

ICGEB Special Programme with South African HDIs

RE-OPENED: Junior and Senior Fellowships Call

3rd Closing Date: 8 July 2024

The South African Department of Science and Innovation and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) have partnered in a Special Programme to develop and support capacity development in South African Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDIs)*.

The ICGEB invites applications from highly motivated scientists from HDIs (South African citizens and South African permanent residents) for short-term Fellowships in Life Sciences, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology and the bioeconomy, wishing to pursue research in a world-class scientific environment.

Programme Activities

1. Junior Fellowship Scheme:

The Junior Fellowship scheme, for Masters, PhD students and Postdoctoral researchers will offer short term visits (6 months duration) which include:

- a monthly stipend, health insurance, and return travel costs to ICGEB
- awarded fellowships are intended for ICGEB Components in Cape Town - South Africa, Trieste - Italy and New Delhi – India.
- the possibility to apply the latest techniques and methodologies to the chosen research topic
- opportunities for mentoring, peer-to-peer learning, and complementary skills
- immersion in a top-class international scientific research environment
- fellowships to be completed by mid-March 2025

1.1 Masters and PhD Fellowship Activities

ICGEB offers short-term fellowships to Masters and PhD students at HDIs

- Duration: 6 months (fellowships to be completed by mid-March 2025)
- Monthly stipend: Cape Town, South Africa: ZAR 14,000; Trieste, Italy (Euro 1200.00/ ZAR equivalent at time of award); New Delhi, India (US\$1000.00/ZAR equivalent at time of award)
- Travel: the fellowship includes provision for travel expenses (most economic route) from the fellow's home in South Africa to the ICGEB lab at the beginning of the fellowship and a return travel provision upon completion of the fellowship
- Medical health insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the fellowship

1.2 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Activities

ICGEB offers short-term fellowships to Postdoctoral researchers at HDIs, currently undertaking ongoing research, with the aim of facilitating access to the latest research techniques and to strengthen capacity building

- Duration: 6 months (fellowships to be completed by mid-March 2025)
- Monthly stipend: Cape Town, South Africa: ZAR 23,000; Trieste, Italy (Euro 1750.00/ ZAR equivalent at time of award); New Delhi, India (US\$1200.00/ZAR equivalent at time of award)
- Travel: the fellowship includes provision for travel expenses (most economic route) from the fellow's home in South Africa to the ICGEB lab at the beginning of the fellowship and a return travel provision upon completion of the fellowship
- Medical health insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the fellowship

***Eligible HDIs:**

University of Fort Hare, Durban University of Technology, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, Walter Sisulu University, University of the Western Cape, University of Zululand, Mangosuthu University of Technology, and Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University

2. Senior Fellowship Scheme:

The Senior Fellowship scheme, for research scientists and staff from South African HDIs, will offer short term visits (2 months duration) at the ICGEB Cape Town Component which includes:

- fellowships to be completed by mid-March 2025
- contribution towards accommodation costs (ZAR 10,000.00 per month) and return travel costs to ICGEB Cape Town (most economic and direct route)
- the possibility to apply the latest techniques and methodologies to the chosen research topic
- opportunities for research collaboration, mentoring, peer-to-peer learning and complementary skills
- immersion in a top-class international scientific research environment
- support research capacity development at the HDI

Eligibility Criteria for Junior and Senior Fellowship Scheme

- This Call is only open to South African citizens and South African permanent residents
- This Call is only open only to Masters students, PhD students and Postdoctoral fellows registered at South African HDIs and research scientists and staff from South African HDIs

Submission of Applications

Applications must be submitted via email to Claudia Russo – email: icgeb.hdi@icgeb.org

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Documentation required for Junior Fellowship:

- Applicants full CV
- South African ID or proof of South African permanent residence
- Research project details
- Letter of support from ICGEB Group Leader
- Letter of support from HDI supervisor and/or Head of Department and motivation for how the fellowship will enhance capacity development and research support of the student/postdoctoral fellow

Documentation required for Senior Fellowship:

- Applicants full CV
- South African ID or proof of South African permanent residence
- Research project details
- Letter of support from ICGEB Group Leader
- Letter of support from HDI Head of Department and motivation of how the training will benefit the institution

For further queries on this Programme call:

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ICGEB Cape Town Component
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