

NRF POSTGRADUATE FUNDING FOR 2027

HONOURS | **MASTERS** | DOCTORAL STUDIES

NITheCS

National Institute for
Theoretical and Computational Sciences



Are you planning to pursue postgraduate studies in 2027?

The NRF is offering funding opportunities for eligible students studying towards Honours, Masters or Doctoral degrees.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH NITheCS

Students who have applied, or intend to apply, for NRF funding are strongly encouraged to complete the NITheCS Pre-Call Form by:



31 MAY 2026
DEADLINE: 23h59

The Pre-Call helps NITheCS identify and support students who may be considered for future funding, development and research opportunities



NRF APPLICATION DATES



MASTERS & DOCTORAL FUNDING

Applications currently open

Deadline: 3 JULY 2026



HONOURS FUNDING

Opens: 7 JULY 2026

Deadline: 23 NOVEMBER 2026



Please check your university's internal deadlines, which may differ from NRF deadlines



WHO CAN APPLY?



Students intending to study towards:

- Honours
- Masters
- Doctoral degrees



Minimum academic requirement:

65% average

for your previous degree



NITheCS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Preference may be given to:



Students affiliated with NITheCS Associates



Students supervised by, or academically associated with, researchers participating in NITheCS Research Focus Areas



Applicants whose research aligns with NITheCS thematic and research priorities



Applicants studying at Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDIs)



IMPORTANT

The NITheCS Pre-Call Form:

✗ Is NOT a funding application

✗ Does NOT guarantee funding

✓ Helps NITheCS monitor and support postgraduate funding activity

HOW TO APPLY

1 Complete the NITheCS Pre-Call Form



2 Read the documentation on the NRF website



3 Apply on the NRF Connect System, quoting NITheCS UID/Grant Number: **65212**



GOT A QUESTION?

Contact your university's Research/Postgraduate Office/Designated Authority (DA) or email info@nithecs.ac.za



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