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**RESEARCH DIVISION COMMUNIQUÉ**

 SECOND REMINDER: KNOWLEDGE INTERCHANGE AND COLLABORATION (KIC-2) 2026

Dear Staff

**BOTH INTERNAL AND NRF CLOSING DATE – 01 September 2025**

***Applications must be submitted electronically on the NRF Connect system at*** [*https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/*](https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/%20)

**PLEASE NOTE:** This call is for support for travel and training activity taking place from **01 January 2026** to **30 June 2026**

**TYPES OF SUPPORT**

* **Travel Grants for Individual Researchers (including attendance and participation in virtual events)**

The applicants in this category are the individual South Africa-based researchers (emerging or established researchers) travelling either locally or internationally

* **Visiting Foreign Researcher**

The applicants in this category are South Africa-based researchers requesting funding to host research leaders from abroad for a short period (up to three weeks) in South Africa in order to enrich local expertise in their field.

* **Africa Interaction**

The applicants in this category are South Africa-based researchers intending to visit universities/research organisations/researchers in other African countries in order to build capacity and to promote future collaboration, and/or to strengthen existing collaborations OR host experts from other African countries.

* **Support for Local Scientific Events**

The applicants in this category are South Africa-based researchers requesting financial support to organise or host scientific events with a minimum of 50 participants for workshops and a minimum of 150 for local conferences.

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: The applicants must be in possession of at least a PhD degree, however, PhD students (through their supervisor) who cannot apply for a travel grant through their NRF Scholarships and Fellowships award, and who are registered at a South African public university. These students can only apply for travel grants for individuals.

**Please refer to the attached for more details about the Call**

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