

# SATS - Novartis Respiratory Training Research Fellowships 2017:

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The value of the fellowship that will be awarded in 2017 is **R15,000 (two awards)**. This award is to support registrar level project required during sub-specialty training.
2. The Novartis Respiratory Training Research Fellowship is intended primarily for respiratory trainees (adult pulmonology, thoracic surgery, paediatric pulmonology). Applicants must be SATS members, and undertaking training within the pulmonary field.
3. Applicants are required to provide a full curriculum vitae and their applications should be endorsed by a letter from the Head of their current institution (Head of Department of Pulmonology, Surgery/Thoracic surgery or Paediatric Pulmonology or the relevant institutional Head). The project should be feasible during the specified training period.
4. Applications will be considered for research projects relating to pulmonology, whether basic or applied, but conventional drug trials will not be acceptable. All research projects undertaken by the Fellow must be approved by the Ethics Committee of the host institution. The Research Fellow is required to undertake his/her research in accordance with the proposal presented, and in the designated institution. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in discontinuation of the payments and liability for full repayment of the Fellowship to the Sponsor.
5. Applicants are required to provide personal details and a sufficiently detailed outline of the proposed research project and a budget to enable the Selection Committee to assess the candidate's ability to develop a research protocol and feasibility of the merits of the project.
6. The Novartis Respiratory Training Research Fellow will be required to give a written undertaking that he/she will remain and work in South Africa for at least one year after completing his/her Fellowship.
7. The research data generated by this award should be submitted as an abstract to the following year's SATS congress. If data collection/analysis is delayed, application should be sought to defer the requirement to present the outcomes at the SATS congress. The final portion of the fellowship will be transferred on receipt of the abstract, to cover the costs of attending the congress, at which the data is to be presented.
8. It is expected that data should be submitted to the South African Respiratory Journal for publication. In the event that the authors wish to publish in a higher impact factor journal – special permission and arrangements must be sought. All work presented/published through this funding must acknowledge the Fellowship.
9. The Novartis Respiratory Training Research Fellow will be required to provide a yearly written progress report on his/her research to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Selection Committee. This must include a list of all related publications and abstracts presented at congresses (copies of which should also be sent). Failure to honour these undertakings renders the Research Fellow liable to repayment of half the total amount of the grant.
10. Application forms may be obtained from Prof. Richard van Zyl-Smit, Chair of SATS Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o UCT Lung Institute, PO Box 34560, Groote Schuur 7937. Telephone: (021) 406-6125/6901. Email: [richard.vanzyl-smit@uct.ac.za](mailto:richard.vanzyl-smit@uct.ac.za)
11. Completed forms as a PDF (signed emailed electronic copies) should be sent to Prof Richard van Zyl-Smit (contact details see above).
12. The recipient/s of awards will be **notified** and will be awarded a certificate signed by the President of the South African Thoracic Society at the following SATS Congress.