

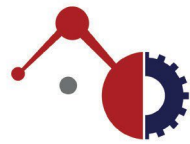
Moses Kotane Research Institute

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2026 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CALL

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT 2026

REF: RFC01/2026

BACKGROUND

The Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI) is a leading research institute dedicated to promoting economic growth and development in KwaZulu-Natal through research and innovation. The Institute develops practical, evidence-based solutions that respond to the needs of the provincial economy and uses research findings to inform policy development and improve service delivery interventions.

As part of its commitment to strengthening research capacity and supporting knowledge generation in the province, MKRI invites applications from eligible KwaZulu-Natal citizens who have been accepted for postgraduate studies at public universities within KwaZulu-Natal. Through this programme, the Institute seeks to support research that addresses provincial development challenges and contributes towards sustainable socio-economic development.

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REQUIREMENTS

You can apply if:

- You have been accepted for registration, or be registered, for an Honours, Master's or Doctoral qualification at a public university within KwaZulu-Natal.
- Your research offers solutions to challenges faced in the KZN Province.
- You are a South African citizen residing in the KZN province.
- You must be an unemployed full-time student or a senior public servant with 10 years' experience in the public sector.
- You should not be receiving financial assistance from another sponsor for the same academic period.

WHAT THE FUND COVERS

- Funding period for full-time studies will be according to the universities' handbooks.
- **Financial:** Tuition and research related expenses.
- **Non-financial:** Mentorship, developmental support, eligibility for research experiential learning should there be opportunities, and should you qualify.

FUNDING VALUE

- The Research Fund provides financial support up to the maximum amounts indicated below:
- Honours degree: Up to R60 000.00
- Master's degree: Up to R50 000.00
- Doctoral degree: to R40 000.00
- The funding awarded will be based on the approved budget submitted by the applicant, the nature and scope of the research, and the availability of funds. The Research Fund Committee reserves the right to award full or partial funding.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: (Submission of the following documents is mandatory)

- Fee statement/ Proforma issued by the institution.
- Certified copies of Identity Document.
- Copies of academic qualifications and / or letter of completion of your recent qualification.
- Academic record/transcript.
- Proof of registration from the University.
- Research Proposal that has been formally approved by the relevant Higher Degrees Committee, Faculty Research Committee or equivalent institutional structure.
- Proof of residence (original residence and the current residence).

DISQUALIFICATION

- Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Applicants who do not meet the requirements
- Applications received after the closing date
- Non submission of the required documents
- False or misleading information is provided.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to click on the link to apply.

<https://forms.gle/v7y8yf64HgXsoqr58>

PLEASE NOTE

- For enquiries, please email: **resesearchfund@moseskotane.com.**
- Students who fail to complete their studies within the designated full-time period will be required to reimburse the allocated funds.
- MKRI reserves the right to disqualify submissions from applicants who have not provided all necessary required documentation.



- CLOSING DATE: 22 JULY 2026**

