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Reference: SRUG190327424695  
 Grant No: 121277  
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Dr PN FRU née FONTEH  
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Dear Dr FRU née FONTEH

**NRF GRANT for 2020 : Competitive Support for Unrated Researchers**

It is my pleasure to inform you that your research proposal for funding from the above Funding Opportunity has been accepted for support.

**Short title of project:** *Evaluating Early Immune and Metabolic Responses in Acute Pancreatitis*  
**Duration of funding :** 3

The table below serves as breakdown of awards following the NRF review and funding decision processes:

Category	2020 Award	2021 Award	2022 Award
<b>Student Support</b>			
Masters/Doctoral Summary	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
<b>Research Operating Costs</b>			
Running Expenses	287,070.00	366,829.60	147,907.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,070.00</b>	<b>456,829.60</b>	<b>147,907.00</b>

Amounts for Operating Costs include the following categories of funding that were available in the application:

- Running Expenses (Materials and Supplies)
- Research/Technical/Ad Hoc Assistants
- Local Conferences Attendance (Travel and Subsistence)
- Local Travel (Travel and Subsistence)
- International Conferences (Travel and Subsistence)
- International Visits (Travel and Subsistence)
- Sabbatical
- Research Equipment

Please be aware that not all the items in the original application have been awarded due to budget constraints.

These funds must be used for the approved NRF project mentioned above and in accordance with the attached Conditions of Grant document. All expenses incurred during the tenure of the abovementioned project may be claimed according to the allowable budget guidelines as contained in the Framework document and the auditable budget items according to your Institution's financial guidelines.

Please contact the Research Office to ensure speedy availability of funds through the Grant Deposit, provided that key NRF requirements are met within this funding instrument, so that research on the project is not hindered.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

- Running funds will be released upon receipt of:
  - a signed copy of the Conditions of Grant that must be submitted electronically by the Research Office;
  - Progress Reports for **all** grants received from **any NRF funding instrument** for the years preceding this grant.
- Funds which have been awarded within the student categories will be released upon receipt of the relevant nomination forms, which are available on the NRF Online Submission System: <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za> - Grantholder Tools section. Nominations for full year or first semester students should be completed and submitted online by 31 March together with proof of registration and the signed Student Agreement.
- Funds for running expenses for this grant in subsequent years, (provided that you have been awarded funding for multiple years - refer to the table of the approved award), will be released on receipt of:
  1. Progress Report for this grant for each grant year, inclusive of the last year of the grant, by **15 February** of each subsequent year available at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za> from mid-November of the grant year;
  2. Progress Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument** for the reporting year or any previous years.

#### GRANT STATEMENTS

Grantholders will be able to access grant statements on the NRF Online Submission System on a continuous basis. These statements will provide a complete status of the grant in terms of amounts released, claimed (expensed) and paid. Statements can be accessed at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za> - Grantholder Tools section. An updated statement will be generated twice a month after payments have been made to institutions.

#### COPIES TO CO-INVESTIGATORS

Please ensure that all co-investigators listed in your research proposal receive a copy of this letter and of subsequent correspondence relating to the grant.

In making this award, the NRF anticipates that you, as a grantholder, will actively participate in the peer and panel review processes to strengthen and expand quality research in South Africa.

We wish you well with your research.

Yours sincerely,

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Electronic signature  
**Simon Lotz**  
**Director**  
**Grants Management and Systems Administration (GMSA)**

**Copies to: University of the Witwatersrand**

#### List of Enclosures

- 1) Conditions of Grant
- 2) Grantholder-linked Bursary Conditions
- 3) Student Agreement



Health Sciences Research Office  
Wednesday, 27 July 2016  
[Nomfundo.sibiya@wits.ac.za](mailto:Nomfundo.sibiya@wits.ac.za)

Dr P Fonteh  
School of Clinical Medicine

Dear Dr Fonteh,

**RE: SEED FUNDING 2016**

I have the pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded seed funding for your project entitled 'Characterisation of immune cells implicated in acute pancreatitis to identify predictors of severity and outcome that translate into clinical practice.' An amount of R50 000 has been awarded to you.

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**Please note the following:**

1. The award of this grant does not override the requirement, in appropriate cases, to obtain prior approval from one or more of the University's three Ethics Committees, or the Biosafety Committee, as the case may be.
2. No grant may be used for purposes other than those specified in the application approved by the University without written consent of the Health Sciences Research Office.
3. The money awarded to you must be **spent before the end of October 2016. Funding will not be carried forward into 2017.**
4. The support of the above grant must be acknowledged in any publications arising out of this research project.
5. A progress report must be submitted to the (Faculty Research Office) not later than **31 December 2016** irrespective of whether continued funding is to be sought.

Ms N. Sibiya  
Faculty Research Office  
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cc: Head of School – Prof M Lukhele