

DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the 2024 Academic Year

The DSI and NRF are pleased to announce a call for **new applications** for DSI-NRF Postgraduate Student Funding for the academic year 2024. All **continuing students** who are eligible for a second or third year of funding must submit a Progress Report and not a new application.

The NRF **minimum academic requirement** for postgraduate funding is **65%**. The entry age requirement is 28, 30 and 32 years or younger for honours, master's and doctoral studies respectively, in the year of application, regardless of first year of registration. Successful applicants will be funded either at **Full Cost of Study (FCS)** or **Partial Cost of Study (PCS)**. The FCS funding will be awarded to South African citizens and Permanent Residents only, who are either **financially needy** (i.e., those whose combined household family income is less than or equals to R350 000 per annum), **living with a disability** or **exceptional academic achievers**. However, the PCS funding will be awarded to **5% of international students** including South African citizens and Permanent Residents who could not be funded under FCS but meet other minimum requirements for the NRF scholarship funding criteria. The scholarships are intended to support honours, master's and doctoral candidates to pursue studies in all areas of **Science, Engineering, Technology, Social Sciences, and Humanities**.

All the postgraduate students will be expected to apply on the NRF Connect System by accessing the link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>. **No manual applications will be accepted.**

UCT internal Application Closing Dates:

Level of study	internal Closing dates
Honours	10 November 2023
First-time Master's	30 June 2023
First-time Doctoral	30 June 2023
Master's and Doctoral Extension Support	04 August 2023

Please refer to the Application and Funding Guide and Framework documents when completing the online application form at every step of the process.

Download Documents:

- [Application and Funding Guide and Framework](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions Postgraduate Funding](#)
- [NRF Statement of expectation for Postgraduate Training 2023](#)
- [ISFAP - Application Consent Form](#)

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