

**GUIDELINES ON THE CANSA APPLIED CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING
STREAM**



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Background

CANSA's Purpose & Mission

- **Purpose:** Lead South Africa towards a cancer-free world.
- **Mission:** As a non-profit organisation fighting cancer, CANSA enables research, educates the public, and advocates for and supports all people affected by cancer.

The CANSA Applied Cancer Research funding stream supports smaller-scale, applied research projects aligned with CANSA's operational priorities and advocacy work. These projects often originate within CANSA in collaboration with researchers at accredited South African universities and research institutions.

The programme aims to strengthen evidence-based cancer prevention, early detection, patient support, survivorship, and service delivery initiatives in South Africa while supporting emerging and early-career researchers.

Purpose of the Funding Stream

The Applied Cancer Research funding stream supports small-scale, high-impact research projects that generate actionable evidence to improve cancer-related outcomes, services, and patient support initiatives in South Africa.

Projects should contribute directly to CANSA's operational priorities, advocacy initiatives, programme development, or public health impact.

Research Focus Areas

Projects may focus on:

1. Cancer prevention and risk reduction, including environmental and lifestyle factors
2. Early detection and help-seeking behaviour
3. Patient support, survivorship, and care optimisation
4. Improving recognition of cancer signs and symptoms
5. Strengthening pathways to cancer diagnosis and treatment
6. CANSA programme and service improvement initiatives
7. Cancer awareness, education, and behavioural interventions
8. Community-based and health systems research related to cancer control

Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Be registered at an accredited South African tertiary or research institution.
2. Be postgraduate students (Master's, MPH, PhD) or postdoctoral researchers.
3. Have supervisor support, with a signed endorsement from the supervisor and institution.
4. Demonstrate that the proposed project aligns with the objectives of the CANSA Applied Cancer Research funding stream.
5. Obtain institutional ethics approval before commencement of the research project.

6. Conduct the research within South Africa.

Funding Conditions

1. Maximum funding is R60 000 per project per annum.
2. Funding supports direct research costs only.
3. Tuition fees and bursaries are excluded.
4. Applications exceeding R60 000 must include a detailed written motivation and budget justification.
5. Funding may be used for:
 - Research-related running expenses
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Research assistant support
 - Printing and dissemination costs
 - Local travel directly related to the research
 - Research translation outputs
6. Funding may not be used for:
 - Postgraduate tuition fees
 - General salary support
 - Institutional overheads
 - Non-research-related travel
 - Equipment unrelated to the project objectives
7. Funding will only be released upon confirmation of ethics approval where applicable.

Deliverables

All funded projects must produce:

1. A research translation output such as:
 - Policy brief
 - Infographic
 - Lay summary
 - Educational resource
2. A presentation to CANSA on the project findings and implications.
3. At least one peer-reviewed publication or manuscript submission.
4. Six-monthly progress reports.
5. A final narrative and financial report at project completion.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed CANSA application form.
2. A motivation letter outlining:
 - Research relevance
 - Alignment with CANSA priorities
 - Expected impact
3. Curriculum vitae (CV) of the applicant.
4. Supervisor endorsement or signature.
5. A detailed project proposal and budget.

6. Ethical clearance documentation, if already available.

Submission Process

Applications must be submitted electronically to: Research@cansa.org.za

Subject Line: Applied Cancer Research Programme - [Applicant Name]

Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

Review Process

Applications will undergo review based on:

- Relevance to CANSA priorities
- Scientific merit and feasibility
- Potential public health impact
- Budget appropriateness
- Research translation potential
- Capacity development of emerging researchers

CANSA reserves the right to approve or decline applications at its discretion.

Reporting Requirements

Funded applicants will be required to:

1. Submit progress reports every six months.
2. Notify CANSA of any significant changes to the project.
4. Acknowledge CANSA support in all publications and dissemination materials using the Statement: "This study was funded by the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA)."
5. Participate in CANSA research dissemination activities where requested.

Closing Dates

Calls for proposals will be announced periodically, with expected annual submission cycles around the end of April and the end of October.

Applicants are encouraged to monitor CANSA communication platforms for announcements.