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NRF call for proposals: Equipment-related Travel and Training Grants 2 Call – Travel Training and Conference Grants Category 2026

The following call is currently open on the NRF Connect system. Please distribute within your respective departments:

UFS closing date: 4 September 2026

The travel and training grants are aimed at supporting the following:

Travel grants:

Full-time master's and doctoral students requiring training and/or access to infrastructure for the completion of their dissertations or theses. The ***supervisor must apply on behalf of the postgraduate students*** – details of the students, including their name, race, gender, and level of study, must be included in the application.

- Postdoctoral fellows requiring training and/or access to research infrastructure need support from their host/supervisor to apply.
- Technicians, instrument specialists, and operators who are **full-time employees, or have a minimum contract of two years** at a public research institution.
- Researchers or academics who are full-time employees or have a minimum contract of two years at a public research institution and need to send samples to international institutions.
- Researchers or academics who are full-time employees or have a minimum contract of two years at a public research institution and require access to data analysis software that is imperative to their research.

Training grants:

Support is available for the following:

- Researchers or academics hosting equipment-related training workshops (physical or virtual) on the use of high-end equipment. The equipment-related training workshop must have regional and/or national benefit.
- Hosting an expert instrument scientist who is required to stay at a research institution for a minimum period of one (1) month to a maximum period of six (6) months due to his/her scarce skill in the use of a specific instrument acquired through NRF and/or DSI funds.

[Attached is the framework document for more information and travel dates.](#)

Please note that colleagues are encouraged to adhere to the institutional cut-off date.

Queries:

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