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SAMRC PhD research funding for clinical or health researchers

The SAMRC offers PhD research funding as a once-off award for clinical or health researchers employed in academic institutions.

This call targets emerging researchers in the final 12 months of their PhD studies, aiming to alleviate the pressure to accelerate the completion of their degrees.

Comprehensive information and the online application are available here.

The value of the award is up to a maximum of R250 000. Funding can be used • for dedicated time to spend on their research activities; • to pay for work relief; or • for any justifiable intervention.	Requirements for all applications: 1) South African citizen or permanent resident. 2) Full-time employees of academic institutions in South Africa or SAMRC researchers. 3) Officially approved research proposal and ethics clearance (where applicable) for the PhD project. 4) Must have at least one accepted publication emanating from their PhD studies. 5) Must complete their thesis write-up within twelve (12) months from the date of commencement of the award. 6) Research abstract to be provided (see example). 7) Full research proposal to be provided. 8) Research project must fall within the SAMRC priority research areas. See list below: • **Biomedical research** • **HIV, TB, and other communicable diseases** • **Health system strengthening** • **Health promotion and disease prevention** • **Maternal, child, and women's health** • **Non-communicable diseases** • **Public health innovation** • **Violence, injury, and trauma**	**UFS internal closing date for institutional budget approval:** **13 August 2025** @Zusake Sokutu and @Sugandren Moodley **13 August 2025** Request for institutional supporting documents @Eleanor van der Westhuizen **SAMRC final closing date: 18 August 2025** (you are advised to submit your application at least 48 hours before the final closing date). Application steps 1 to 3 below must be completed before or by 18 August 2025, 23:59. • Step 1 – Applicant to complete the online application. • Step 2 – Applicant to upload all the required supporting documents. • Step 3 – Research supervisor must complete the research supervisor's commitment form and submit the application.