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Requirements for processing grantholder-linked and free standing student and postdoctoral support

Dear Designated Authorities (DAs)

Further to a request to the NRF by the Auditors, please note the following requirements:

On nomination (grantholder-linked) or acceptance of award (on freestanding)

The following are required documents for approval of funding for ALL (grantholder-linked and free-standing) postgraduate students and Postdoctoral Fellow support:

1. Fully completed nomination form (for grantholder-linked students and PD Fellows);
2. Signed Student Agreement Form (ALL);
3. Copy of SA ID or valid Passport document (ALL);
4. Academic Transcript of completed qualifications (for free-standing bursars);
5. Copy of Doctoral Certificate (for Postdoctoral Fellows – ALL); and
6. Proof of registration (ALL).

On completion of the supported degree

Student requirements:

The scholarship/bursary- holder is required to upload the final corrected version in an approved electronic format (single Adobe readable file (PDF)) to the NRF. The institutional office responsible for the award should ensure that the scholarship/bursary-holder submits the handle or link of the dissertation or thesis deposited in the University Library's digital repository to the NRF, before or a month after their graduation ceremony to the following address, http://www.nrf.ac.za/nrf_funded_thesis_dissertation_requirements. Failure to comply with the requirement, the scholarship/ bursary- holder will be liable to refund all support provided by the NRF for the degree under which the funding was awarded.

Institutional requirements:

The DAs need to complete the Student Graduation Completion Data (tutorial is attached).

NB: Additional requirements might apply depending on the specific funding instrument and should be taken into consideration.