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NRF National Research Foundation

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION BOARD

The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (the Minister) hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates for appointment to the board of the National Research Foundation (NRF), which is being reconstituted in terms of the National Research Foundation Act, 1998 (Act No. 23 of 1998).

The NRF was created to contribute to national development by—
(a) supporting, promoting and advancing research and human capacity development, through funding and the provision of the necessary research infrastructure, in order to facilitate the creation of knowledge, innovation and development in all fields of science and technology, including humanities, social sciences and indigenous knowledge;
(b) developing, supporting and maintaining national research facilities;
(c) supporting and promoting public awareness of, and engagement with, science; and
(d) promoting the development and maintenance of the national science system and support of government priorities.

In terms of the Act, the NRF acts through a board consisting of—
(a) a chairperson, appointed by the Minister;
(b) no fewer than nine and no more than 11 other members nominated by the public and appointed by the Minister;
(c) one member appointed by the Minister, after nominations from the National Advisory Council on Innovation; and
(d) one member appointed by the Minister, after nominations from the Council on Higher Education.

The members of the board, including the chairperson, serve on a part-time basis for a maximum of four years and must be South African citizens or permanent residents. They must all have achieved distinction in research, technology, technology management, business or civil society.

The NRF will pay a member of the board or a member of any committee of the board who is not in the full-time employment of the state such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the Minister in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

Nominations should be submitted to the Minister by no later than **20 July 2026**. Please email nominations to **Boardappointment5@dsti.gov.za**, accompanied by a copy of the candidate's identity document and curriculum vitae, including the following information: Full names, gender, race, current designation and responsibilities, contact details (postal and email addresses, and cellphone and landline numbers), qualifications, current and past service on boards, areas of expertise, and the names and contact details of at least two referees.

Confirmation of the nominee's availability is also required.

NB: Nominations will not be considered unless all the requirements set out above are met. Correspondence will be entered into with shortlisted candidates only.

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