

**Funding Opportunity Announcement:
SAMRC: Self-initiated Research (SIR) Grants Programme**

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) is pleased to announce the 2024 call for applications for funding under the [Self-Initiated Research \(SIR\) Grants Programme](#). The SIR Programme is designed to support original research initiated by a researcher at a recognized research institution. This funding opportunity encourages research geared towards generating high quality new knowledge, new medical products, improved or enhanced medical/health practice, effective health promotion strategies or improved health policy and/or functioning of the national health systems.

For more details about this opportunity please visit the [2024 SIR Call, Guidelines and Application Process](#).

Research priority areas that will be considered in the 2024 SIR call are as follows:

- Health Economics and NHI
- Brain, Behaviour, and Mental Health
- Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- HIV and TB
- Maternal, Infant and Child health
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Other Infectious Diseases including Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and One Health
- Vaccines, Diagnostics and Drug Discovery (including African Traditional Medicines)
- Behavioural science in relation to the uptake and use of health interventions
- Climate change, environmental health, and occupational health

Eligibility:

- Applications are limited to South African citizens and permanent residents.
- Only one research proposal will be considered for funding per individual applicant.
- Preference will be given to individuals who have not previously been a recipient of a SIR grant. Recipients of other SAMRC grants may apply for an SIR grant; however, all such grants must be declared in their application.
- Applications are invited in two different categories as follows: 1) early-career researchers and 2) mid-level and established researchers. Note: Applications from mid-level and established researchers must include a strong focus on capacity development.

Award details:

- R200,000 per year for a maximum period of three years. Funds to be used to support research expenses, and it is expected that the applicants already have the necessary equipment and facilities required for the proposed research.

Deadlines & submission process:

This proposal requires the PI to complete an online application on the SAMRC Research and Innovation Management System ([RIMS](#)), as well as requesting institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system, prior to submission of the application to the SAMRC.

Furthermore, please note that submission of SIR applications to the SAMRC is actioned via RIMS by UCT's Research Contracts and Innovation (RC&I) office on behalf of applicants.

	Deadline
PI to submit an eRA proposal approval request to the Final Faculty Approver step on eRA no later than	16 August 2024
PI to submit the application on the funder portal (RIMS) no later than	23 August 2024

RC&I to action final submission on RIMS no later than	30 August 2024
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The Faculty of Health Sciences Research Development team will be hosting an information session on Wednesday, **31 July 2024**. Please click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Please complete the [intention-to-submit](#) form if you intend applying for this call. Please note that completion of this form is for the purposes of internal support and tracking, it is not linked to funder application processes and does not commit you to applying for this opportunity.

For any queries, please contact the [Faculty of Health Sciences: FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:FHS.ResearchFunding@uct.ac.za) ; All Other Faculties - internationalgrants@uct.ac.za