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Dear Dr Dlodla

NRF GRANT FOR 2021-2026: INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR RATED RESEARCHERS (IPRR)

Following the successful review of your application for rating/re-rating for the above-mentioned period, I take pleasure in informing you that you have been awarded **"R50000"** in the *Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers Programme*.

The following funding values are applicable effective from 2020 onwards:

Category	Incentive	Period of Incentive
All "P" rated researchers	R50 000 per year	Annual grant for the duration of the NRF rating
Newly rated researchers with no previous valid NRF rating	*R50 000	Once-off grant over the duration of the NRF rating
Researchers who improve their rating between main categories (i.e., Y to C/B; P to C/B/A; C to B and B to A and not between the sub categories within each of the broad categories, e.g., C3 to C2; C2 to C1; etc.)	*R50 000	Once-off grant over the duration of the NRF rating
Persons who re-submit for rating at the end of their current rating and retain a rating	*R30 000	Once-off grant over the duration of the NRF rating
C and Y rated researchers who received their first tranche of R30 000 in 2018	*R30 000	Once-off grant over the duration of the NRF rating

Note: *Although grants will be automatically allocated for 2019, researchers will have to indicate in the Acceptance of Grant Conditions in which year these funds will be required over the duration of their NRF rating cycle.

The allocated research funds are to be used strictly for research-related activities and will fall under the NRF audit requirements of beneficiary institutions. The total amount will be awarded against 'running expenses' but can be used to cover costs related to the following items:

- **Materials and supplies** - Excluding basic office stationary, photocopying, printing, journal publication/subscription and purchase book costs unless these items form part of the research tools or the grantholder is based at a museum;
- **Travel and subsistence** - Funding requests for students to attend international conferences will not be considered;
- **Research / Technical / Ad hoc Assistants** - The NRF does not support any salaries or buy-out time for lecturing staff. Administrative assistance does not qualify as technical assistance;
- **Equipment** - Researchers may use the funds for small equipment. This excludes basic office equipment such as computers, laptops, tablets, etc. All research equipment purchased through this Grant shall be registered in the Institution's asset register according to the policies of the Institution and remain the property of the Institution;
- **Data Management** - Researchers may use part, or all, of the funds for data management and/or support towards technical expert assistance.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

- Running funds will be released upon receipt of:
 1. A signed copy of the Acceptance of Conditions of Grant (attached) that must be submitted electronically by the Research office; and
 2. Annual Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument** for the previous grant year.
- Running funds for this grant in subsequent years, (provided that you have been awarded funding for multiple years as indicated in the table above), will be released on receipt of your:
 1. Annual Progress Report for this grant by **15 February** each year available at <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> - from December of the previous year; and
 2. Annual Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument** for the previous grant year.

GRANT STATEMENTS

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

Please note that no adjustments and/or carry forward of unspent funds will be allowed on this grant in any event.

COPIES OF GRANT LETTER

A copy of this letter and attachments have been made available to your research administration.

We wish you well with your future research endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Electronic signature

Simon Lotz

Director

Grants Management and Systems Administration (GMSA)

Copies to: South African Medical Research Council (MRC)

Attachments:

Acceptance of Conditions of Grant



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Reference: SRUG210217586880
Grant No: 141929
18 August 2022

Prof PV Dlodla
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South African Medical Research Council (MRC)
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Dear Prof Dlodla

NRF GRANT for 2022 : Competitive Programme for Rated 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: *Establishing the Cardioprotective Mechanism of Dietary Compounds Against Diabetic Dyslipidemia*
Duration of funding : 2022 - 2024

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

Category	2022 Award	2023 Award	2024 Award
Research Operating Costs			
Running Expenses	270,000.00	260,000.00	260,000.00
Total	270,000.00	260,000.00	260,000.00

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
- Science Engagement

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 should be completed and submitted online with all the relevant supporting documentation.
- 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:
 - 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;
 - Progress Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument** for the reporting year or any previous years.

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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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Simon Lotz
Director
Grants Management and Systems Administration (GMSA)

Copies to: South African Medical Research Council (MRC)

List of Enclosures

- 1) Conditions of Grant
- 2) Agreement: Grantholder-linked Postdoctoral Fellows and Staff Development
- 3) Conditions for Award: Postdoctoral Fellowships and Staff Development