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Subject: FUNDING CALL: THUTHUKA - Early Career Researchers
Attachments: Thuthuka Framework for 2026.pdf; Thuthuka-2026-Institutional-Support-Form-.pdf
Importance: High

This notice has been sent to all FMHS Divisional/Departmental/Centre heads, as well as their secretaries and research coordinators to further distribute as deemed appropriate. // Hierdie kennisgewing is aan alle FGGW Departemente/afdelings/sentra-hoofde gestuur, asook aan hul sekretareesse en navorsingskoördineerders vir verdere verspreiding na goeddunke.



TO: ALL SU RESEARCHERS // AAN: ALLE US NAVORSERS

Dear colleagues // Beste kollegas

PLEASE NOTE

INFORMATION SESSIONS

We will be hosting information sessions to potential applicants. These sessions are crucial for preparing your application. Due to the dissolving of the Subcommittees, which affects the co-funding for this opportunity, **it is compulsory** that you attend one of the sessions. If you are not available on any of the dates given below, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange a different date to meet. See the workshop dates at the bottom of the call.

Please send me an email if you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity. Please send me your name, department and the track you intend on applying for by **20 February 2026**.

Funding Opportunity	Disciplines	Categories to be funded	Eligibility / Special Conditions	Funding	How to apply	Closing dates
Thuthuka <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>PhD track</i><i>Post-PhD track</i><i>NRF Rating track (not related to the NRF rating)</i>	All disciplines <i>(Except: projects for undertaking clinical trials).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research EquipmentInternational Conferences (travel & subsistence)Local Conference (travel and subsistence)Local Travel (travel and subsistence)Materials and suppliesResearch/Technical AssistantsVisiting scientistsScience Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">South African citizen or permanent resident.Full-time employed early career academic staff.Staff employed on contract must have written proof of appointment for the duration of the funding period for which they applied.Researchers who currently hold a Thuthuka grant and	See p 19 of the Thuthuka Application Guide for maximum amounts allowed Total amount is determined by co-funding by the relevant subcommittee or faculty which will be discussed in the workshops 3 years	Applications should be submitted on https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za/	Intent to apply: 20 February 2026 Internal closing date: 09 March 2026

		<p>would like to apply for a subsequent 3-year cycle, must submit a new application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the age of 45 years (applicants over 45 may motivate to apply) • Post-PhD: received their PhD no more than five years prior to first application (no earlier than February 2020) • Rating: received their PhD no more than eight years prior to first application (no earlier than February 2017) <p>THOROUGHLY read Section 5 in the Framework Document to determine whether you are eligible to apply or not.</p>	<p>Note: Depending on the funding track and research progress made during the first 3-year cycle, it is possible to apply for grants for two subsequent cycles, potentially resulting in 9 years of funding</p>	
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Thuthuka information and support sessions

Prospective applicants must attend one of these 2-hour sessions.

CAREFULLY STUDY THE ATTACHED FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENTS, AND START A DRAFT APPLICATION ON THE NRF CONNECT, BEFORE THE SESSIONS.

Sessions:

- **Monday, 23 February : 10:00 – 12:00**
or
- **Tuesday, 24 February: 10:00 – 12:00**

Prior booking is essential to receive confirmation and further information regarding the sessions. Please make the booking with Dominique Meyer at dominiquem@sun.ac.za.

Contact person at SU	Dominique Meyer, dominiquem@sun.ac.za
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Kind Regards

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