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Prof AJ Smit
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Dear Prof Smit

NRF GRANT for 2015 : COMPETITIVE PROGRAMME FOR RATED RESEARCHERS (CPRR)

I have pleasure in informing you that your research proposal for funding from the above Programme has been accepted for support.

Short title of project: *Thermal characteristics of the South African nearshore: implications for biodiversity*
Duration of funding : 3

The grant decision below is the outcome of the NRF review process.

Category	2015 Award	2016 Award	2017 Award
Student Support			
Student Assistantships Summary	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Masters/Doctoral Summary	200,000.00	240,000.00	160,000.00
Research Operating Costs			
Running Expenses	231,800.00	194,800.00	249,800.00
Research Equipment	200,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total	671,800.00	474,800.00	449,800.00

The following categories have been totalled under Materials and Supplies:

- Running Expenses (Materials and Supplies)
- Research/Technical/Ad Hoc Assistants
- Local Conferences Attendance (Travel and Subsistence)
- Local Travel (Travel and Subsistence)
- International Conferences (Travel and Subsistence)
- International Visits (Travel and Subsistence)
- Research Equipment
- Sabbatical

Please be aware that not all the items in the original application have been awarded due to budget constraints. The first 6 bullet items were totalled as running expenses.

Please refer to the above budget table and note that the budget items that were awarded under the main heading **RESEARCH RELATED OPERATING COSTS**, are research funds and must be used for the approved NRF project mentioned above and in accordance with the attached Acceptance of Conditions document.

All expenses incurred during the tenure of the above-mentioned project, may be claimed according to the allowable budget guidelines as contained in the Guide for this Call and the auditable budget items according to your Institution's financial guidelines.

POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The awarding of post-doctoral fellowships will be reliant on the identification of an individual for the position. The NRF will

award the fellowship once the specific individual has been identified and nominated and the NRF has been informed via the research office. Only applicants with post-doctoral fellowship requests on their original applications will be assured of support.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

- Funds for **RESEARCH RELATED OPERATING COSTS** will be released upon receipt of a signed hard copy of the Acceptance of Grant Conditions.
- Funds which have been awarded within the student categories will be released upon receipt of the relevant nomination forms, which is available on the NRF online system: <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> - (Grant-holder Tools section). Please complete a nomination form for each student and submit online by 31 March with proof of registration.
- Funding in consecutive years, provided that you have been awarded funding for multiple years (refer to table of the approved award), will be released on receipt of your Annual Progress Report by 31 March each year available at <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> - (Grant-holder Tools section), from December of the previous year.

GRANT STATEMENTS

Grant-holders will be able to access grant statements on the NRF Online system on a continuous basis. These statements will provide a complete status of the grant in terms of amounts released, claimed (expensed) and paid. Statements can be accessed at <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> - (Grant-holder Tools section). An updated statement will be generated twice a month after payments has been made to institutions.

COPIES TO CO-INVESTIGATORS

Please ensure that all co-investigators listed in your research proposal receive a copy of this letter and of subsequent correspondence relating to the grant.

In making this award, the NRF anticipates that you, as a grant holder, will actively participate in the peer and panel review process to strengthen and expand quality research in South Africa.

We wish you well with your research.

Yours sincerely,



Electronic signature

Mr L Monyooe

Grant Director: Strategic Knowledge Fields

Knowledge Fields Development (KFD) Directorate

Copies to: University of the Western Cape

List of Enclosures

- 1) Grant conditions
- 2) Bursary Conditions
- 3) Agreement for Grantholder - linked student support