



WATER
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INVITATION TO REGIONAL SESSIONS: WRC 101 – FOR PROJECT LEADERS

Gauteng (Pretoria): 23 April 2013
Western Cape (Cape Town): 25 April 2013
KZN (Durban): 9 May 2013
Eastern Cape (Port Elizabeth): 10 May 2013

The Water Research Commission (WRC) funds water research according to strategic priorities through our annual call for proposals. We have noted an encouraging trend of proposals being submitted by research groups who have previously not applied to the WRC for funding. Many established research groups also have new project leaders managing WRC projects. The WRC, like any other research funding organisation, has project management and administrative requirements, which are reviewed periodically. The more established project leaders will also have noted that the proposal submission, project management, intellectual property management and financial requirements have changed as the different modules of the WRC Fund Management System have been completed. Additionally, the WRC has sought to improve its interaction and coordination with current and prospective project teams, in order to streamline administrative processes and to render to the research community a better understanding of the WRC's strategic objectives as defined in its five-year Strategic Plan. This involves informing institutions of the WRC's focus areas and direction for the prioritisation of funds in the next financial year, and encouraging WRC staff to gain a better understanding of how various institutions operate.

The WRC has developed an informative 1-day course/workshop for aspiring and new project leaders to:

- Understand the WRC research cycle
- Discover the research priorities of the WRC and the fund allocation for each of the priorities
- Prepare a comprehensive proposal (taking note of tips provided to improve the chances of success)

- Manage the technical, administrative and financial aspects of a WRC project
- Understand the contractual and financial audit requirements
- Know what resources are available to enhance the success of the project

Target audience:

- Researchers in the water sector who would like to apply for WRC projects funds or who have been unsuccessful in their applications in the past
- Project leaders who have recently been awarded a WRC project
- Established project leaders who want to take note of changes in the requirements

Financial assistance for travel and accommodation

The WRC has limited financial resources available for delegates who wish to attend a regional WRC 101. Preference will be given to applicants who are from provinces other than Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Western Cape, as well as to applicants from higher education institutions. Successful applicants will need to make their own travel arrangements and complete a travel claim form supplied by the WRC. Conditions apply. Interested parties must submit a short motivation to Mrs Zagry Scholtz at zagrys@wrc.org.za or fax: **012-331 2565** before **19 April 2013**.