

Application form/**Distinguished visitor**

Discovery Foundation Awards for Healthcare in rural and underserved areas



GENERAL CRITERIA

The Foundation is committed to Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BEE). At least 75% of individual award beneficiaries must be from historically disadvantaged groups.

We especially encourage applications from:

- Women
- People with disabilities
- Doctors registered at, or working for, historically disadvantaged institutions

However, these awards are open to everyone. The process is highly competitive, and all submissions are judged against the same criteria.

DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

We will not consider your application if:

- You do not send us a detailed budget (for award categories where this is required).
- You leave out a copy of your ID or any other documents requested on the application form.
- You are not currently registered on the HPCSA website as a medical specialist (for Academic and Sub-specialist Awards) or as a registrar (for the Rural Individual Award).
- You already earn a salary and have a post for your sub-specialist training. This award cannot be used as a top-up (you must sign a statement confirming this).
- You are living outside South Africa when you apply.
- Your application is for sub-specialist training outside South Africa.
- You work full-time in the private sector when you apply.
- You are not a South African citizen or permanent resident with a South African ID.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

We will judge your application based on:

- **Credentials:** The proposed visitor must be an experienced clinician.
- **Operational plan:** The application must include a detailed operational plan.
- **Programme focus:** The proposed programme must not be outreach-focused.
- **Capacity building:** The application must show how the visits will build the institution's capacity.
- **Long-term impact:** The application must explain how long-lasting the impact on capacity will be based on the planned programme of work.
- **Relevance to patient population:** The application must show how building capacity in this area will meaningfully benefit the patients the institution serves.
- **Overall application quality:** The application must be clear, well-structured, and compelling.
- **Measurable outcomes:** The application must outline clear, measurable outcomes for the programme.
- **Budget quality:** The budget must be detailed, realistic, and aligned with the programme's activities.

(CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2026)

Host facility or health system applying for visitor:

Name of representative of host facility or health system:

Title:

Surname:

First names:

Designation:

Short biography of facility or health system (max 50 words):

Brief background to the facility (max 300 words):

Contact details:

Email:

Fax:

Telephone:

Cellphone:

Physical address:

Postal address:

Full name of proposed visitor:

Title:

Surname:

First name:

Current position:

Gender: Male Female

Race: African Coloured Indian White

Designation:

Institution or hospital that the visitor is from:

Budget breakdown:

Important notice: Please complete the application form in full. An incomplete application form may result in disqualification. Failure to adhere to the page and word-count limit may also result in disqualification. Anything other than the requested documents will not be considered.

Category	Cost per unit	No. of units	Total cost	Motivation	Additional funding amounts	Source of funding	Comments
1. Personal							
Distinguished visitor honorarium*							
2. Travel and accommodation							
Flights							
Car hire							
Accommodation							
4. Administrative equipment and consumables							
Software							
Hardware							
Printing							
Stationery							
Data/airtime							
5. Training support							
Clinical/training equipment							
Refreshments for meetings/trainings							
7. Other specify							
TOTAL							

Limitations of budget

* Daily fee to the distinguished visitor to a maximum of R5,000 a day

Duplication of salary expenses will not be covered if the distinguished visitor is employed fulltime by a province or university, unless the distinguished visitor has to take unpaid leave

Conference attendance is not covered

Expected date of completion:

Attach the following documents:

A 2 – 3 page CV of the proposed visitor

Short motivation for application (max 300 words)

Details of proposed programme (max 300 words)

Details of potential benefits for the programme (max 300 words)

Letter of support from the host institution or hospital

Email completed application forms and supporting documents to discoveryfoundation@tshikululu.org.za