

The SAMRC's Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD) is a well-established research funding division that runs streamlined funding programmes to support the growth of health research capacity, by offering multiple strategic capacity development grants in the national research priorities and directly contributing to National Targets for research capacity development as well as transformation. The strategic goal # 4 of the SAMRC is “building sustainable health research human capacity in South Africa”. The RCD Division runs two funding portfolios namely: the Research Grants Portfolio and the Scholarship Portfolio.

### REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS – RCD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

**Programme caters for:** PhD students and Masters (in scarce skills and emerging areas). Scholarships include stipend and tuition; and in some programmes tuition fee, protected time and/or research project funds.

CURRENT OPEN CALLS					
Funding programme	Funding start year	Call opening date	Call closing date	Awarding	Application Process
Bongani Mayosi National Health Scholars Programme	2026/2027	<b>06 May 2026</b>	<b>09 July 2026</b>	November-December 2026	Apply <a href="#">here</a>
OPENING SOON					
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SAMRC Postgraduate Research Associate Programme	2026/27	<b>June/July 2026</b>	<b>August 2026</b>	November-December 2026	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .
SAMRC Researcher Development Award	2026/27	<b>June 2026</b>	<b>August 2026</b>	November-December 2026	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .
SAMRC Clinician Researcher Development Programme	2027/28	<b>June/July 2026</b>	<b>September 2026</b>	April 2027	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .
Biostatistics Capacity Development Initiative	2027/28	<b>October 2026</b>	<b>January 2027</b>	April 2027	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .
Specialized Training in Vaccinology	TBD – Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .				


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## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS – RCD GRANT PROGRAMMES

**Programme caters for:** Postdoctoral Fellows; Early Career Scientists; Mid-Career Researchers; and MSc and PhD students in the RCDI programme

OPENING SOON					
Funding programme	Funding start year	Call opening date	Call closing date	Awarding	Application Process
SAMRC Research Capacity Development Initiative (RCDI) - Nested Postdoctoral fellowships and Postgraduate scholarships (At Selected Universities: UNIVEN, UNIZULU, UL, UFH, SMU, WSU, UWC, MUT)	2026/2027	<b>25 May 2026</b>	<b>30 June 2026</b>	30 August 2026	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a>
SAMRC Early Investigators Programme (EIP)	2027/2028	<b>01 July 2026</b>	<b>30 September 2026</b>	30 April 2027	Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .
SAMRC Extramural Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme	TBD				
CLOSED CALLS – NEXT CALLS (2027)					
Funding programme				Programme Information	
SAMRC Mid-Career Scientist Programme	<b>Closed:</b> Scan the QR code to register to our mailing list to receive our next call for Request for Applications				
SAMRC Research Capacity Development Initiative (RCDI) Programme at Selected Universities (closed call – SMU, WSU, UWC, MUT)				Read more about the programme <a href="#">here</a> .	

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