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NRF call for proposals: BRICS Multilateral Joint Call and The Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP) Call on Preparing for Tomorrow

Please note that the following calls for proposals are now open on NRF Connect under the Research Grants category.

1. BRICS Multilateral Joint Call – (UFS internal closing date: 12 June 2026)

The BRICS STI Framework Programme aims to promote research, development, and innovation in the main areas of cooperation among the institutions in the consortia, which consist of partners from at least three BRICS countries.

The duration of a collaborative research project will be three years, with the expected start date of projects at the beginning of 2027.

Each project will receive a maximum of R900 000 over three years, to be paid in annual instalments of R300 000 per annum per project for research activities commencing in 2027.

Collaborative multilateral research and development projects in the following thematic areas can be submitted in response to the call:

- 1. Water Resources**
- 2. High-Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence**
- 3. Energy**
- 4. Health, Biotechnology, and Biomedicine**
- 5. Food**
- 6. Materials Science**

Note: All applications should be submitted via NRF

Connect: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za>. Please find attached a guide to assist you in creating a profile.

Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP) Call on Preparing for Tomorrow (UFS internal closing date: 8 October 2026)

The Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP) for Social Sciences and Humanities is a collaboration between humanities and social sciences research funders from South America, North America, Europe, and Africa. T-AP aims to enhance the ability of funders, research organisations, and researchers to engage in transnational dialogue and collaboration.

Each project will receive a maximum of R900 000 over 36 months, to be paid in annual instalments of R300 000 per annum per project.

The NRF will support all social sciences, humanities, and/or interdisciplinary research projects focused on four themes listed below:

1. Uncertainty: Sources, Costs, Communication, and Improvement
2. The Many Faces of the Future and Crisis: Historical, Cultural, and Regional Perspectives
3. Scope and Coordination of Response Strategies
4. Normative Enquiry into Prevention and Preparation for Future Crises

Researchers are encouraged to consult the call framework for further details on the above listed themes, application procedure, and the eligibility criteria.

South African applicants requesting funding from the NRF **are also required** to submit their full proposals through the NRF's online submission system using the following link: <https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za> .

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Access the following documents

- [Addendum NRF South Africa Preparing for Tomorrow Call Final](#)
- [BRICS STI Framework Programme 7th call 2026](#)
- [FINAL Preparing for tomorrow – overview of the call, application form and instructions, and assessment procedure 30.03.2026](#)
- [NRF Profile-Registration-Guide](#)
- [South Africa NRF Annex BRICS STI Framework Programme 7th call 2026 Final](#)