



2021/22 **DIGITAL** AFRICAN PATHWAYS PROGRAMME TEACHING AND RESEARCH MOBILITY GRANT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) is pleased to invite suitably qualified researchers and postgraduate students based in South Africa's participating public universities to apply for the 2021/22 African Pathways Programme's Teaching and Research Mobility Grant. The objective of the **digital** African Pathways Programme Teaching and Research Mobility Initiative is to advance research, teaching and learning in the humanities and social sciences (HSS), with the integration of digital and/or hybrid tools, techniques, and platforms into research methodology. This will foster greater cooperation and dialogue among scholars and postgraduate researchers within the African continent. Funding under this programme will support South African researchers and postgraduate students who undertake research and teaching endeavours at non-South African universities across the African continent.

The **Digital** African Pathways Programme Mobility Initiative provides support to South African scholars and postgraduate researchers pursuing joint teaching collaborations, establishing teaching programmes, new curriculum development, attending relevant short courses and fostering research networks at non-South African universities across the African continent.

As part of its **Digital Humanities** approach, the NIHSS strongly encourages APP Mobilities applicants to incorporate the use of digital/hybrid tools, techniques, and platforms in the implementation of their research and teaching endeavours. Such examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Holding online digital teaching exchanges among countries across the continent;
- Integrating digital tools and techniques into research design;
- Creating online repositories and/or archives based on the research undertaken; and
- Disseminating research outputs to wider audiences, using technology, via online workshops, seminars etc.

ELIGIBILITY

- South African citizens based at South African research institutes, think-tanks and public universities in the humanities and social sciences fields are eligible to apply .
- Full-time postgraduate students must be currently registered for either a Masters or PhD/Doctoral study.
- Non-South African scholars from the rest of the African continent may be considered for the grant only upon invitation by a South African scholar from any of the participating universities.

DURATION OF FUNDING

- The grant is awarded for a maximum period of twelve (12) months.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applications will be considered on the basis of scientific and technical merit.
- Applications should outline the framework for establishing long-term collaborations with Africa-based researchers and institutions of choice.
- The proposal should promote equality and redress/capacity-building in the case the researcher applies for training of South African postgraduate students (Master's and Doctoral).
- Only proposals not exceeding R300 000.00 will be considered.

2021/22 **DIGITAL** BRICS RESEARCH AND TEACHING MOBILITY GRANTS FOR THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The National Institute for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (NIHSS) and the South African BRICS Think Tank (SABTT) are pleased to invite suitably qualified South African researchers, postgraduate students, research institutes and think-tanks to apply for the 2021/22 BRICS Research and Teaching Mobility Grants. The objective of the **digital** BRICS research and teaching initiative is to provide a platform for researchers and academics to exchange ideas and to generate evidence-based policy recommendations, with the integration of digital and/or hybrid tools, techniques, and platforms into research methodology. Priority will be accorded to the following BRICS thematic areas:

- Promoting cooperation for economic growth and development.
- The maintaining of peace and security.
- Social justice, sustainable development and quality of life.
- Political and economic governance.
- Achieving progress by sharing knowledge and innovation.

Funding in this programme will support South African researchers and academics as well as postgraduate students (at Masters and Doctoral levels) undertaking research and teaching endeavours at BRICS universities and research institutes. Funding will also support South African research institutes and think-tanks to co-host policy dialogues with the SABTT, and to publish policy briefs on BRICS thematic issues.

As part of its **Digital Humanities** approach, the NIHSS strongly encourages BRICS Mobilities applicants to incorporate the use of digital tools, techniques and platforms in the implementation of their research and teaching endeavours. Such examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Holding online digital teaching exchanges among countries across the Global South;
- Integrating digital tools and techniques into research design;
- Creating online repositories and/or archives based on the research undertaken; and
- Disseminating research outputs to wider audiences, using technology, via online policy dialogues co-hosted with the SABTT, workshops, seminars etc.

ELIGIBILITY

- South African citizens based at South African research institutes, think-tanks and public universities in the humanities and social sciences fields are eligible to apply.
- Full-time postgraduate students must be currently registered for either a Masters or PhD/Doctoral study.
- Academics and researchers based at another BRIC or Global South country must be invited by a South African based academic/researcher, university, research institute or think-tank

DURATION OF FUNDING

- The grant is awarded for a maximum period of twelve (12) months.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applications will be considered on the basis of scientific and technical merit.
- Applications should outline the framework for establishing long-term collaborations with BRICS and Global South-based researchers and institutions of choice.
- The proposal should promote equality and redress/capacity-building in the case the researcher applies for training of South African postgraduate students (Master's and Doctoral).
- Only proposals not exceeding R300 000.00 will be considered.

APPLICANTS RESPONDING TO THIS CALL SHOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION:

1. Application forms can be accessed at: <https://gms.nihss.ac.za>
2. Proposal with detailed budget (projected income and expenditure).
3. A motivation letter (maximum 1 000 words).
4. Full curriculum vitae of the applicant (principal researcher, team members details to be included in CV).
5. Letter of endorsement of institution(s), where the project will be based (relevant Dean/s).
6. Certified South African ID copy of applicant or passport.
7. In the case of postgraduate student applicants, a letter of recommendation from the supervisor confirming the applicants' affiliation and capacity to undertake the proposed activity AND proof of registration.

Enquiries may be directed to Mr Senkhu Maimane (Senkhu@nihss.ac.za) or 011 480 2317. For technical queries only, please call 011 480 2328

Call for Funding Submission Deadline: 13 August 2021

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. If you do not hear from us within three months, please consider your application unsuccessful.