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Call for 2016 IKS Postgraduate scholarships ***Applications Now Open***

The Department of Science and Technology (DST)-National Research Foundation (NRF) Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (CIKS) are pleased to announce the Call for Postgraduate Student Nominations. Applications for 2016 will be accepted for the following **Focus Areas**:

1. **Curriculum studies and Development with (an emphasis on emerging quest for non-western paradigms)**
2. **Food Security**
3. **Traditional Medicine**
4. **Bio-Diversity and Environment**

**Levels of study** to be supported include:

1. **Honours**  R 15 000
2. **Masters** R 60 000
3. **Doctoral** R 120 000
4. **Post-Doctoral Fellowships** R 210 000

The CIKS virtual centre Hub is provided by the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in partnership with North-West University (NWU), University of Limpopo (UL), University of South Africa (UNISA), and University of Venda (UNIVEN).

In collaboration with various IKS stakeholders including organizations and community knowledge holders and practitioners within and outside South Africa, CIKS develops, promotes and affirms IKS for improved quality of life. CIKS interfaces IKS with other knowledge and technological systems for the further development of IKS for sustainable development and community livelihood. CIKS promotion of human capital development focuses on support for postgraduate training (honours, masters, doctoral and post-doctoral fellows). The CIKS strives to be a world rallying Hub for IKS research, postgraduate training, networking, knowledge brokerage and community engagement.

***Close of Call 29 February 2016***

**Application Forms and Attachments**:

1. Online Nomination Template
2. Research Proposal – Project Description (max of 3000 words, including Research Budget and Workplan)
3. Academic Record
4. Proof of Registration for current level of study
5. Signed Conditions of Grant with NRF

**Eligibility:**

Funding opportunities for postgraduate research are open to all nationalities. Preference will be given to South African citizens. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account the applicants academic achievements and researcher potential. Applicants are to ensure that a full indication of research output is reflected in the CV section of the nomination template. Applicants must undertake full-time study during the period of the award at one of the partnering institutions of the Centre. Post-doctoral candidates who have obtained their doctoral degree within the past five (5) years are encouraged to apply.

**Terms and Conditions:**

Scholarships are not awarded for a parallel degree (i.e. for a second degree at the same level of a degree already held by the applicant even if the first degree at the same level was not supported by NRF); Students and Fellows may hold only one bursary from either the NRF or another state-funded organisation at a one time; All students and fellows will be expected to complete individual Conditions of Grant with NRF; The degree/ research should be completed within two years after the expiry of NRF funding, otherwise the incumbent will be required to pay back the support provided by NRF; Students may hold scholarships other than their NRF support on condition that the other support is not contractually binding or does not have a job offer attached to it during the tenure of the scholarship, in all cases of supplementary funding, the NRF should be regarded as the primary funder.

The Institutional NRF Designated Authority (DA) will submit the details of students and fellows for consideration of award by the NRF. Nomination process include the submission of application forms and requisite attachments. Nominations have to be approved for a grant to be awarded to the incumbent. The NRF approves or rejects the award based on information on the student and targets. Awards are renewed annually based on re-nomination of the student indicating satisfactory progress in quarterly reports.

**Contacts:**

**NRF Designated Authority:**