

## SAMRC Clinician Researcher Programme PhD Scholarships in Clinical /Health Research

### Request for Application (RFA)

There is a dearth of MBChB graduates that read for PhD research degree<sup>(1, 2)</sup>. The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) continues to strengthen efforts that take cognizance of this paucity of clinician researchers in South Africa and is pleased to announce a few more PhD Scholarships in the Clinical/Health Research programme.

The Division of Research Capacity Development (RCD) invites applications from eligible South African citizen or Permanent resident health professional who hold an MBChB qualification to apply for PhD scholarships. There are four (4) available scholarships for April 2017 uptake. The full time PhD Scholarships will be awarded to Post MBChB or D.D.S. candidates for research to be conducted in clinical/health research for a period ranging from one to four years, or until completion of PhD degree, whichever event occurs first.

The value of the scholarship is R500k pa x 4 years. The closing date for applications is **13 January 2017**, and announcement of scholarship holders will be made by **February 2017**.

Candidates from underrepresented research units, designated groups or underfunded research areas are encouraged to apply and will be prioritized.

Full **applications** must be submitted to: Mr. Thobile Mabuya ([thobile.mabuya@mrc.ac.za](mailto:thobile.mabuya@mrc.ac.za)); Tel: 021 938 0432

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**Personal details:**

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr)						First Name:						
Surname:						Gender:						
Population group::		Black	Coloured	Indian	Asian	White	Date of Birth:					
Postal Address:						Physical address:						
(Attach) certified copy of South African Identity Document												
Work telephone no: (where Applicable)						Mobile no:						
University e-mail address:						Personal e-mail address:						

**Academic Information:**

Highest qualification:		
Years of experience in the profession		
Current post (where applicable)		
Research area		
University at which currently registered		
Department & Faculty		
This scholarship application is for this level		PhD
PhD title of research project		
PhD supervisor		
PhD co-supervisor (where applies)		

Please Mark:	Registered	Yes	No		
My Research Project has Ethics Clearance (Mark the correct one)		Yes	No		
The project title has been accepted by the Post graduate office or equivalent office (Mark the correct one)		Yes	No		
In 2016 I am in my		1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year

Below is a table showing documents that must be submitted with the application (not more than 7 pages) and the selection criteria: **It is important that you check (✓) the right column to confirm completeness of application before submitting.**

Selection Criteria	Attached check (✓)
<b>1. Suitability of the candidate:</b> <b>1-page only:</b> motivation that is accompanied by a complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae containing a full list of publications and other meritorious achievements. A paragraph describing how success in the SAMRC Clinician Researcher PhD Programme application will impact your career	
<b>2. Quality of the science:</b> <b>≤2 pages only:</b> abstract of the PhD proposal outlining the rationalé, design, feasibility, plans for research translation and information dissemination as well as potential impact of the proposed research project.	
<b>3. Abridged Track record of supervisor:</b> <b>≤3 pages only:</b> (1) A paragraph statement from the supervisor indicating commitment to educate and train the applicant, (ii) confirmation of availability of funding and facilities for the proposed doctoral project, and (iii) an abridged outline of publications, grants and experience of supervising PhD students.	
<b>4. Research environment:</b> <b>≤ 1 page</b> letter from the host institution outlining the career plan of the applicant upon completion of the PhD.	
<b>5. Signed application form:</b> please sign below and submit this form with your application.	
<b>6. Certified copy of South African identity document is attached</b>	
<b>7. Confirm that 7 pages not exceeded</b>	

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**Re – check that you have actioned all 7 points above**

All documents must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format only

**Conditions**

- Scholarship holders are expected to spend at least 90% of their time conducting research. Teaching and clinical activities may not take up more than 10% of the time of the scholar. Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other bursaries, grants or remuneration which binds them to enter the service of any organization without prior approval from the SA Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
- Candidates may not hold a bursary from more than one statutory science council at any given time
- Scholarship holders may not receive, concurrently with this scholarship, other non-binding remuneration/fellowships and grants without prior approval from the SAMRC
- Scholarship holders may not, without obtaining the SAMRC's prior approval, register at a university other than that through which the application has been submitted
- Once the award has been made the scholarship holder may not change his/her supervisor without informing the SAMRC
- Supervisors will be expected to submit 6-monthly progress reports. The renewal of funding will be considered on an annual basis subject to satisfactory progress being made.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the SAMRC to complete their studies within the specified time period

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full names), hereby submit my application for a full-time Masters or PhD Scholarship and am cognisant of the conditions under which this scholarship is awarded.

Signature:	Date:
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