

## NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2021

The DSI and NRF are pleased to announce a call of **new applications** for NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2021 Academic year. 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%**. Applicants for honours, masters and doctoral funding must be **28, 30 and 32 years of age** or younger respectively in the year of application. Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost 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 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, masters and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

The NRF has phased **out the block grant nomination process as well as the grant-holder linked modalities** of funding postgraduate students in 2020. As from 2021 funding year, all the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Online Submission System by accessing the link: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/>, **no manual applications will be accepted**.

UCT Internal Closing Dates to submit your application on <https://NRFS submission.nrf.ac.za> are as follows:

Categories	Career	UCT deadlines
Nuffic Single-site	Doctoral	18 May 2020
First-time application	Masters & Doctoral	30 June 2020
Extension	Masters & Doctoral	30 June 2020
Nuffic Split-site	Doctoral	30 June 2020
SKA	Masters & Doctoral	30 June 2020
SKA	Undergraduate & Honours	15 August 2020
First-time application	Honours	31 October 2020

Please refer to the application and funding documents when completing the online application form at every step of the process.

For enquiries, please contact Postgraduate Funding Offices using contact details below:

***For General First-time Honours, Masters and Doctoral including DAAD related enquiries, please contact:***

Ms Meameno Nepembe: Administrative Officer – Postgraduate Funding Office (PGFO). Telephone: 021 650 5075.

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***For Masters and Doctoral Extension Support related enquiries, please contact:***

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***For SASAC related enquiries, please contact:***

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***For First-time CoEs, SARChI Honours, Masters and Doctoral related enquiries, please contact:***

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Downloads:

- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2021 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships Application and Funding Framework 2021](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships Application and Funding Guide 2021](#)
- [SARAO - HCD - Applications for Doctoral Scholarship for 2021 - Application Guide](#)
- [SARAO - HCD - Applications for Honours Scholarships for 2021 - Application Guide](#)
- [SARAO - HCD - Applications for Masters Scholarship for 2021 - Application Guide](#)