

NRF call for progress reports: Now open

The call for NRF progress reports (PRs) is now open on Connect.

The closing date for submission of PRs is as follows:

Closing date for grant holders and postdoc fellows: 10 February 2026

To complete progress reports on the NRF Connect system, please follow the steps below or the attached guide:

Step 1:

Log in to the NRF Connect System at <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za> using your ORCID ID and password.

NB: Before you attempt to complete your progress report, please ensure that your Connect CV is updated.

Step 2:

- Go to 'My Applications'.
- Select 'Applications'.
- Under the list of applications, you will see the category(ies) in which you have active applications.
- Click the 'plus' (+) icon next to the category that displays 'PR Available'.
- You will see your application reference number, and next to it you will find the option to 'Create Progress Report'.
- Click 'Create progress report'.
- You will be asked to confirm whether you want to create a new progress report for your application. Click 'Yes'.
- Complete all compulsory and, where applicable, non-compulsory sections of the Progress Report (PR) form. Please note that all compulsory fields (*) must be completed before the system will allow you to proceed to the next step.
- Click on the 'Submit' button (Note: Once the report has been submitted, it cannot be edited – you need to contact the Research Office if you want to make any changes).

NB: You must click the 'SUBMIT' button for your progress report to be sent to the institution.

Please note:

- PRs received after the closing date will not be considered. The system will automatically block you from submitting after the closing date.
- Grant holders must submit all required PRs for 2025 grants to
 - comply with the signed Conditions of Grant; and
 - enable the NRF to release 2026 funding, if applicable.

NB: All queries regarding the completion or submission of progress reports must first be channelled through the Research Office.

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NB: Dedicated support sessions will be scheduled from the end of January 2026 to assist grant holders with any queries. The schedule will be communicated to institutions closer to the time.

**For Student Bursaries Progress reports, please contact the Centre for Postgraduate Support for internal closing dates and more information.*

[Please access: How to create Annual Progress Reports on NRF Connect](#)