Knowledge, Interchange and Collaboration (KIC)
First (1st) Call

Scientific Events/ Travel Grants

for 2026 Travels/Events

Closing Date: Consult the General Application Guide 2026
Notice:

Applicants should only apply for traveling or the hosting of a physical meeting if they are confident and can show strong evidence that such meetings can and/or will take place. It must be noted upfront that no carry forwards will be allowed for postponed or cancelled events.

The NRF is however cognisant that some virtual gatherings may require financial support for hosting and/or registration fees and attendance/participation. Therefore, applications for such support accompanied by strong motivation and evidence will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CONTEXT

The purpose of the Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration (KIC) funding instrument is to build and maintain excellence in South African research, bolstered by international collaboration. The promotion of international collaboration through the support of travel opportunities and participation in scientific events, enriched by national learning opportunities and engagements, are important mechanisms towards this goal.

The KIC funding instrument is therefore aimed at contributing to the following objectives:
- internationalising South Africa's research platforms;
- enhancing networking within the global science system, in particular, the African science system;
- fostering collaboration in order to improve the quality of research outputs by researchers.

Within the NRF funding context, the internationalisation of research is an intrinsic part of the current funding instruments, built into research grants awarded through programmes such as Competitive Funding for Rated Researchers, the South African Research Chairs Initiatives (SARChI), and the Centres of Excellence (CoE) Programme. **Therefore, funding for KIC support is prioritised for those researchers who have not already been allocated travel support through any other NRF grant.**

TYPES OF SUPPORT

The investment in support for travel and participation in scientific events are focused on four categories:

- **Travel Grants for Individual Researchers (including attendance and participation in Hybrid events):** The applicants in this category are the individual South Africa-based researchers (emerging or established researchers) travelling either locally or internationally. The funding requested will be to support local and international travel, including participation in events that are organised virtually related to research activities such as the presentation of posters and oral presentations/invited speakers and presentations in seminars, symposia and workshops. *Research visits are not eligible for support.* Emerging researchers will be prioritised. The maximum value for this category is **R50 000.**

- **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. A comprehensive itinerary of the visiting researcher needs to be included. The maximum value for this category is **R50 000.**

- **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. Please note that applications in this category will be prioritised provided their intended activities align with South Africa's bilateral programmes on the African continent. The applicant may need to familiarise himself/herself with DSTI Action plans for countries of interest. See list of active bilateral partners with South Africa at the end of this document. The maximum value for this category is **R75 000**.

- **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. The support may be for the organisation of virtual events. The maximum value for **workshops is R100 000 and R300 000** for local conferences.

CATEGORY DETAILS

Travel Grants for Individual Researchers (and attendance of virtual events)

This grant area supports three categories:
- Next generation researchers (PhD students)
- Emerging researchers
- Established researchers.

Purpose

The main purpose of this category is to support:
- Travel by researchers employed by qualifying institutions and PhD students registered in South Africa to local conferences, workshops and seminars
- Payment of registration/participation fee(s) in the virtual event (evidence of such changes must be presented)
- Part or full cost of connectivity to virtual events
- Travel by researchers employed by qualifying institutions and PhD students registered in South Africa, to travel to conferences, workshops and seminars abroad. **Please note that only Supervisors may apply on behalf of PhD students.**
- Supervisors applying on behalf of PhD students can apply for a maximum of two students. **Applications need to be made separately, per student.**

Criteria maximum award of R50 000

- Value (for the applicant or institution) to be derived from participation in the event and the potential of new initiatives must be illustrated.
- Use of networking to influence the strategic direction in areas of national importance.

List of COMPULSORY documents/attachments for Travel Grants for Individual Researchers (and attendance of virtual events) category. Each required supporting document must be uploaded separately by selecting the correct document type, documents must be named correctly before being uploaded.

- The applicant **must** provide proof of submission or proof of acceptance of an abstract or paper presentation. In the event that the applicant submits proof of submission which is later accepted by the event organisers, they are obligated to submit the proof of acceptance to the contact people at the end of the document.
- The applicant **must** provide a letter of support from their HoD or line manager.
- The applicant **must** be the author or the co-author of the accepted paper/poster, and a formal invitation letter if presenting a keynote lecture.
- The applicant **must** provide the advertisement/flyer/notice of the event (a link is also sufficient).

Applications that do not have all required supporting documents by the time of submission, will be disqualified and will not be taken up for evaluation by the NRF. Each required supporting document must be uploaded separately by selecting the correct document type, documents must be named correctly before being uploaded.

Grants for visiting Foreign Researchers

Purpose

The main purpose of this category is to enable South African-based researchers to invite foreign researchers to spend time in South Africa in order to enrich local expertise in their field, promote future collaborations and/or strengthen existing collaboration. This may also include support for visits where a series of connectivity with foreign experts may be supported.

Criteria for a maximum award of R50 000
- Visits by researchers with institutional and individual scientific relevance.
- The invited researcher must be a leader in their field of research.
- Illustrated value to be derived from the visit and the possibility of the start of new initiatives.
- Involvement of other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution other than the host/applicant.
- It is **obligatory** that the invited researcher present a public lecture/seminar at the institution, or at a partner institution.

List of COMPULSORY documents/attachments for Grants for visiting Foreign Researchers category
- The applicant **must** provide an itinerary and detailed programme for the visit.
- The applicant **must** provide a copy of the visitor's invitation and a copy of the provisional acceptance of the invitation from the visitor's.
- The applicant **must** provide the CV of the invited researcher.
- The applicant **must** provide a letter of support from the institution, HoD or line manager indicating the contribution by the institution towards the visit e.g. accommodation costs, co-funding, etc.

Applications that do not have all required supporting documents by the time of submission will be disqualified and will not be taken up for evaluation by the NRF. Each required supporting document must be uploaded separately by selecting the correct document type, documents must be named correctly before being uploaded.

Africa Interaction

Purpose

The main purpose of this category is to enable South African based researchers to build capacity and to establish and strengthen academic collaboration with one or more partners based at universities or research institutions in Africa. Priority will be given to applicants applying for funds to interact with SGCI participating countries and/or South Africa's bilateral partners.

*Criteria for a maximum award of **R75 000***
- The applicant must be a leader in their field of research.
- The applicant must indicate how the activity(interaction) will support the collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development. It is strongly

recommended that such interaction must be supported by existing inter-institutional MoUs or new ones in the process of being developed.

- Events must be formal and documented by the hosting institution.

List of COMPULSORY documents/attachments for Africa Interaction category
- The applicant **must** provide a support letter from the host institution containing details on co-support for the event.
- The applicant **must** provide an itinerary and detailed programme for the visit.
- In the event that the applicant will provide training, the applicant **must** provide a training manual, and the expected number of participants must be indicated. Other institutions in the vicinity of the training venue **must** be invited to participate.
- The applicant must provide an institutional letter of support by the HoD or line manager.
- The applicant **must** provide copies of invitation(s) received from host(s).

Applications that do not have all required supporting documents by the time of submission will be disqualified and will not be taken up for evaluation by the NRF. **Each required supporting document must be uploaded separately by selecting the correct document type, documents must be named correctly before being uploaded.**

Support for Local Scientific Events
Purpose
The main purpose of this category is to promote excellence in research through financial support for international research events hosted in South Africa such as conferences and workshops. The term 'conference' is used in its broadest sense and includes all types of scientific meetings including seminars, symposia and workshops. The minimum number of targeted participants is 50 for workshops and 150 participants or more for local conferences. Hybrid events are also supported.

Criteria for a maximum award of **R100 000 for workshops** and a maximum of **R300 000 for local conferences**:
- The event proposal must clearly define the overall objectives and programme of activities.
- The event should be a platform aimed at creating new contacts (international or regional) in its area of expertise/discipline and may be connected to other networks.
- The event should offer the potential of establishing institutional cooperation in relevant areas.

List of COMPULSORY documents/attachments for Support for Local Scientific Events category
- The applicant **must** provide a copy of the invitation to the keynote speaker(s) and a copy of provisional acceptance of an invitation from the keynote speaker(s).
- The applicant **must** provide the CV(s) of invited keynote speaker(s).
- The applicant **must** provide a detailed programme for the event.
- Providing proof of co-investment will be an added advantage.
- The applicant **must** provide a support letter by the hosting institution, if the applicant is not the hosting institution.
- The applicant **must** provide a letter of support by the HoD or line manager indicating contribution by the institution towards the event.
- Student involvement in local events is highly encouraged.

- *An attendance register is compulsory and it must be made available during the event according to the format as shown in the application form. This should include detailed information providing name, department, institution, study level and demographics.*

Applications that do not have all required supporting documents by the time of submission will be disqualified and will not be taken up for evaluation by the NRF. Each required supporting document must be uploaded separately by selecting the correct document type, documents must be named correctly before being uploaded.

WHO MAY APPLY

- PhD students (through their supervisors) registered at public South African institutions;
- NRF-funded Postdoctoral Fellows
- Researchers who are full-time employees or on a fixed-term contract at any of the following institutions are eligible to apply:
  - South African universities/universities of technology.
  - Recognised research institutions such as national facilities.
  - Museums.
  - Science councils.

The applicants must be in possession of at least a PhD degree.

PhD students (through their supervisor) who cannot apply for a travel grant through their NRF Scholarships and who are **registered at a South African public university** can only apply for travel grants for individuals.

Students and researchers from private/commercial institutions are not eligible to apply.

WHICH ACTIVITIES MAY I APPLY FOR?

Category	Item
Travel Grants for Individual Researchers **R50 000**	- Flights - Visa costs - Accommodation - Ground transport - Conference registration fees - Connectivity (where such an event is virtual)
Visiting Foreign Researcher **R50 000**	- Flights - Accommodation (Host institution to fund at least 50%)
Africa Interaction **R75 000**	- Flights - Visa costs - Accommodation - Ground transport
Local Events **R300 000**	- Flights and accommodation (speakers and/or students) - Ground transport - Venue hire - Refreshments

	▪ A variety of costs related to arrangements of Virtual Meetings including technical expert support where and if necessary

Note: <u>Subsistence is not supported</u>

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications must be submitted electronically on the NRF Connect system at https://nrf.connect.nrf.ac.za
- Please follow the steps in the Manual on how to Register/Login, published on the NRF website at www.nrf.ac.za, with all the call documents.
- **Applicants must update their CVs before creating the applications.**
- Supervisors applying on behalf of PhD students must ensure that student details are captured in their CVs under **Student Supervision Record section.**
- Applicants must ensure that their employment records in the CV section is updated accordingly.
- Go to "My Applications" and select "Create Application".
- Select the call for which you are applying for: **Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration (KIC) 1st Call.**
- Remember to complete all sections of the application as indicated on the online application form.
- Attachments must be in English and be converted to PDF and labelled accordingly.
- Should you not follow the guidelines for attaching the necessary supporting documents, your application may not be considered.
- **Please only input the amount you are requesting for in the allocated financials sections.**
- Remember to submit your application on completion.
- Completed applications will go to your institution for verification before being forwarded to the NRF for further processing.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.
- Applications submitted outside the NRF Connect System will not be accepted.
- No hard copies will be accepted and will automatically be disqualified by the NRF.
- Only applications endorsed by the research office or its equivalent at higher education or research institutions will be accepted.
- Please contact your research office if you have any queries.
- All application for **KIC Review Period 1** grants should be submitted by **06 March 2026**. **No application will be accepted beyond this date. Institutions are encouraged to set their own institution internal closing prior to the NRF closing.**
- The NRF will not be held liable for server/IT problems experienced by any institution for non-submission of applications.

PROCESSING AND DECISIONS

In line with the NRF's endeavour for a fair and objective granting process, all applications are subjected to the following:

- Applications under **KIC Review Period 1** will be considered for support for travel/events taking place between **1 July and 31 December 2026;**
- **Funding will not be deferred to another funding period.**
- Only one event/activity per applicant will be supported with no exceptions
- Applicants may not be supported for two consecutive calls.
- Applications need to be endorsed by the applicant's Institutional Research Office.
- A panel consisting of reviewers will assess and select applications according to the stipulated criteria.
- KIC awards may not cover all expenses requested, and co-investment from own/other sources is essential. **This should be clearly indicated in the application.**
- Given the competitive nature of the programme and budgetary limitations, **funding is not guaranteed.**

- Applicants have **3 working days** to query from the date of email receipt should their applications be rejected in the screening phase.

COMMUNICATING OUTCOMES TO THE APPLICANTS

The processing of applications after the call closing date entails screening all applications for eligibility, evaluating eligible applications through a peer review process, announcing the outcomes and awarding of grants.

Reporting and Payments

- Grant holders will be required to submit a Completion Report within thirty (30) days following the completion of the events/travel. The reporting template will be accessible online throughout the duration of the grant.
- The NRF support should be acknowledged in all publications (including World Wide Web pages) and presentations (oral or poster).

Contacts

All queries or comments about this call should be addressed to:
For content-related queries
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Active Bilateral South African Partner Countries

1. Angola
2. Tanzania
3. Zambia
4. Kenya
5. Mozambique
6. Namibia
7. Egypt
8. Tunisia
9. Uganda
10. Algeria

Annexure 1: ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed on various aspects as indicated in each section of the form.

1. **Travel Grants for Individual Researchers (including attendance and participation in Hybrid events**

Review Criteria	Scorecard for the Assessment of KIC					
	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor					
	Description	**4 = Excellent**	**3 = Good**	**2 = Average**	**1= Fair**	**0= Poor**
1. Track record of applicant (main applicant or student's supervisor) 25%	**Emerging researchers/Postdocs** (Has had PhD qualification for 5 years or less) - Research Outputs including Journal articles, conference presentations /proceedings, Book Chapters, Patents, etc.	- Five peer reviewed articles/book chapters, or more; AND - Four international oral presentation or more; AND - Four national oral presentation, or more.	- Four peer reviewed articles/book chapters; AND - Three international oral presentation; AND - Three national oral presentation.	- Three peer reviewed articles/book chapter/s; AND - Two international oral presentation; AND - Two national oral presentation.	- Two peer reviewed articles/book chapter/s; AND - One international oral presentation; AND - One national oral presentation.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.

Review Criteria	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor					
	Description	**4 = Excellent**	**3 = Good**	**2 = Average**	**1= Fair**	**0= Poor**
	Established researchers (Has had PhD qualification for more than 5 years) - Research Outputs including Journal articles, conference presentations /proceedings, Book Chapters, Patents, etc.	- Seven peer reviewed articles/book chapters, or more; AND - Six international oral presentation or more; AND - Six national oral presentation, or more.	- Six peer reviewed articles/book chapters; AND - Five international oral presentation; AND - Five national oral presentation.	- Five peer reviewed articles/book chapters; AND - Four international oral presentation; AND - Four national oral presentation.	- Four peer reviewed articles/book chapters; AND - Three international oral presentation; AND - Three national oral presentation.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.
2. Purpose and Motivation (25%)	**Next generation researchers (Applications for PhD students)** Value to be derived from participation in conference/workshop/semi nar.	- Adequate evidence with motivation that professional value for the student will be derived from participation in the conference/workshop/seminar. AND - Outputs to follow from participation are indicated.	- Adequate evidence with motivation that professional value for the student will be derived from participation in the conference/workshop/s eminar.	- Adequate evidence that professional value for the student will be derived from participation in the conference/workshop /seminar.	- No convincing evidence that value will be derived from the student's participation in the conference/workshop/se minar.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.
	Emerging/Esta blished researchers	- Adequate evidence that professional value for the applicant will be derived from	- Adequate evidence that professional value for the applicant will be derived from participation in the	- Adequate evidence that professional value for the applicant will be derived from	- No convincing evidence that value will be derived from participation in the	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the

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	Value to be derived from participation in conference/workshop/seminar.	participation in the conference/workshop/seminar. AND - Outputs to follow from participation are indicated. AND - Evidence of benefits to peer/student capacity development is mentioned.	conference/workshop/seminar. AND - Outputs to follow from participation are indicated.	participation in the conference/workshop/seminar.	conference/workshop/seminar.	application for the reviewers to make a judgment.
3. Impact (25%)	Potential for new initiative and use of networking to influence strategic direction in areas of national importance.	- Adequate evidence of potential for new initiative and use of networking to influence strategic direction in <u>research areas of national importance</u>; AND - Further elaboration on the actualisation plans for initiatives and network development is provided.	- Adequate evidence of potential for new initiative and use of networking to influence strategic direction in <u>research areas of national importance</u>.	- Adequate evidence of potential for new initiative and use of networking to influence strategic direction in <u>other research areas that are not of national importance</u>.	- No convincing evidence of potential for new initiative and use of networking to influence strategic direction in areas of national importance.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.
4. Financials (25%)	Feasibility of proposed budget of max R50 000	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not,	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not,	- The information provided on the budget does not seem feasible to cover	- No information on the budget is provided for the

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	*See list of items that will be covered to evaluate budget feasibility.	case not, strong and clear evidence of co-investment is provided.	limited evidence of co-investment is provided.	no evidence of co-investment is provided.	costs and no evidence of co-investment is provided.	reviewers to make a judgment.

2. **Visiting Foreign Researcher**

Scorecard for the Assessment of KIC						
Review Criteria	**Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor Description**					
		4 = Excellent	**3 = Good**	**2 = Average**	**1= Fair**	**0= Poor**
1. Track record (25%)	**Invited researcher** Assess CV for research outputs including Journal articles, conference presentations /proceedings, Book Chapters, Patents, etc.	- The portfolio of the invited researcher includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field. AND There is evidence of an existing partnership/collaboration with the applicant who is an existing grant holder of an international bilateral.	- The portfolio of the invited researcher includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field. AND There is evidence of an existing partnership/collaboration with the applicant.	- The portfolio of the invited researcher includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field.	- The portfolio of the invited researcher does not include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.

Scorecard for the Assessment of KIC						
Review Criteria	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor Description					
		4 = Excellent	3 = Good	2 = Average	1= Fair	0= Poor
2. Purpose and Motivation (25%)	**Purpose** Value to be derived from the visit/virtual event and the possibility of new initiatives (also see itinerary and detailed programme).	- There is adequate evidence that the invited researcher has institutional and individual scientific relevance. - Value will be derived from the visit. - There is evidence that the invited researcher will present a public lecture/seminar at the institution, or at a partner institution. - There is evidence of the promotion of future or strengthening of existing engagements/partnerships and involvement of other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution, other than the host/applicant, including HDIs (* see	- There is adequate evidence that the invited researcher has institutional and individual scientific relevance. - Value will be derived from the visit. - There is evidence that the invited researcher will present a public lecture/seminar at the institution, or at a partner institution. - There is evidence of the promotion of future or strengthening of existing engagements/partnerships and involvement of other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution other than the host/applicant.	- There is adequate evidence that the invited researcher has institutional and individual scientific relevance - Value will be derived from the visit. - There is evidence that the invited researcher will present a public lecture/seminar at the institution, or at a partner institution.	- There is no convincing evidence that the invited researcher has institutional and individual scientific relevance. - There is no convincing evidence that any value will be derived from the visit. - There is no convincing evidence that the invited researcher will present a public lecture/seminar at the institution, or at a partner institution.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.

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		list for classified institutions).				
	Support Institutional support/contribution towards the event (see letter of support).	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event and indicates the specific contribution towards the event, including an itemised breakdown.	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event and indicates the specific contribution towards the event.	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event.	- The letter of support does not specify how the institution will support the event.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.
3. Impact (25%)	Potential impact of knowledge interchange and how the visiting researcher will enrich local expertise in their field.	- The stated impact is excellent, described in detail and well justified.	- The stated impact is good and described in detail.	- The stated impact is adequate.	- The stated impact is fair.	- No information on impact is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.
4. Financials (25%)	Feasibility of proposed budget of max R50 000 #See list of items that will be covered to	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, strong and clear evidence of co-investment/institution	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, limited evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, no evidence of co-investment/institutional	- The information provided on the budget does not seem feasible to cover costs and no evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- No information on the budget is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.

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Review Criteria	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor Description					
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	evaluate budget feasibility.	al contribution is provided.		contribution is provided.		

3. Africa Interaction

Scorecard for the Assessment of KIC						
Review Criteria	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor					
	Description	4 = Excellent	3 = Good	2 = Average	1= Fair	0= Poor
1. Track record of applicant (25%)	Research Outputs including Journal articles, conference presentations /proceedings, Book Chapters, Patents, etc.	- The applicant's portfolio includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field. AND There is evidence of an existing collaboration with African Partner/s who are current grant holders with the applicant of an African bilateral.	- The applicant's portfolio includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field. AND There is evidence of an existing collaboration with African partner/s.	- The applicant's portfolio includes sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field.	- The applicant's portfolio does not include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are a leader in their field.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.

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	Scorecard for the Assessment of KIC					
	Description	4 = Excellent	3 = Good	2 = Average	1= Fair	0= Poor
2. Purpose and Motivation (25%)	**Purpose** Value to be derived from the visit/hosting/Twinning Programme (also see itinerary) **Note:** Newly established Twinning Programmes should be accompanied by a detailed motivation on how this will be done.	- Value in terms of capacity will be derived from the visit. - It is indicated how the activity/interaction will support the collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development. - There is evidence of the promotion of future or strengthening of existing engagements/partnerships and involvement of other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution, other than the host/applicant, including HDIs (*see list for classified institutions).	- Value in terms of capacity will be derived from the visit. - It is indicated how the activity/interaction will support the collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development. - There is evidence of the promotion of future or strengthening of existing engagements/partnerships and involvement of other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution other than the host/applicant.	- Value in terms of capacity will be derived from the visit. - It is indicated how the activity/interaction will support the collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development.	- There is no convincing evidence that any value in terms of capacity building will be derived from the visit or hosting. - It is not indicated how the activity/interaction will support the collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.
	Support	- The letter of support specifies how the	- The letter of support specifies how the	- The letter of support specifies how the	- The letter of support does not specify how the	- The information provided is not

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	Institutional support (see letter of support).	applicant will be supported with the visit or hosting and indicates the specific contribution to be made, including an itemised breakdown.	applicant will be supported with the visit or hosting and indicates the specific contribution to be made.	applicant will be supported with the visit or hosting.	applicant will be supported with the visit or hosting.	adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.
3. Impact (25%)	Potential impact of capacity building, promotion of future collaboration and/or strengthening existing collaborations.	- The stated impact is excellent, described in detail and well justified.	- The stated impact is good and described in detail.	- The stated impact is adequate.	- The stated impact is fair.	- No information on impact is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.
4. Financials (25%)	Feasibility of proposed budget of max R75 000 (#see list of items that will be covered to evaluate budget feasibility.	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, strong and clear evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, limited evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, no evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- The information provided on the budget does not seem feasible to cover costs and no evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	- No information on the budget is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.

4. Support for Local Scientific Events

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	Five Point Rating Scale, Weight and Descriptor					
	Description	**4 = Excellent**	**3 = Good**	**2 = Average**	**1= Fair**	**0= Poor**
1. Track record (25%)	**Keynote speaker(s)** Assess CV for research outputs including Journal articles, conference presentations /proceedings, Book Chapters, Patents, etc.	- The portfolio/s of the invited keynote speaker(s) do/es include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are <u>established</u> leaders in their field.	- The portfolio/s of the invited keynote speaker(s) do/es include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/exp ertise to illustrate that they are <u>emerging</u> leaders in their field.	- The portfolio/s of the invited keynote speaker(s) do/es include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are <u>proficient</u> in their field.	- The portfolio/s of the invited keynote speaker(s) do/es not include sufficient information in terms of outputs/experience/ expertise to illustrate that they are proficient in their field.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking in the application for the reviewers to make a judgment.
2. Purpose and Motivation (25%)	**Purpose** The event proposal must clearly define the overall objectives and programme of activities (see draft programme of activities).	- There is convincing evidence that the event will offer a platform to create new contacts (international or regional) in its area of expertise/discipline which can be connected to other networks. - There is convincing evidence that the event will offer potential for establishing institutional	- There is convincing evidence that the event will offer a platform to create new contacts (international or regional) in its area of expertise/discipline which can be connected to other networks. - There is convincing evidence that the event will offer potential for establishing institutional cooperation in relevant areas. AND - There is evidence of student involvement.	- There is convincing evidence that the event will offer a platform to create new contacts (international or regional) in its area of expertise/discipline which can be connected to other networks. - There is convincing evidence that the event will offer potential for establishing institutional cooperation in relevant areas.	- There is no convincing evidence that the event will offer a platform to create new contacts (international or regional) in its area of expertise/discipline which can be connected to other networks. - There is no convincing evidence that the event will offer potential for establishing institutional cooperation in relevant areas.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.

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		cooperation in relevant areas. AND - There is evidence of student involvement. AND There is evidence of collaboration/partnership/involvement of HDI/s (*see list for classified institutions).				
	Support Institutional support/contribution towards the event (see letter of support).	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event and indicates the specific contribution towards the event, including an itemised breakdown.	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event and indicates the specific contribution towards the event.	- The letter of support specifies how the institution will support the event.	- The letter of support does not specify how the institution will support the event.	- The information provided is not adequate or lacking for the reviewers to make a judgment.
3. Impact (25%)	Potential impact of the local scientific event (network building, collaboration).	- The stated impact is excellent, described in detail and well justified.	- The stated impact is good and described in detail.	- The stated impact is adequate.	- The stated impact is fair.	- No information on impact is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.
4. Financials (25%)	Feasibility of proposed budget of R150 000 for workshop	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, strong and	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, limited evidence of co-	- The information provided on the budget seems feasible to cover costs, and in case not, no evidence of co-	- The information provided on the budget does not seem feasible to cover costs and no evidence of	- No information on the budget is provided for the reviewers to make a judgment.

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	(minimum of 50 participants) and R350 000 for local conferences (minimum of 150 participants) #See list of items that will be covered to evaluate budget feasibility.	clear evidence of co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	investment/institutional contribution is provided.	investment/institutional contribution is provided.	co-investment/institutional contribution is provided.	