

SAMRC-RFA-GIPD-06-2025

Frequently asked questions

1. What is the maximum duration of funding that researchers can request in their applications submitted in response to the RFA?

Applicants may request a maximum of 12 months of support for project activities plus additional months but only if reimbursement is required.

2. What is the maximum funding amount for this call?

There is no set maximum funding amount. The total budget request may not exceed the maximum value of the initial grant award. In addition, it should be aligned with the essential and justified costs in ZAR and must be in line with the original approved budget for the period. Any deviations from the original budget must be well justified.

3. Can reimbursement of expenses be included in the budget request since the termination of the projects?

Yes, you may include a request for reimbursement of expenses incurred after the halt of USA-related funds, provided these were for activities that could not be recovered.

4. I have received an NOA, but funds were only partially reinstated. Can I apply for the gap funding?

Yes, you may apply to bridge the gap funding. However, only for activities in the original award.

5. Will I be eligible to apply if I was listed as a Co-PI and received a sub-award from a USA PI, or is the call only for South African-based lead PIs?

Yes, you are eligible to apply if you were a named sub-grantee of the USA PI grant and were directly affected by USA funding cuts. NB: Funding support is limited to SA investigators only, and no funding support is allowed to any USA-based collaborators or PI.

6. Can an individual listed as Key Personnel on the original USA-related grant be named as a Co-Investigator or Co-Applicant?

Yes.

7. Am I eligible to apply if my proposal for the USA-related fund was part of a broader consortium application, rather than a stand-alone application, and I had an approved scope of work for implementation?

Yes, you are eligible to apply as the PI under this RFA. You must:

- Provide the approved USA proposal highlighting your scope of work,
- Explain how the main USA project will continue if only your portion receives funding.

Note: Projects that were separately/jointly funded by a USA funding agency linked to the same project award should consolidate their proposal into a single submission with one lead PI taking responsibility for the project and subawards (CoPIs).

8. Would an application be considered if the proposed study is related to the original USA-related study, but includes a new scope of work; new aims; new protocol; consent forms etc.?

No. This RFA does not consider any new scopes of work as the applications will not be submitted for scientific peer-review. The SAMRC will proceed on the premise that the awards have already been peer-reviewed and deemed fundable by the original USA funder.

9. The USA-related award included personnel costs for Research and Financial Administrative staff. Are these costs allowable?

Yes, costs for research support staff (including administrative personnel) are allowable under this RFA if it is included in the original proposal.