

Communication to NRF Stakeholders

Communiqué for Completion of Student Consent form for Financial Means Test for the NRF Postgraduate Scholarships in for Funding 2021

The Call for Applications for National Research Foundation (NRF) Postgraduate Funding for 2021 under the new NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy opened in April 2020. One of the key aspects introduced in the new policy is financial need as a criterion for allocation of Full Cost of Study (FCS) scholarships. Students who have previously been assessed and were deemed as financially needy by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and Ikusasa Student Financial Aid Program (ISFAP), are required to attach proof of such assessment as an official university stamped financial statement, letter or acceptance of an award from NSFAS or ISFAP.

For students who have not been assessed, ISFAP in agreement with the NRF will facilitate the students' household financial means test to establish financial need. Such students must indicate a household income of R350 000 per annum or less on the online application form, secondly complete the consent form and lastly upload the correctly completed consent form onto the NRF online application.

A correctly completed consent form includes the following:

- The information from the Household Contributor section of the online application must match the information on the consent form. E.g.
 1. If only two household contributors have been included in the household contributor section, then the same two individuals are to be included in the consent form including their ID numbers and their signatures.
 2. If three household contributors have been included in the household contributor section then the same individuals are to be included in the consent form, including their ID numbers and their signatures.

Note: Only applications that have a correctly completed consent form that has been uploaded on the NRF online application will be subjected to the Household Financial Means Test by the NRF in partnership with the ISFAP. Applications without completed and signed consent forms will not be evaluated, however will be considered for Partial Cost of Study (PCS).

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