

National Department of Health

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CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COUNCIL

The National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC) was established in terms of the Section 72 (1) of the National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003). The mandate of the NHREC is to-

- (a) determine guidelines for the functioning of research ethics committees;
- (b) register and audit research ethics committees;
- (c) set norms and standards for conducting research with human participants and research using animals, as well as for conducting clinical trials;
- (d) adjudicate complaints about the functioning of RECs and hear any complaint by a researcher who believes he or she has been unfairly discriminated against by a REC;
- (e) refer to the relevant statutory health professional council matters involving violation or potential violation of an ethical or professional rule by a health care provider;
- (f) institute such disciplinary action as may be prescribed against any person found to be in violation of any norms and standards or guidelines set for the conducting of research in terms of this Act;
- (g) advise the national department and provincial departments on any ethical issues concerning research; and
- (h) set up working groups/task teams/sub-committees to carry out its functions.

Furthermore, the NHREC is mandated to ensure that health research is conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards and international best practice as well as to exercise oversight of the composition, competencies and operations of Health Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) and Animal Research Ethics Committees (ARECs) (referred to collectively as RECs). The activities of the NHREC are regulated by Regulations issued in terms of s 90 (1)(s) of the NHA.

The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr MJ Phaahla, hereby invites nominations of suitable candidates to serve as Members of the NHREC as prescribed by Section 72 (2) of the Act for a term of office of three (3) years, effective from 07 November 2023. Applications and nominations are invited for persons with extensive experience and knowledge in health research ethics, community, pharmaceutical industry, Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), the ethics of research using animals and of relevant law.

Remuneration of Members: A member of the NHREC who is not in the full-time employment of the State must in respect of his or her service as a member be paid such remuneration as the Minister may determine with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance.

Requirements of a valid nomination: Nominations must be made on a nomination form obtainable from the Department of Health's website at www.health.gov.za under **VACANCIES**. A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the nominee should be attached, including certified copies of academic qualifications and supporting information. Nominations should be addressed to the **Director-General, Department of Health, and marked for the attention of the Director: Health Research and submitted** via email to nhrec@Health.gov.za

Closing Date: Friday, 28 July 2023 at 16h00.