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 Grant No: 113350  
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Dear Prof Smit

### **NRF GRANT for 2018 : Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers**

It is my pleasure to inform you that your research proposal for funding from the above Programme has been accepted for support.

**Short title of project:** *Upwelling dynamics in kelp beds: implications for trophic function*  
**Duration of funding :** 3

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

Category	2018 Award	2019 Award	2020 Award
<b>Student Support</b>			
Masters/Doctoral Summary	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
<b>Research Operating Costs</b>			
Running Expenses	191,400.00	138,000.00	144,600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>281,400.00</b>	<b>228,000.00</b>	<b>144,600.00</b>

The following categories of funding were available in the application:

- 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)
- Sabbatical
- Research Equipment

Please be aware that not all the items in the original application have been awarded due to budget constraints. The first 7 bullet items above 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 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.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

- Running funds will be released upon receipt of
  - o a signed copy of the Acceptance of Grant Conditions that must be submitted electronically by the Research office
  - o As an audit requirement please attach a copy of your ID document (or passport) to the signed Grant Conditions before submitting it to the Research Office (as a separate document).
  - o Annual Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument**.
- 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 and the signed Student Agreement.
- Running Funds for this grant 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
  1. Annual Progress Report for this grant by 15 February each year available at <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za> - (Grant-holder Tools section), from December of the previous year
  2. Annual Reports for all grants received from **any NRF funding instrument**.

## 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,

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Electronic signature  
**Simon Lotz**  
**Acting Director**  
**Grants Management and Systems Administration (GMSA)**

**Copies to: University of the Western Cape**

## List of Enclosures

- 1) Grant conditions
- 2) Bursary Conditions
- 3) Student Agreement