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Pre-Conference Workshop
16 September 2026



Conference
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The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), through its Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD), has developed funding mechanisms to support emerging research leaders in different areas of health research and to build research capacity in selected institutions across the country for the long-term sustainability of South African health research. While the RCD scholarships are aimed at supporting Masters and PhD studies, the purpose of the RCD grant programmes is to create an opportunity to fast-track and transition early-career and mid-career scientists to independent research leaders.

Under the theme of "Funding for Impact: Strengthening Research Capacity for Translation, Implementation, and Health Impact" RCD will host a regional conference for RCD grant holders on 17 September 2026 in the Eastern Cape. This is an opportunity for RCD beneficiaries to meet with the SAMRC President, present their research, engage in insightful discussions, and connect with peers and experts in their fields, thereby fostering research capacity strengthening through local partnerships and collaboration.

This year's event will bring together beneficiaries from iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu, the University of Fort Hare and Nelson Mandela University.

As part of the event programme, a 4-hour pre-conference workshop will be hosted on the day before the conference, focusing on the legal and financial aspects of SAMRC grants. The workshop will provide participants with valuable insights and practical guidance to strengthen their understanding of grant-related compliance, management, and financial processes.

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An interesting speaker line up will anchor the meeting, including talks from Prof Ntobeko Ntusi and [more](#)

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