



South African TB/AIDS Research Training (SATBAT) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MENTORED CLINICAL TB RESEARCH

This consortium of SA and US Universities - SATBAT - will disburse funding and grant research mentorship for ten outstanding clinical TB research proposals that are able to be completed and published over 18 months.

The purpose of these awards is to provide money to encourage and mentor new ideas in TB or TB/HIV and to support or initiate research careers in TB. **We are particularly hoping for responses from registrars and masters students.** The grant will support research projects from young researchers (<~40 years old) in the medical, social or economic sciences. We would welcome applications from researchers who do not have any first author publications.

Applicants must be associated with a South African university or its affiliated units or a government funded research institution (e.g. MRC, NHLS, NICD, HSRC. etc). The grant will fund costs to a maximum of ZAR 55 000.00 (fifty five thousand Rand) and is subject to terms and conditions. No funds will be disbursed to projects located outside South Africa. The applicant's own supervisor should be listed as a co-investigator. If there is difficulty in obtaining a supervisor, SATBAT will be able to assist.

A two-day grant writing course will be held in Johannesburg to assist applicants in preparing their full response to this request for proposals. The course (including in-country transport) will be fully funded by SATBAT.

All responses to this request for proposals will be reviewed and scored by two experts in TB and/or HIV. Originality of the research idea and ability of investigator to carry out the research within his/her environment will be important review criteria. Comments will be provided to all respondents.

To apply:

1. Send a two-page NIH-format biosketch (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc>) and a letter of intent to inform us that you plan to submit a response to this request for applications. The letter should include a preliminary title of the proposed

research and whether or not you wish to attend the grant proposal writing course in Johannesburg on 24th and 25th March 2010.

Your letter of intent and CV should be sent by 8th March 2010 (08:00 am) to tb@phru.co.za or by fax to 0119899762

2. Download instructions from www.tbaid.org.za and submit your response to this request as an MS word or pdf document. **Email your full response to tb@phru.co.za by 08:00 on May 3rd 2010.**

Successful applicants will be informed by end July 2010 and disbursements will take place early August 2010.

3. Provide a signed letter of support on an official letterhead from your supervisor or head of unit or department. Email it with your full response or fax it to 011 989 9762 clearly labeled SATBAT on the same day as you submit your full response.

Queries can be directed to Dr N Martinson: tb@phru.co.za

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