**SAMRC RESEARCH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RCDI)**

**RCDI-Nested Postdoctoral Fellowship and PhD Scholarship Programme**

**Expression of interest | Nomination Form: Scholarship Programme: January/February 2025**

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| **Instructions**   * The form must be completed by the eligible Principal Investigator and not the nominee. * Please read all instructions carefully. Use Calibri font size 11, single spacing to complete the proposal. DO NOT COMPLETE THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS FORM. * Completed application forms must be sent to [RCDgrants.applications@mrc.ac.za](mailto:RCDgrants.applications@mrc.ac.za). An incomplete form will not be considered.   Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA)  *Please note that by submitting the application and other supporting documents, the SAMRC concludes that you are a competent person to consent and that you are giving consent to the SAMRC to process and further process all personal information contained in the application forms and supporting documents in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, Act No 4 of 2013 (as amended).* |

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| University/Institution | | | | Name: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| School/Faculty/Department | | | |  | | | |
| Principal investigator | | | | Title: | | | |
| Name and Surname: | | | |
| Contact Details | | | | Tel (work): | Mobile: | | |
| Email (work): | Other: | | |
| Title of RCDI-funded project | | | |  | | | |
| Proposed research project | | | |  | | | |
| Nominated Candidates (Name and Surname) | | | |  | | | |
| Administration | Date | | Name | | | Designation | Signature |
| First received |  | |  | | |  |  |
| Reviewed |  | |  | | |  |  |
| Decision |  | |  | | |  |  |
| Approval | Yes: | No: | Comments: | | | | |

**RCDI PROJECT DETAILS**

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| **Principal investigator (PI)** |  | | |
| **RCDI project title** |  | | |
| **RCDI year award** | *First Year date:* | *Amount (p.a):* | |
| *Duration:* | |
| **University** |  | | |
| **Department** |  | | |
| **School/faculty** |  | | |
| **Mentorship/supervision experience**  **Within last 5 years?** | *# Postdoctoral fellows:*  *# PhDs:*  *# Masters:* | | *#RCDI- Nested postdoc:* |
| *# RCDI-Nested PhD:* |
| **Publication Citation Index**  **Google Scholar (last five years)** |  | | |

**NOMINEE DETAILS**

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| **Title** |  |
| **Name (s)** |  |
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| **ID number** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
| **Mobile number** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):** |  |
| **Gender** |  |
| **Race** |  |

**DETAILS OF DOCTORAL STUDIES (NOMINEE)**

*Other graduate and postgraduate studies to be detailed in the CV*

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| **University** |  |
| **Faculty** |  |
| **Department/Division/School** |  |
| **Title of the Doctoral Project** |  |
| **Year of first registration for your PhD** |  |
| **Expected Graduation date** |  |
| **Supervisor (s)** |  |

**DETAILS OF THE DOCTORAL PROJECT** *(please attached the University’s approved PhD proposal)*

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| **PhD PROJECT** *(Abstract form; also explain how this topic fits in your RCDI funded project, maximum 1000 words)* | | |
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| **PROPOSED ROLE OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENT IN THE RCDI PROJECT** *(maximum 500 words)*  *Role and Deliverables (performance objectives)/ actual progress since the first year PhD registration* | | |
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| **PROJECT PLAN TO COMPLETE PhD STUDIES** *(timeline and output expectation with clear simplified milestones for the period of the scholarship, additional details must be sent together with the approved project proposal, maximum 300 words)* | | |
| ***Tasks*** | ***Period*** | ***Target/Outcome*** |
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| **DESCRIBE HOW THE STUDENT PROJECT WILL DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MILESTONES OF RCDI PROJECT *(****maximum 500 words****)*** | | |
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| **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT** *(maximum 500 words)*  *Describe the availability/access to research infrastructure, laboratory resources, at-risk and patient populations, databases, biobanks and other unique technologies that will enhance the research endeavours* | | |
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| **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN** *(maximum 500 words)*  *Provide details of the capacity development plans for the doctoral student* | | |
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| **ETHICAL APPROVALS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT***: date and number (Please attach copy)* | | |
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| Title, name and surname (PI): | |
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| Signature: | Date: |

**CHECKLIST**

*Please confirm sending all the required document by ticking in the appropriate box below*

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| 1 | Completed expression of interest and nomination form |  |
| 2 | Motivation letter by the PI *demonstrating how the doctoral candidate will contribute to the research team capacity building (max 500 words)* |  |
| 3 | Comprehensive CV of the nominee |  |
| 4 | Copy of Identification document of the nominee |  |
| 6 | Proof of Ethical approval |  |
| 7 | University’s approved PhD project proposal |  |
| 8 | Proof of full-time registration |  |
| 9 | Proof of fair selection process (advertisement and selection process report) |  |
| 10 | Supervisor Commitment form *(annexure A)* |  |

**ANNEXURE A**

**MAIN SUPEVISOR’S COMMITMENT FORM** (To be filled in and signed by the RCDI PI as separate annexure to expression of interest/nomination form)

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| Title |  | | |
| Supervisor’s full name |  | | |
| Institution name |  | | |
| Department |  | | |
| E-mail address |  | | |
| Contact number |  | | |
| Are you the main supervisor of the applicant? | Yes | No | |
| Has the candidate’s research proposal been approved by the institution / or relevant authorised office? | Yes | No | |
| Does the proposed project require ethical clearance? | Yes | No | |
| Has the ethics committee approved the research proposal? | Yes  **Attach evidence** | No | NA  *State reason* |
| Does the area proposed for the research  complement or directly relate to your research interests? | Yes | No | |
| Does the institution have the internal  facilities, infrastructure (laboratories or as appropriate) and research funding that  will be required for the research to be  conducted? | Yes  **Attach support letter** | No | |
| Are there any concerns (if any please provide details) |  | | |
| Comment on the feasilibility of the proposed research |  | | |
| Will this research project ( degree) be completed at the prescribed degree duration years; PhD = 3 Years) | Yes | No  *State reasons* | |
| Comment on the applicant’s ability to conduct the proposed research project, and difficulty to get other scholarship award |  | | |
| Comment on the applicant’s progress to date |  | | |

I……………………………………………. (supervisor’s full names), hereby confirm that the details above are correct and commit to undertake the mentorship and supervision of the nominee………………………………. …………………………..(full names) until graduation under the SAMRC RCDI- Nested scholarship programme.



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