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NRF call for proposals: Collaborative Research Grants (SASUF-Seed Grant and the SA-Flanders (FWO) 2026

The NRF call for proposals for collaborative research projects is now open under the Research category on NRF Connect. *Kindly distribute within your respective departments.*

Open calls:

1. The SASUF-NRF Seed Grant – UFS internal closing date: 29 May 2026

Funds requested should not exceed 100 000 SEK (SASUF portion) plus 160 000 ZAR (NRF portion) per consortium project. Funding will be made available for a maximum of two years and exclusively for activities commencing in September 2026.

2. The SA-Flanders (FWO) Grant – UFS internal closing date: 22 May 2026

The total amount requested from the NRF should not exceed R1 500 000 million per project. Funding will be made available for a maximum of three years, to be paid in annual instalments (R500 000 per year) and exclusively for research activities commencing in 2027.

Attached are the call guidelines for your perusal. Kindly adhere to the institutional closing dates.

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More information is available here:

- [2026 SA Flanders \(FWO\)](#)
- [NRF Profile Registration Guide](#)
- [2026 SASUF-NRF Seed Grants for Collaborative Research](#)