

**Belmont Forum
Africa Regional Call (ARC2024)
Annex for National Research Foundation (NRF-SA)**

Duration of time:	Successful applicants will be eligible for funding for the duration of their awarded grant.
Country/(ies) or region supported	South Africa
Description/qualifications of eligible participants	<p>The NRF will support excellent research on priority areas that can best be addressed by a multinational approach focusing on sustainability research. The South African researchers' participation in the call is aimed at facilitating cooperation among the researchers and institutions in the consortia which consist of partners from at least two African countries, preferably countries where South Africa has S&T bilateral agreements. Support will be provided for collaborative multilateral basic and applied research projects. Funds can be used to cover the following costs:</p> <p>The NRF will fund excellent research in priority areas that can be best addressed through a multinational approach focusing on sustainability research. South African researchers' participation in the call is intended to facilitate collaboration among researchers and institutions in consortia comprised of partners from at least two African countries, preferably countries with which South Africa has bilateral S&T agreements.</p> <p>The applicant's institution should be a recognised public higher education institution such as a university, university of technology, or science council.</p> <p>Active involvement from industry participants in the call is highly recommended and will serve as an added advantage.</p>
Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the	N/A

consortium	
Type of contribution + amount of contribution (R\$)	The NRF commits a total of up to €1 million (approximately 20 million Rands) over two years.
Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K€)	Maximum of up to €40 000 per application.
Restrictions for use of funds	<p>Funds may cover the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research-related costs - activities to be supported may include expenses relating to field work such as conducting interviews, surveys, laboratory experiments, research-related trips, consumables, small equipment etc. Airfare, accommodation, ground transport, and subsistence should be calculated using rates as stipulated in institutional travel policies. ● Reciprocal research visits by researchers - the research visits should enable the team members within the project to learn valuable new skills or techniques; access facilities or resources not readily available at home; build relationships with potential new collaborators; and advance complementary collaborative research. The duration of each visit depends on budget and should not be done at the expense of core research work needed for the success of the project. Applicants should include information about how these reciprocal research visits will be managed. ● Knowledge sharing costs (science engagement and science dissemination) - in support of project-related activities, such as joint workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, lecturer presentations, meetings, local and regional dissemination of results to relevant stakeholders. <p>The following are NOT to be funded from the NRF funds allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consultant’s fees ● Large equipment ● Project management fees ● Overheads ● Salaries ● Educational expenses (scholarships/ bursaries/ student fees/ educational expenses, etc.).

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	<p>Doctoral students in need of financial assistance are advised to apply for scholarships through the NRF call for student support which opens beginning of April each year.</p>
<p>Specific themes within the call</p>	<p>The National Research Foundation is participating in the Collaborative Research Action (CRA) on the Belmont Forum Africa Regional Call focusing on three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water – Energy – Food – Health Nexus ● Pollution ● Disaster Preparedness, Responsiveness, and Recovery <p>Applications should seek to national priorities of South Africa as contained in the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Department of Science & Innovation’s (DSI) White Paper on Science, Technology, and Innovation. In addition, it is recommended that any application also prioritises a ‘systems’ approach that is multi-sectoral (natural, environment, society, economic etc.), transdisciplinary, and contextually relevant.</p> <p>The application should also take cognisance of the DSI’s Decadal Plan 2023 to 2033. Applicants will also be required to meet the specific eligibility criteria as spelled out in the call. All applications will be assessed based on these eligibility criteria as well as the selection criteria described in the call.</p>
<p>Where to submit proposal</p>	<p>www.bfgo.org</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application.</p> <p>Details of the call and the application process will be provided via the NRF website (http://www.nrf.ac.za/).</p>
<p>[Additional information]</p>	<p>The official national call announcement for South Africa will be published on the National Research Foundation website (http://www.nrf.ac.za/).</p>

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	Eligible researchers involved in successful applications will be funded within the limits of the NRF's contribution to the call according to the general principles outlined therein. Disbursement of the funds as well as the management and reporting there-of will be according to the principles and guidelines of NRF granting mechanism as stated below.
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