

NRF Call for Applications

Knowledge, Interchange and Collaboration (KIC)

Scientific Events / Travel Grants

For support of travel /events taking place between **1 November 2015** and **31 March 2016**.

CHECK YOUR INSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE!

The KIC awards are divided into four categories:

Travel Grants for Individual Researchers :

The applicants in this category are the individual South Africa-based researchers (young or established researchers) travelling either locally or internationally. The funding requested will be to support local and international travel related to research activities such as presentations of keynote lectures or papers and/or posters at conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, etc. Advanced PhD students and postdoctoral fellows can apply **(through their supervisors)**, and be recognised as young researchers. Please note that:

• The application must be accompanied by an official acceptance of an abstract, or confirmation of a presentation; and

• The NRF will consider supporting visits to foreign institutions only if the events (conference and visit) are held concurrently, and in the same vicinity.

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, promote future collaboration and/or strengthen an existing collaboration. Please note:

• The invited researcher must be a leader in their field of research;

• There must be involvement with other South African scientists and engagement with more than one institution other than the host / applicant;

• The invited researcher must present a public lecture / seminar at the institution or at a partner institution; and

• A copy of the invitation to the visitor(s) and a copy of the provisional acceptance of the invitation from the visitor(s) must be attached to the application.

Africa Interaction:

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

• The applicant must be a leader in their field of research;

• The applicant must indicate how the funding will support collaboration with partners elsewhere in Africa at the level of research, teaching, or capacity development; and

• Copies of invitation(s) received from host(s) must be included.

Support for Local Scientific Events :

The applicants in this category are South Africa-based researchers requesting financial support to organise or host scientific events, such as conference and workshops. Please note:

• Events in this category must have international involvement (plenary speaker(s) or international participation), must involve South African students, and have oral and/or poster presentations;

• A copy of the invitation to the keynote speaker(s) and a copy of provisional acceptance of invitation from the keynote speaker(s) must be attached; and

• The funding will cover invited international keynote speakers' air travel and accommodation, and publication of conference proceedings or abstract books. Items such as venue hire, audio-visual equipment hire, honoraria, student assistance, administration costs or refreshments will not qualify for consideration.

WHO MAY APPLY?

UCT researchers are eligible to apply as the principal investigator, provided that they are:

Full-time UCT employees

OR

On contract at UCT, but on condition that their appointment at UCT is for (at least) the duration of the project applied for in the submission. The length of the contract should be stated in the application form. Salaries must be paid by UCT and the primary employment of the individual concerned must be at UCT.

PhD students (at a minimum in the second year of research) and postdoctoral fellows can apply for travel grants, **through their supervisors (i.e. the supervisor must be the applicant).**

Applicants must be in possession of at least a PhD degree.

WHICH ACTIVITIES MAY I APPLY FOR?

Category	Item
Travel Grants for Individual Researchers	· Flights
	· Visa costs
	· Accommodation
	· Ground transport
	· Conference registration fees
Visiting Foreigner Researcher	· Flights
	· Accommodation
	· Ground transport
Africa Interaction	· Flights
	· Visa costs
	· Accommodation
	· Ground transport
	· Flights
Local Events	· Accommodation
	· Ground transport
	· Publication of conference proceedings, abstract or books

PROCESSING AND DECISIONS

• Applications will be considered for support for travel / events taking place between **1 November 2015** and **31 March 2016**;

• Only one event / activity per applicant will be supported with no exceptions.

• Applicants may not be supported for two consecutive calls.

• Receiving support for the same event / purpose to other NRF funding instruments,

in conjunction with a KIC application, is not allowed.

Applications need to be endorsed by the applicant's **Head of Department and the UCT Research Office**. The application must be accompanied by a confirmation of the scheduled visit from the host organisation/institution/person being visited or an official acceptance of conference presentation/poster, whichever might be applicable. Applications must include a letter of endorsement from the applicant's HoD.

A panel consisting of external and internal persons will review each application according to the stipulated criteria.

Travel grant funding will be up to a maximum of R50,000 for mobility and R100,000 for conference support .

Please note that KIC awards will not cover all expenses requested, and co-investment from own / other sources are essential. This should be clearly indicated in the application.

Given the competitive nature of the programme and budgetary limitations, funding is not guaranteed.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted through an online application process to the National Research Foundation (NRF): **Knowledge, Interchange and Collaboration (KIC) 2015 – Round 2** - <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>

Register/Login using your ID number and password

Select create new application from the list of existing calls

Select the call for which you are applying for: **Knowledge, Interchange and Collaboration (KIC) 2015 – Round 2**

Remember to complete all sections of the application

Please attach the necessary documents in **PDF format**. The following attachments must accompany the application:

- o HOD/Dean/Direct Manager Endorsement
- o Foreign Host CV
- o Acceptance letter
- o Invitation letter

Should you not follow the guidelines for attaching the necessary supporting documents, your application will not be considered

Remember to **submit** your application upon completion

Complete applications will go to the UCT Research Office for verification before being forwarded to the NRF for further processing

Incomplete applications without supporting documentation will not be considered

Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered. It is of utmost importance that you consult the Call Guide for more information:
<https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/nrfmkii/> (click on the + sign next to the “Knowledge, Interchange and Collaboration (KIC) 2015 – Round 2” under Open Calls section)

The NRF will not be held liable for server/IT problems experienced by any institution for non-submission of applications

Applications submitted as hard copies or by email will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified.

For your convenience, an offline application template is available by clicking [here](#) .