
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

RURAL INSTITUTIONAL AWARD

We will judge your application based on:

- Where your institution is located: We especially encourage applications from very remote (deep rural) areas, but institutions in rural or peri-urban areas can also apply.
 - Benefits for staff: Explain how your project will help or support the people who work at your institution.
 - Benefits for the institution: Show how it will improve the way your institution operates.
 - Benefits for the community: Tell us how it will make a difference to the people you serve.
 - Clarity of the project: Make sure your project has a clear goal and plan.
 - Measurable results: Explain how you will know if the project is working or successful.
 - Feasibility: Show why the project is practical and achievable with the time and resources you have.
 - Budget quality: Provide a detailed, sensible budget with clear, reasonable costs.
 - Overall quality: Write clearly, show how the project will benefit both people and services, and explain how the benefits will last into the future.
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(CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2026)

Full name of applicant:

Title:

Surname:

First names:

Designation:

Name of facility:

Short biography of facility (max 50 words):

Unit/Department:

Associated academic institution:

Contact details:

Email:

Fax:

Telephone:

Cellphone:

Physical address:

Postal address:

Budget template for rural institutional award:

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. Personnel							
Salary of X							
2. Travel and accommodation							
Flights							
Car hire							
Accommodation							
Travel/km							
3. Workshops/trainings/meetings/visits							
Conference package							
4. Administrative equipment and consumables							
Software							
Hardware							
Printing							
Stationery							
Data/airtime							

Budget template for rural institutional award (continued):

Category	Cost per unit	No. of units	Total cost	Motivation	Additional funding amounts	Source of funding	Comments
5. Communication and dissemination							
Printing of PHD*							
Conference attendance**							
6. Other specify							
7. PBO or University levy							

*ALTERNATIVE HEADINGS by PROJECT ACTIVITY CAN BE USED e.g Capacitate/optimize x by 1,2,3

What is not covered and other notes

Duplication Duplication of salary expenses or payment of individuals already paid by province or university

Costs that are clearly a core provincial or university responsibility

Duplication – fully covered by another funder

Conference attendance to be directly related to the project, a motivation is required, together with the details of the conference to be attended

Expected date of completion:

Attach the following documents:

A 2 – 3 page CV

A letter of support from the associated academic institution

Short motivation for application (max 300 words)

A letter of support from the CEO of the host institution

Details on project applying for support (max 300 words)

Detailed budget including the number of years support is required

If funding is to be channelled through an institution, the following documents are required:

Certificate of proof of Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) status from SARS

Latest audited financial statements

Constitution of the organisation

Letter of support from the CEO of the facility

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