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RULES FOR RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Grants from the DDF Trust are made to individuals who are currently members (of any category) of the South African Dental Association (SADA) for at least two years immediately prior to the date of the application for a research grant.
2. The DDF Trust will award one research grant per department per research period/year.
3. Completed application form, including an electronic transmission in pdf format, should be addressed to The Chairperson, Dentistry Development Foundation Trust, Private Bag 1, Houghton, 2041 and submitted through email at **nnkiwane@sada.co.za**:
All documents must be clearly typed / written.
4. The closing dates for applications are a month before the DDFT meeting.
5. In extraordinary circumstances urgent applications may be considered by the Trustees of the Dentistry Development Foundation Trust.
6. A research protocol must accompany all applications for research funds and documentary evidence must be submitted that the project has been approved by the Research and, where necessary, the Ethical Committees of the relevant institution.
7. A referee's report is required and any other relevant documents requested by the trustees.
8. All running costs must be clearly indicated in the protocol, i.e. whether meant for chemicals, travel or subsistence, films, glassware, data processing, etc. Items that will not be covered include printing, publications and mail costs and expenditure on reprints.
If an application is submitted for the purchase of apparatus, it must be accompanied by
 - 8.1 a quotation for the apparatus concerned
 - 8.2 a motivation which stipulates the necessity for the apparatus
 - 8.3 evidence that ready access to the use of a suitable apparatus elsewhere is not available
 - 8.4 a statement on what is planned to be done with the apparatus on completion of the project.

9. It is a condition of the grant that applicants must indicate that they have applied to other funders for financial assistance. Applicants are required to provide full details of the application and the financial assistance received from other funders.
10. Financial support for research assistants will only be considered in extraordinary cases as it is expected that the infrastructure will be supplied by the Institution concerned. If this is not possible, a complete motivation is mandatory.
11. The DDFT shall pay any approved research grant in such instalments, frequency and on such dates which the DDFT in its sole discretion shall determine.
12. Grants which are not taken up within six months after the grant has been awarded will automatically expire, but a re-application can be submitted with a detailed motivation.
13. It is mandatory that the successful applicant(s) submit **six-monthly** progress reports for continued funding of the research project. If reports are not received, the DDFT reserves the right not to pay any outstanding research grant funds to the applicant.
14. The applicant(s) must acknowledge the support of the DDFT in all publications arising from the research. Copies (reprints) of such publications must be sent to the Trustees of the DDFT.
15. Successful grant applicants must undertake to spend two years in South Africa from the date the grant is paid to them.
16. Award of the full or major portion of the grant requested is contingent on intention to publish the research in the SADJ subject to the Managing Editor's discretion. The Managing Editor will advise within a reasonable period whether he intends to publish the research. Any such publication resulting from research undertaken with the financial support of the DDF Trust must contain an acknowledgement of the financial support received from the DDF Trust.

Any publication resulting from research undertaken with the financial support of the DDF Trust must include a clause that absolves the DDFT from any responsibility for any opinions or conclusions contained in the publication.

If statements concerning the research are made to the media, it should be stated explicitly that the research should not be regarded as having been done on behalf of or commissioned by the DDF Trust (unless the Trust so permits).

17. It is a condition of the grant that successful applicants should present the findings of their research project to SADA Branches when invited to do so. A list of grant recipients will be made available to branches.