

Open call: ICGEB South African Women in Biotech Programme – Postdoc Fellowship 2026

UFS internal closing date: 10 April 2026

The ICGEB-SAWBP Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme, in partnership with the [South African Department of Science, Technology and Innovation](#) and the [National Research Foundation](#), will support South African women researchers holding a PhD degree in biotechnology or a related discipline, having outstanding ability, and who will perform hypothesis-driven research.

The SAWBP programme promotes the interaction and mobility of South African women biotechnology researchers and the ICGEB community, including mobility support to visit other ICGEB components in [Trieste, Italy](#), and [New Delhi, India](#).

Proposed research projects must be innovative and fall within one of the [ICGEB Cape Town component](#) macro areas of research, namely: infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, bioinformatics, plant systems biology, biopesticides, and virology.

The fellowships comprise a very attractive package:

- Two-year postdoctoral fellowship at ICGEB Cape Town
- Applying the latest techniques and methodologies to the applicant's chosen research topic
- Opportunities for mentoring, peer-to-peer learning, and complementary skills
- Immersion in a top-class international scientific environment

**All applications are submitted via NRF Connect: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/>
Refer to the [guide](#) to create a profile on the system.**

For further information, eligibility, guidelines for application, and contact details: [ICGEB South African Women in Biotechnology Programme SAWBP – Postdoctoral Fellowship 2026 – ICGEB](#)

***Please note that prospective applicants need to direct their queries to the Research Office first:**

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