

## INTERNATIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

In addition to the formal inter-governmental cooperation that is outlined on page seven, the National Research Foundation facilitates cooperation between local and foreign researchers by administering grants and fellowships in the following categories:

### Overseas conference attendance

Conference grants are selectively awarded to researchers who hold, or are in the process of completing a doctoral degree and have been accepted as presenters of papers or as session chairpersons at conferences abroad.

The number of travel grants available to each institution is limited. A scientist will only be eligible for a conference grant once every two years.

### Research visits abroad

These grants are intended to enable local researchers to visit research organisations abroad. Fellowships are awarded for a period of between seven and 20 days.

### Short courses abroad

A limited number of grants are available for participation in short courses. Grants are allocated for a maximum period of 14 days.

### Foreign research fellowships

A number of fellowships are made available each year to enable local universities and museums to invite leading researchers from abroad to spend a short period in South Africa. Fellowships of this nature enrich local expertise and promote future collaboration.

### Keynote speakers from abroad

Applications can be made to the NRF to contribute towards the cost of an invited international speaker at a conference, workshop or seminar.

### Rest of Africa interaction

An amount of money is set aside each year to assist scientists from other African countries to visit their counterparts at universities or museums in South Africa. Funding is also available for local researchers to visit African universities or attend international conferences in the rest of Africa.

### NRF agreements and networking opportunities

The NRF has concluded a number of agreements with international scientific organisations. The NRF acts as a facilitator, enabling researchers to benefit from international exchange and collaboration. Most of the agreements and opportunities allow for cost sharing between the contracting parties.

Under all these agreements South African researchers or scholars may request support from the NRF for:

- Exchange of researchers to participate in joint research projects, usually for a period of two to three months
- *Ad hoc* grants for short orientation visits to research institutions abroad
- Joint symposia
- Lectureship programmes where eminent South African scientists are invited to undertake a lecturing tour in a collaborating country and vice versa

### The International Council for Science (ICSU)

The South African ICSU Secretariat serves the South African scientific community.

Its role is to promote and maintain close links between South African scientists and members of the worldwide community of the International Council for Science (ICSU). The structure, policy and procedures of the SA ICSU Secretariat are based on the universal character of science, irrespective of race, gender or creed.

For more information visit: [www.nrf.ac.za/services/icsu](http://www.nrf.ac.za/services/icsu) or [www.icsu.org](http://www.icsu.org).

