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Call for Applications for UCDG 2026

Mobility Grants for the Advancement of Researcher Profiles towards NRF rating

The institutional Capacity Development Grant (UCDG) is one of the sub-programmes in the National University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP), implemented by the DHET and universities.

The NWU's approved UCDP plan 2024-2026 makes provision for the Enhancement of Research Profiles, as part of the UCDG staff development component (focus area 2). The need to support academic staff to build their research profiles is addressed in project 7 which includes the provision of financial support through mobility grants to targeted researchers - typically to enable them to appoint replacement staff and/or to cover travel / other costs needed to engage in research activities.

Eligibility

NWU staff members (full-time, permanently appointed or temporarily appointed with full benefits) with the intention to participate in the NRF Evaluation and Rating programme, wishing to obtain/ maintain/improve their NRF Rating status.

NWU Mid-career researchers meaning researchers who have already established a research record and will typically hold a Y-, P- or C- NRF rating status, wishing to enhance his/her researcher profile.

Early-career researchers meaning researchers typically within five years after completion of a doctorate or who experienced an interruption in their research development, wishing to enhance his/her researcher to apply for NRF rating will also be considered.

Priority will be given to individuals intending to apply for an NRF rating in the year following the funding year (i.e. 2027), and who have not received the award in the recent past.

Application form can be found here

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