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Dear Dr Ntsekhe

#### APPLICATION FOR NRF GRANT FOR 2013: CSPG - THUTHUKA (Post-PhD Track)

We have pleasure in informing you that your research proposal for funding from the above Programme has been accepted for support.

**Short title:** *An investigation of the the molecular basis of post tuberculous constrictive pericarditis*  
**Year of funding:** 2013

The following table confirms your approved award for 2013:

Category	2013 NRF Award	2013 Institutional Commitment	2013 Total Award
<b>Student Support</b>			
Masters/Doctoral Summary	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
<b>Research Operating Costs</b>			
Research Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
Running Expenses	52,173.00	52,173.00	104,346.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,173.00</b>	<b>102,173.00</b>	<b>244,346.00</b>

Running Costs consist of the following categories which have been totalled as indicated above:

- Research Materials and Supplies
- Domestic Travel (travel and subsistence)
- Conference Attendance: Local and Abroad
- Visiting Scientist/Mentoring
- *Ad hoc* Technical/Research Assistance and Lecturer Replacement
- External Supervisory Support
- Extended Study Visit (Abroad)

The funds towards Running Costs may be used within the requested budget items in your application and utilized in accordance with the rules as stipulated in the Thuthuka Programme 2013 Manual (available at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>) <http://submission systems.nrf.ac.za>). Consult the Attached "Use and Management of Funds" for the day-to-day running expenses of the project.

#### GRANT CONDITIONS

This grant is subject to the attached Conditions of Grant.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

Funds for 2013 would only be released upon submission of the following documents via your Research Office:

- 1) The enclosed '**Conditions of Grant for 2013**' (all pages must be initialled by all parties) by latest, **31 March**, signed by yourself, the appropriate authority at your institution and witnesses. Scanned copies are acceptable.
- 2) Reports outstanding for all grants received from any NRF Programme prior to 2013.
- 3) Grantholders in the PhD track are required to submit a proof of registration.

**Failure to submit the above where applicable by 31 March, may lead to the 2013 award being cancelled.**

#### GRANT STATEMENTS

Grantholders will be able to access grant statements on the NRF Online system on a continuous basis. These statements will provide a complete status of the grant in terms of amounts awarded, released, claimed (expensed) and paid per funding category. Statements can be accessed at <http://nrffonline.nrf.ac.za/> through your 'Grantholder Tools' functionality.

It is important to note that payments will only be generated, once claims have been submitted directly to your institution's Finance Department, in order for your finance office to claim funds from the NRF.

#### **GRANTHOLDER-LINKED STUDENT SUPPORT**

Release of funds for grantholder-linked student support is subject to receipt of the on-line submission of nominations together with the required attachments at <http://nrffonline.nrf.ac.za/>, through "Grantholder Tools" functionality **BEFORE, 31 March 2013 for full-year and 1st semester support**. Nominations for **2<sup>nd</sup> semester support** must be submitted **before 9 August 2013**. Please take note of the contents of the enclosed *Conditions for the Award of Grantholder-linked Student Support Categories for 2013* regarding applicable criteria **BEFORE** completing the nomination.

The Agreement for Grantholder-linked Student Support must be signed by all signatories and included as an attachment to all online and freestanding scholarship nominations.

No funding requested for full-time grantholder-linked Doctoral students were awarded for 2013. Assuming that you are eligible to (co-) supervise the Doctoral students for whom funding was requested in your Thuthuka application, please request potential students to complete and sign the attached Application for Doctoral Study in 2013 form. The framework for the Innovation Scholarship for Doctoral Study is attached. The completed, signed form must be returned to the NRF, via the institutional research office by **15 March 2013** to the above contact person. If successful, these awards will **not** be grantholder-linked bursaries.

#### **PANEL FEEDBACK**

Feedback from the review process (where necessary) will follow for your information and attention.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT**

The Thuthuka Programme is based on a partnership between the Institution and the NRF. Your Institution has committed to a 1:1 contribution of this project (for Research Operating Costs only). The NRF will be undertaking an audit to verify the institutional contribution towards this project (as per Conditions of Grant).

#### **REPORTING ON PROGRESS**

Grantholders are required to submit an Annual Progress Report (APR) for continued funding in 2014 by, **31 August 2013**. This APR should cover progress from the date of the award letter up to August 2013.

A Final Project Report is required for a previously funded, **completed**, Thuthuka project by 30 April 2013. The template is available from your Research Office.

#### **CONTINUED FUNDING**

Continued funding beyond 2013 will be based on the following information submitted in the APR:

- Significant **progress** on this project in line with the proposed objectives, substantiated in detail.
- Confirmation of research **activities for 2014**.
- **Well-motivated budget** for continued funding for 2014.

Continued funding will not be considered without this online APR.

A copy of this letter has been made available to your research administration.

We wish you well with your future research endeavours.

Yours sincerely





*(Electronic signature)*

Mrs Anthipi Pouris

**Director: Capacity and Strategic Platforms Grants (CSPG)**

**Grants Management and Systems Administration**

**Attachments**

Conditions of Grant for 2013

Use and Management of Funds for 2013

Conditions for the Award of Grantholder-linked Student Support Categories for 2013

Agreement for Grantholder-linked Student Support

Innovation Doctoral Scholarships Call for Applications for Funding in 2013

Application for Doctoral Study in 2013 form