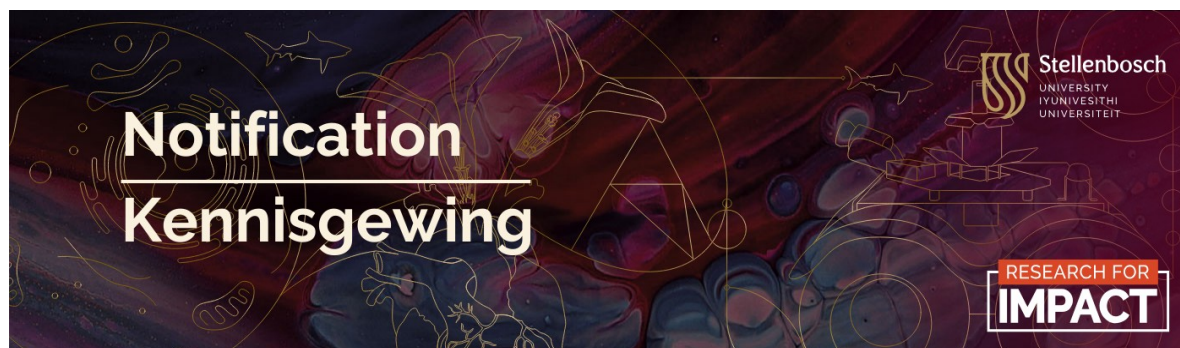


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Please note that the NRF rating applications have **not** opened on NRFConnect yet.

We have received a communique from the NRF (see [below](#) or attached) indicating that they are aiming to open the rating applications before the end of December.

In the meantime, I encourage you to update your CV on [NRF Connect](#) and to use the attached template to prepare your narrative sections (career

profile, self-assessment, brief description of completed research and ongoing, and future-planned research), as well as other key sections such as your best five research outputs from the past eight years and suggested reviewers. These sections can be copied into the online application on NRFConnect once it becomes available.

I will share more information as soon as I receive an update.

Kind regards
Aasima

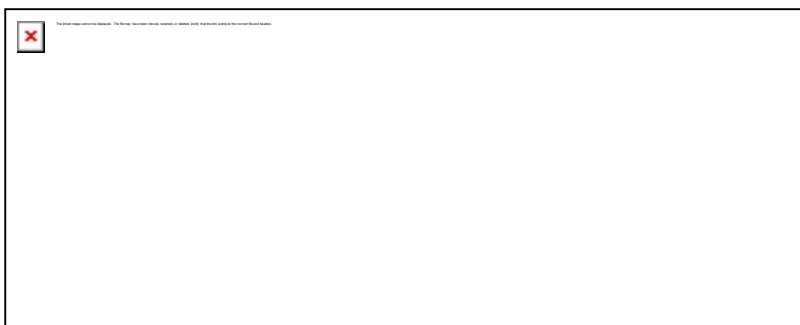
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The NRF rating system is a vital component of the NRF's mission to cultivate a globally competitive science system in South Africa. It serves as an essential tool for benchmarking our researchers' quality against the world's best.

The NRF is in the process of finalising improvements and updates to the Rating Call application template. These enhancements are intended to ensure the effective implementation of the system and provide a transparent audit trail for all rating processes. We acknowledge the importance of timely communication for planning purposes and are committed to open the call before the end of December 2025.

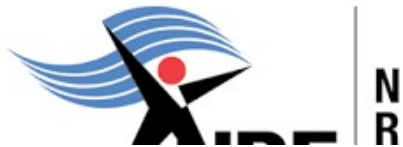
Please share this update with both new and re-evaluation applicants at your institution. The rating team greatly appreciates your patience and understanding in this matter, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Best regards,
Dr James Meiring



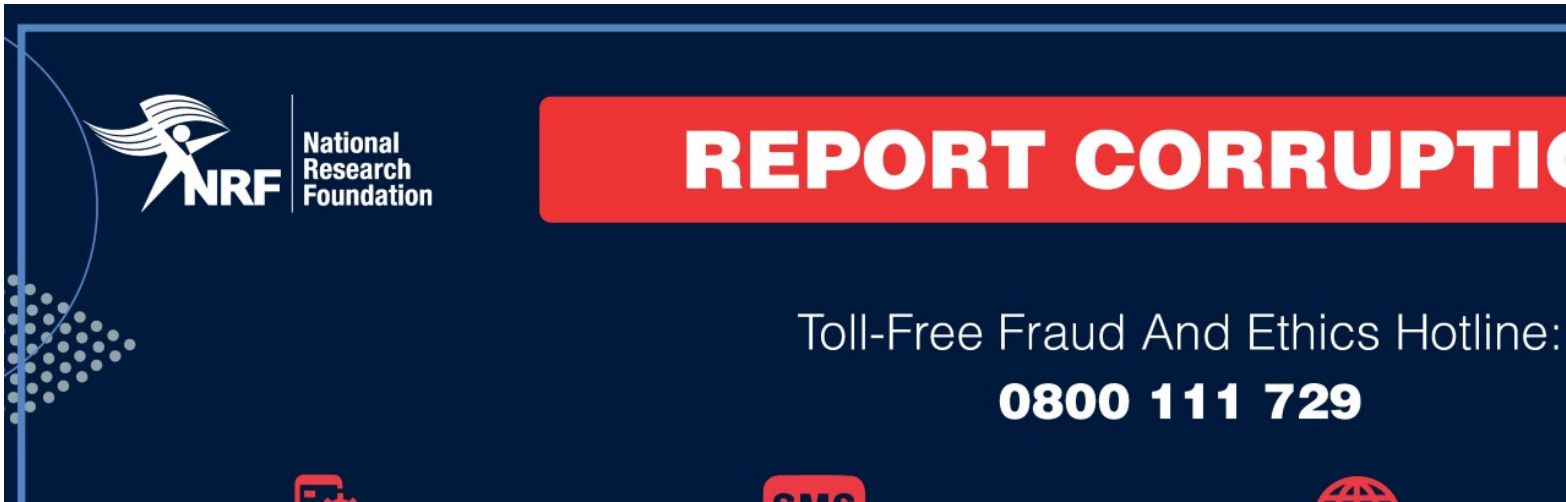
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