

Award Opportunity Announcement: The 2024 Discovery Foundation Academic Fellowship Awards

Applications are invited from recently qualified clinical (medical) specialists who wish to pursue research towards a Doctoral degree. This award may also go towards funding a fellowship in clinical medicine. The [Discovery Foundation](#) Academic Fellowship Awards aim to promote research-focused training in academic medicine and to develop more clinician scientists to benefit healthcare in South Africa.

The Award

Funding will offer the successful applicants the opportunity to undertake a period of full-time study and research towards Doctoral degrees.

- The PhD award provides funding of R800 000 for support to clinicians (preferably specialists) starting Doctoral research.

Application process

- Prospective applicants are requested to notify the Faculty of Health Sciences Research Office of their intention to apply for this award by completing the request for Letter of Support form ([link to form](#)) **before the 14th of October 2024**
- Download and complete the application form ([Download application](#))
 - As part of the application pack, applicants are required to include a letter of support from Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences
 - To obtain this letter, applicants must submit their draft proposal and a strong letter of motivation/nomination from their HoD/HoDiv, no later than the **14th of October 2024** (Nominations should be sent by email to: FHS.researchfunding@uct.ac.za).
 - Institutional letters of support will be drafted, signed by the Dean and returned to applicants no later than the **22nd of October 2024**

Please direct any queries about the application process to: FHS.researchfunding@uct.ac.za

Application deadlines

- Internal deadline: **14 October 2024**
 - Please note: Nominations received after the 16th of October will not be considered
- Funder Deadline: **23 October 2024**

Completed application forms and supporting documents should be submitted by the applicant to discoveryfoundation@tshikululu.org.za

For more details about these opportunities, including the selection criteria, application process and terms of funding, review the funder's [Guide to the Application Process](#).