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Request for student names – NRF Grant-holder linked Student bursaries – Second Ad-hoc call [closed] – May 2026

The NRF Closed **Ad hoc Call** for grant-holder-linked student bursaries will be opened soon for the second round of applications. This is for colleagues who wish to link new students to their respective projects.

In a separate reply email, please send me (Mosoetsat@ufs.ac.za) the following:

- student ID number
- name, surname
- ORCID number (obtainable once a profile is activated)
- level of study (e.g. Hons, MSc)
- grant holder's reference number for the linked project.

Kindly ensure that all students you nominate are registered on **NRF Connect** and that their profiles are fully updated. Attached is a guide on how to register on the system.

The grant holder's research project must be in any of the following programmes:

- South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI)
- DSTI-NRF Centres of Excellence (CoE) – first semester only
- DSTI-NRF Flagship Programme (active) projects
- DSTI-NRF National Institutes for Research Development and Innovation – first semester only
- NRF-FREF Black Academics Advancement Programme (BAAP)
- Global Change Research Plan (GCRP) programmes, such as:
- Earth Systems Science Research Programme (ESSRP);
- Global Change Social Sciences Research Programme (GCSSRP); and
- Centres for Global Change (CGCs).
- African Earth Observation Network (AEON)
- Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP)
- African Origins Platform (AOP)
- Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions
- South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON)
- Southwest Indian Ocean Marine Protected Areas (SIOMPA) – first semester only
- National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP)
- MANuS MatSci Scholarship
- French-South African Technology Institute (F'SATI) Special Grant for Postgraduate Funding Programme
- National Facilities (Innovation honours, master's, and doctoral)
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- NRF-SASOL Young Academics Accelerator Programme (YAAP).

Please submit your nominations by 3 June 2026 before 16:00.

For more information on this process, refer to the attached communication from the NRF.

- [NRF Profile Registration Guide](#)
- [NRF Communication: Second ad hoc module 2026](#)