



What is the MRC doing to increase the quality and quantity of PhDs in the clinical sciences?

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PhD Support



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Funding Category	Value/ Award	Criteria and Purpose of the Programme
Local Doctoral Scholarship	R50 000 + R5 000 for registration	Full time Registration towards a PhD with at least 50 % research component. To assist with costs while studying towards a PhD.
Research Training Internships for Black Scientists	MRC Scientist Salary Scales. ~R 96 000 pa	Black (AB, C, I and Ch) graduates with a Masters degree. To respond to the SA challenge of growing the pool of researchers.
Research Training Scholarships for Allied Health Professionals and Nurses	R60 000	Allied Health Professionals and nurses with a minimum of a Masters degree and are registered for a PhD. To encourage professionals in traditionally vocational fields to enter the academic track.
Local Postdoctoral*	R110 000 – R150 000	Students that have completed a Doctoral degree. To encourage PhD's to stay in the research field.

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Post MBChB & BChD Grant	R80 000 /R120 000	HPCSA registered MBChB/ BChD graduates who have completed internship and Community service. Registered towards a (Masters or) PhD in a specialist field or research area
Specialists under the age of 45	R120 000	Salary contribution to allow specialists to spend dedicated time doing research training towards an PhD (or an M med)
Overseas Doctoral Scholarship	R60 000 Part time & R120 000 full time	For researchers who need to spend time with their supervisors abroad as part of their doctoral training.

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Staff Credentialing	R120 000	To allow full time academic staff to develop their credentials, mainly towards a PhD. This is a contribution towards salary replacement or supplementation of income if unpaid leave is necessary to do studies. For historical reasons, mainly applicable in HDI's
Research Development Grants	R60 000	For purposes of development. Research Grant for academics mainly, but not exclusively at HDIs, in the areas of Allied Health and Nursing who are registered for a PhD.
International Conferences	R 10 000	For PhD candidates and above. For attending an international conference where the abstract has been accepted.
Travel grants for Short visit /Courses	R25 000	To undertake research training or attend a special skills course that is not available at the usual station of work where the researcher is based.

Awards over past 3 years

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Awarded in 2009

Senior Research Training Fellowships for Specialists under 45 and Post-interns

Applicant	Institution	Status
Dr T Kredo	UCT	Accepted
Dr M Matjila	UCT	Accepted
Dr L Asmal	Stellenbosch	Accepted
Dr G Firth	Wits	Accepted
Dr NBA Ntusi	UCT	Accepted
Dr L Page-Shipp	Wits	Cancelled
Dr MN Rajabally	UCT	Accepted

Awarded in 2010

Senior Research Training Fellowships for Specialists under 45

Applicant	Institution	Status
Dr B Cupido	UCT	Accepted
Dr S Flegar	Stellenbosch	Cancelled

Post-Intern Scholarships

Applicant	Institution	Status
Dr A Bonthuys	UCT	Accepted
Dr R Hayward	UWC	Accepted
Dr R E Dyer	Stellenbosch	Cancelled
Dr P Ntuli	Medunsa	Accepted
Dr S Pandie	UCT	Accepted

Awarded in 2011

Senior Research Training Fellowships for Specialists under 45

Applicant	Institution	Status
Dr JG Peter	UCT	Accepted
Dr H Khalfey	UCT	Accepted
Dr N Hendricks	UCT	Accepted

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Dr R Hayward	UWC	Accepted
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