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## Call for Applications - NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2022 Academic Year

The DSI and NRF are pleased to announce a call of **new applications** for NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2022 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%**. 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 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, master's 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. 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.**

**Students' Applications Closing Date:** below please see closing dates, the applicants must abide by those dates.

FUNDING CALL	UCT deadline
First-time applications masters and doctoral	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021
NRF-Nuffic doctoral split-site	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021
SAROA Honours, masters and doctoral	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Extension support applications for masters and doctoral	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
Honours level financial means test deadline (Honours students demonstrating financial need, i.e., with family income less than R350 000 per annum are requested to submit completed applications by 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2021)	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Honours applications	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021

Please refer to the application and funding guide and framework documents (as listed below) when completing the online application form **at every step of the process.**

For enquiries, applicants are encouraged to contact the UCT Postgraduate Funding Office, below are the contact persons and details:

Application	Contact:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For SASAC and Nuffic related enquiries</li> <li>For General First-time Master's and Doctoral including DAAD related enquiries</li> </ul>	<b>Ms Meameno Nepembe</b> <b>Telephone: 021 650 5075,</b> <a href="mailto:NRFFunding@uct.ac.za">NRFFunding@uct.ac.za</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Master's and Doctoral Extension Support related enquiries</li> <li>For First-time SARChI Honours, Master's and Doctoral related enquiries</li> <li>For First-time CoEs Honours, Master's, and Doctoral related enquiries</li> </ul>	<b>Ms Chantal Swartz</b> <a href="mailto:Crv.swartz@uct.ac.za">Crv.swartz@uct.ac.za</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For General Honours related enquiries</li> <li>For NRF-SARAO Postgraduate scholarships related enquiries</li> </ul>	<b>Mr Mzwamadoda Mondji;</b> <a href="mailto:Samuel.Mondi@uct.ac.za">Samuel.Mondi@uct.ac.za</a>

### Downloads:

- [NRF Scholarships 2022 - General Application Guide](#)
- [NRF Recognised Higher Education Institutions \(HEIs\)](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [NRF Statement of expectation for Postgraduate Training 2022](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 – Application and Funding Framework](#)
- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 NRF-DAAD-Flyer](#)

- [NRF Postgraduate Scholarships 2022 - NRF-Nuffic Doctoral Funding Framework](#)
- [SARAO - Applications for Doctoral Scholarship for 2022 - Application Guide](#)
- [SARAO - Applications for Honours Scholarships for 2022 - Application Guide](#)
- [SARAO - Applications for Masters Scholarship for 2022 - Application Guide](#)