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**RESEARCH DIVISION COMMUNIQUÉ**

CALL FOR PROPOSAL: **INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL (ISC)-SOUTH AFRICA SCIENTIFIC EVENTS/ TRAVEL GRANTS**

Dear Staff

**PLEASE NOTE: BOTH NRF AND INTERNAL CLOSING DATE - 27 November 2025**

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

**PRINCIPLES**

* Science-for-policy: Stimulate and support national and international scientific research and scholarship, and to communicate science that is relevant to national and international policy issues;
* Policy-for-science: Promote developments that enable science to contribute more effectively to major issues in the national and international public domain;
* Science-for-society: Stimulate science engagement with society;
* Scientific freedom and responsibility: Support the free and responsible practice of science;
* Adherence: Support committees through payment of ISC membership dues.

**TYPES OF GRANTS**

* **Travel Grants (and/or connectivity)**: This grant area is aimed at supporting travel and networks and partnerships in order for South African researchers to participate in ISC-related international conferences, workshops, and relevant meetings.
* **Local Events**: Support for hosting of ISC-related events (e.g. seminars, symposia, workshops). These may be hybrid events. Under this grant, applicants can also apply for support to disseminate ISC aligned research outputs to broader society, including thought pieces to media houses, audio and video communication etc.
* **National Committee support:** for hosting of national committees networking meetings, including virtual meetings.
* **Science to policy engagements:** Includes activities that positioning committees to increase visibility and impact in the NSI. Activities can include: **1)** hosting events to engage policymakers; **2)** Media Engagement- Hosting workshops to work with journalists and media outlets to amplify scientific findings; **3)** Science-Policy Networks: Establishing platforms for ongoing dialogue between committees and policymakers; Training for Policymakers – training events help policymakers and researchers to evidence-based decision-making, aligned with ISCs mandate.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Grants for hosting global conferences (more than 500 participants) is provided under the DSI-NRF Conference Fund. This funding instrument makes provision for strategic, large events of an international nature**.**

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