Funding Opportunity Announcement:

SAMRC: Self-initiated Research Grants Programme

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) is pleased to announce the 2023 call for applications for funding under the Self-Initiated Research (SIR) Grants Programme. The SIR Programme is designed to support original research initiated by a researcher at a recognized research institution.

This funding opportunity encourages research geared towards generating high quality new knowledge, new medical products, improved or enhanced medical/health practice, effective health promotion strategies or improved health policy and/or functioning of the national health systems.

For more details about this opportunity please visit the 2023 SIR Call, Guidelines and Application Process.

Research priority areas that will be considered in the 2023 call are as follows:

• HIV and TB	• One Health
• Maternal, Infant and Child health	• Non-Communicable Diseases
• Brain, Behaviour, and Mental Health	• Injury and Interpersonal violence
• Other Infectious Diseases including Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	• Health Systems, Health Economics, Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Insurance (NHI)
• African Traditional Medicines (ATM)	• Vaccine, Diagnostics and Drug Discovery
• Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	• Occupational and Environmental health

The Faculty of Health Sciences Research Development team will be hosting an information session on Tuesday, 6 June. Please click here to register for the webinar.

Eligibility:

- Applications are limited to South African citizens and permanent residents.
- Only one research proposal will be considered for funding per individual applicant.
- Preference will be given to individuals who have not previously been a recipient of an SIR grant. Recipients of other SAMRC grants may apply for an SIR grant; however, all such grants must be declared in their application.
- Applications are invited in two different categories as follows: 1) early-career researchers and 2) mid-level and established researchers. Note: Applications from mid-level and established researchers must include a strong focus on capacity development.

Award details:

- R200,000 per year for a maximum period of three years. Funds to be used to support research expenses, and it is expected that the researchers/ applicants already have the necessary equipment and facilities required for the proposed research.

Deadlines & submission process:

This proposal requires the PI to complete a SAMRC SIR proposal approval form via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system, prior to submission of the application to the SAMRC. Furthermore, please note that submission of SIR applications to the SAMRC is actioned by UCT's Research Contracts and Innovation (RC&I) office on behalf of applicants.

	Dates
PI to submit a SAMRC SIR proposal approval form to the Final Faculty Approver step on eRA no later than	**21 June 2023**
Final SIR application form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA no later than	**26 June 2023**
RC&I to action final submission to the SAMRC no later than	**30 June 2023**

Please complete this FHS intention-to-submit form **by 27 May 2023 if you intend applying for this call. Please note that completion of this form is for the purposes of internal support and tracking, it is not linked to funder application processes and does not commit you to applying to this opportunity.**

For any queries, please contact the Research Development Team.