



# CELEBRATES SCIENCE



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## 1. INTRAMURAL RESEARCH UNITS

### Biomedical Research and Innovation Platform

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## **4. RESEARCH UNITS WITH NO PUBLICATIONS**

### **Intramural**

- Genomics Centre
- Mental Health, Alcohol, Substance Use and Tobacco
- Office of AIDS and TB Research
- Primate

### **Extramural**

- Antimicrobial Resistance and Global Health Research
- Antiviral Gene Therapy
- Bioinformatics Capacity Development
- Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance
- Common Epithelial Cancer
- Gynaecological Cancer
- Herbal Drugs
- Intersection of Non-communicable Disease and Infectious Disease Research
- Microbial Water Quality Monitoring
- Pan African Centre for Epidemics Research
- Precision and Genomic Medicine

### **Research Centre**

- Advancing Care and Treatment (ACT) For TB/HIV
- Centre for Basic and Translational Human TB Research
- Centre for Digital Health Innovation
- Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research on Malaria
- Centre for Optimising Antimalarial Therapy in South Africa
- Centre for Sustainable Malaria Control
- Centre for Tuberculosis Biomarker-Targeted Intervention
- Clinical and Community HIV-Tuberculosis Research
- Soweto Matlosana SAMRC Collaborating Centre for HIV/AIDS and TB
- TB Free through Research and Innovation
- Tuberculosis Collaborating Centre for Child Health (TB-CHILD)
- Tygerberg SAMRC Collaborating centre for HIV Laboratory Research
- Wits Clinical HIV/TB Research Unit, WITS Health Consortium
- Wits RHI Collaborating Centre for HIV/AIDS

## 5. GRANTS AWARDED

SAMRC LIST OF NEW CONTRACTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024					
SAMRC Unit	Funder	Main Funder	Project Title/Description	Contract Value	
				Rand	Foreign Currency
HIDRU	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust	Maternal and Infant Lactation pharmacokinetics (MILK)	R1,320,787.00	£54 512.00
MASTRU	Leibniz-Institut für Präventionsforschung und Epidemiologie - BIPS GmbH	Leibniz-Institut für Präventionsforschung und Epidemiologie - BIPS GmbH	Counselling for Alcohol problems in Pregnancy – CAP-PRE	R1,036,795.00	€50 000.00
NCDRU	EDCTP-GSK Senior Fellowships	EDCTP-GSK Senior Fellowships	Cardiometabolic Diseases Risk Evaluation and Reduction in African People Living with HIV Infection – Amendment no 1 TMA2017GSF-1962	R12,099,022.00	£499 355.00

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