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**RESEARCH DIVISION COMMUNIQUÉ**

 SECOND REMINDER: EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAVEL AND TRAINING GRANTS (2) 2026

Dear Staff

**PLEASE NOTE: BOTH NRF AND INTERNAL 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**

**SCOPE OF THE GRANT:**

The rationale of this funding instrument is to make funds available to support the broader research community to access state-of-the-art research equipment that is not available at their home institution or regionally or nationally. This will also include access to synchrotron facilities and other global research infrastructures. The grants are divided into two categories, namely:

* Equipment-related **Travel Grants**; and
* Equipment-related **Training Grants**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

* All South African public research institutions, including universities, SCs, NFs, museums and other NRF recognised research institutions
* All applicants, who are permanently employed or on a fixed-term contract (minimum of two years) and hold the position of Academic staff or Research equipment technicians, Operators and Instrument specialists, at an NRF recognised research institution, including South African public universities, SCs, NFs and Museums.

**FUNDED CATEGORIES:**

*Please refer to* ***page 9*** *of the attached for the application requirements of the following categories:*

1. **National and International Equipment Travel Grants**
2. **Synchrotron Travel Grants**
3. **Hosting an Equipment-related Workshop**
4. **Hosting a Visiting Instrument Scientist**

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Undergraduate and honours students are NOT eligible to apply for Equipment-related Travel and Training Grants.**

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

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