



## THE NANOTECHNOLOGY FLAGSHIPS PROJECT

### Funding Instrument

### 2013/14 Call for Applications

In partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the National Research Foundation (NRF) through the Nanotechnology Flagships Project (NFP), seeks to promote nanoscience and nanotechnology research to ensure that South Africa is ready to optimally use nanotechnology to enhance the nation's global competitiveness and sustainable economic growth.

In 2007/08, the DST and NRF made an initial investment in a portfolio of ten research projects, through an open call for applications, for a period of three years. In 2011/12, the DST and NRF made a second investment in the NFP for a three-year period. After a closed Call for proposals and a rigorous panel review process, only five of the ten grant holders were deemed fundable by the review panel, based on their progress reported in the first funding cycle as well as the plans that were proposed to consolidate and complete their research projects within the following three years. As a result, the budget earmarked for the second funding cycle of the NFP was not fully committed. The DST and NRF have therefore agreed to utilise the remaining funds for awarding of NFP development grants to early career researchers in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology for a three-year period.

#### **Application Deadlines:**

Refer to the *Manual for Applications for: The Nanotechnology Flagships Project (NFP) Funding Instrument* for eligibility and other criteria.

Applications should be submitted electronically on the NRF Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za/nrfmkii/>

For more information please view the attached documents or visit the NRF website at [www.nrf.ac.za](http://www.nrf.ac.za).

The Call for Proposals for the NFP development grants will be open from **12 August 2013 to 23 September 2013**. No late applications will be considered.

DAs will be afforded an additional five days in order to submit approved applications to NRF for review.

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