



On Thursday (14 Aug 2025), the SAMRC was honoured to exhibit at the Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University Career Fair, hosted by the School of Science & Technology. Under the theme *"Developing and Supporting the Next Generation of Scientists & Technologists,"* we engaged with bright minds shaping SA's future! #CapacityBuilding #RCD #SMU2025 #SAMRC #FutureScientists

Igniting Potential: SAMRC Showcases Funding Opportunities at the SMU Career Fair 2025

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD) had the privilege of participating in the 2025 Career Fair hosted by the School of Science and Technology at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) on 14 August 2025. The event brought together aspiring young professionals for a day of engagement, information-sharing, and inspiration.

The SAMRC Scholarships team Vincent Fipaza, Lerato Hlatshwayo and Thabo Moleli, presented the various funding programmes and research development opportunities aimed at early-career scientists. We shared information about our selection criteria, eligibility requirements, application processes, and the types of support we provide for postgraduate students and emerging researchers. The session enabled attendees to gain a deeper understanding of how the SAMRC fosters scientific excellence and transformation within the national research landscape.

It was a meaningful opportunity to meet scholars in person, guide career development, and discuss the various opportunities offered by SAMRC. Such engagements are central in driving the SAMRC's mission to build a robust pipeline of skilled researchers and strengthen the long-term capacity of health research in South Africa said Dr Dawood, Division Manager RCD.

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