

Call for Applications DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2023 Academic Year

All **continuing students** who are eligible for a second or third year of funding must submit a Progress Report and **not** a new application.

Who can apply:

- The NRF **minimum academic requirement** for postgraduate funding is **65%**.
- The **entry age requirement** in the year of application, regardless of first year of registration is:
28 years or younger for **Honours/BTech only** (no advanced diplomas, no postgraduate diplomas)
30 years or younger for **Masters**
32 years or younger for **Doctoral** studies.
- Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost of Study (FCS)** or **Partial Cost of Study (PCS)**.

The FCS funding will be awarded to **95% of South African citizens and Permanent Residents only**, who are either **financially needy** (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less than or equal to R350 000 per annum), **living with a disability** or **exceptional academic achievers**. However, the PCS funding will be awarded **to 5% of international students** including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS, but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria.

- Scholarships are intended to support honours/Btech (not advanced or postgraduate diploma), master's and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

How to apply:

All the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the **NEW** NRF Connect system by accessing the link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>. **No manual applications will be accepted.**

Internal Closing Dates:

Level of study	Closing dates
Honours	11 November 2022
First-time Master's	27 June 2022
First-time Doctoral	27 June 2022

Please refer to the **Application and Funding Guide and Framework** documents when completing the online application form at every step of the process. Documents available at <https://www.nrf.ac.za/funding/call-documents/nrf-call-for-proposals-for-funding-in-2022-and-2023/>

For **application queries** please contact:

Ms Zimkitha Mbunge (Honours/BTech related) at mbungez@cput.ac.za and Ms Mtembukazi Sibindlana (Masters/Doctoral related) at SibindlanaM@cput.ac.za.

Should there still be a need to contact the NRF, below are the contact persons and details:

For General honours and NRF-TWAS related enquiries, please contact:

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For General First-time master's and doctoral, and NRF-DAAD related enquiries, please contact:

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For First-time CoEs honours, master's and doctoral related enquiries, please contact:

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