**Emerging Researchers Acceleration Programme**

**WRC/DSI PhD Funding Application Form Template**

**Purpose of this template**

* Note that this document is a template of all the questions that are contained on the online application form for the Emerging Researchers Acceleration Programme: PhD Funding application process.
* This form can be used to prepare the information that you need to complete on the online form when applying for PhD funding
* Note that the WRC will only review applications submitted on the online link. We DO NOT accept word/PDF applications.

**Advice on completing this form**

* PhD Supervisors who wish to propose a student for funding should complete this form. Whilst supervisors are the lead applicant on the form, they should complete this form in collaboration with the students whom they are proposing.
* Remember to read the call document. This provides an overview of focus areas, funding scales, funding duration and other requirements.
* Closing date for applications: 11 December 2024

**Supporting evidence deadlines and requirements**

* Selected candidates will need to provide supporting documentation by 14 February 2025. These documents include:
  + Signed annual study work plan on the WRC template (which includes a clear budget of how you will spend the student funds over the year),
  + University-stamped proof of registration on an official university letterhead (must be dated in the period 1 January – 31 March 2024)
  + A supervisor letter according to a WRC template,
  + A certified copy of the student ID (certified within 3 months of submission)
  + WRC student and project leader declaration forms confirming receipt of student funding support (on WRC template)
  + All supporting evidence documents will be shared with DSI and handled according to the POPIA act.

**SECTION 1: Supervisor Information**

1. Supervisory Title \*
2. Supervisor Full Name and Surname \*
3. Supervisor Mobile Number \*
4. Supervisor Telephone Number
5. Supervisor Email \*
6. Supervisor Institution/employer \*
7. Supervisor Faculty and Department \*
8. Have you ever managed a project funded by the WRC?\*

Yes/no

1. Do you currently have an active WRC project contract? \*

Yes /no

* 1. If yes, please provide the WRC contract number (Active project contracts only)
  2. If yes, please provide the WRC project title (Active project contracts only)
  3. If yes, WRC contract start date (active project contracts only)
  4. If yes, WRC contract end date (active project contracts only)

1. Please provide a short motivation for why you would like to supervise the proposed student
2. Please provide a short motivation of how you will go about providing effective supervisory support and mentorship.
3. Supervisor declaration: I declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided is complete and correct \*

Yes

1. If the student is selected for funding I commit to submitting the relevant supporting documents to the WRC by 14 February 2024 and thereafter as contracted.\*

Yes

**SECTION 2: Student Information**

*Student personal info*

1. Title \*
2. Full Names (please enter all names) \*
3. Surname \*
4. Gender \* male, female, other
5. Population Group \* African Coloured Indian White Other:
6. ID/Passport Number \*
7. ID/Passport Number type \* RSA, Non-RSA, Permanent Resident
8. Nationality (Indicate Country) \*
9. Does the student applicant have any form of disability (this information is used for

reporting purposes and does not affect the outcome of the application)

* 1. If yes for disability specify

1. Date of Birth \*
2. Age \*
3. Telephone Number
4. Mobile Number \*
5. E-mail Address \*
6. Residential Address (area code is important) \*
7. Local/District Municipality (linked to the address where you reside)\*
8. Which Province do you come from? (Linked to the address where you reside)\*
9. Has the applying student received bursary funding from the WRC previously?
   1. If yes, please let us know the name of the project and project number the student was linked to.
10. Is the applying student currently employed? \* yes/no
11. If employed, what is the nature of your employment: Part time lecturing/tutoring post at university/Full time university employment/Research institute/ Consultant/ Government Organization/ Private Sector Organization/ Other

*Student Education Details*

1. Highest Qualiﬁcation \*
2. Are you currently enrolled for a degree?\*
   1. If yes, what degree are you enrolled for?
3. What PhD will you be starting in 2025 (Disciplinary area)\*
4. What department will you be linked to for your PhD?\*
5. Which university will you be enrolling at?\*
6. Will you be studying part time or full time?\*
7. Student Number (where available)

*Student research focus and interests*

1. Proposed/conﬁrmed dissertation title \*
2. Brief summary of the focus of the dissertation (at a minimum this must \*
3. include; 1. Brief context of the research topic, 2. Main research questions)
4. Please provide a motivation for how your research topic aligns to the Water RDI Roadmap, and WRC thematic focal areas (refer to call document)
5. Please provide a brief insight into what your big career dreams are for the next 5-10 years and how being awarded this bursary would help you on this journey\*
6. Which cluster of the Water RDI Roadmap does your research most closely align with?\* Select 1
   * + Cluster 1: Unlocking Alternative Sources of Water
     + Cluster 2: Governance, Planning and Management of Supply Cluster 3: Built and Ecological Infrastructure
     + Cluster 4: Water as a Smart Business (including Pricing and Billing) Cluster 5: Governance, Planning and Management of demand
     + Cluster 6: Efficiency
     + Cluster 7: Monitoring and Metering
     + Other
7. Which WRC thematic cluster does your research most closely align with?\*

* Water availability
* Water use
* Water quality and health

1. Number of years the student requires funding for? (1-3 years) \*
2. Student declaration: I declare, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided is complete and correct \*
3. If the student is selected for funding I commit to submitting the relevant supporting documents to the WRC by 14 February 2024 and thereafter as contracted.\*