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2023 Academic Year

The DSI and NRF are pleased to announce a call for **new applications** for DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the academic year 2023. All **continuing students** who are eligible for a second or third year of funding must submit a Progress Report and not a new application.

The NRF **minimum academic requirement** for postgraduate funding is **65%**. The entry age requirement is 28, 30 and 32 years or younger for honours, master's and doctoral studies respectively, in the year of application, regardless of first year of registration. Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost of Study (FCS)** or **Partial Cost of Study (PCS)**. The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and Permanent Residents only, who are either **financially needy** (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less than or equal to R350 000 per annum), **living with a disability** or **exceptional academic achievers**. However, the PCS funding will be awarded to **5% of international students** including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS, but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria. Scholarships are intended to support honours, master's and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

All the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Connect system by accessing the link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>. **No manual applications will be accepted.**

Applicant Closing Dates:

Level of study	Closing dates
Honours	20 November 2022
First-time Master's	08 July 2022

First-time Doctoral	08 July 2022
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support	15 August 2022

Designated Authority (DA) Closing Dates:

Level of study	Closing dates
Honours Applications	23 December 2022
First-time Master's Applications	02 September 2022
First-time Doctoral Applications	02 September 2022
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support Applications	30 September 2022

Please refer to the Application and Funding Guide and Framework documents when completing the online application form at every step of the process. Documents available at <https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/call-documents/nrf-call-for-proposals-for-funding-in-2022-and-2023/>

For enquiries, applicants are encouraged to contact the Research or Postgraduate offices at their universities. Should there still be a need to contact the NRF, below are the contact persons and details:

For General honours and NRF-TWAS related enquiries, please contact:

Mr Lehlogonolo Phaahla: Professional Officer – HICD. Telephone: 012 481 4315.

Email Address: LA.Phaahla@risa.nrf.ac.za

For General First-time master's and doctoral, and NRF-DAAD related enquiries, please contact:

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For master's and doctoral Extension Support, NRF-SASAC, PDP and NRF-SASOL related enquiries, please contact:

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For National Skills Fund and NRF-MINDS related enquiries, please contact:

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For First-time SARChI honours, master's and doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

Ms Andisiwe Jukuda: Professional Officer – RCCE. Telephone: 012 481 4113.

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For First-time CoEs honours, master's and doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

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For NRF-SARAO postgraduate scholarships related enquiries, please contact:

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