



CELEBRATES SCIENCE



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1. INTRAMURAL RESEARCH UNITS

Biomedical Research and Innovation Platform

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Intramural

- Office of AIDS Research
- Office of Malaria Research
- Office of Tuberculosis Research
- Primate

Extramural

- Antimicrobial Resistance and Global Health Research
- Bioinformatics Capacity Development
- Cardiometabolic Health
- Common Epithelial Cancer
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Gynaecological Cancer
- Intersection of Non-communicable Disease and Infectious Disease Research
- Masculinity and Health Research
- Maternal and Infant Health Care Strategies
- Microbial Water Quality Monitoring
- Pan African Centre for Epidemics Research
- Precision and Genomic Medicine
- Precision Oncology
- South African Population Research Infrastructure Network

Research Centre

- Advancing Care and Treatment For TB/HIV
- Centre for Basic and Translational Human TB Research
- Centre for Digital Health Innovation
- Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Research on Malaria
- Centre for Optimising Antimalarial Therapy in South Africa
- Centre for Sustainable Malaria Control
- Centre for Tuberculosis Biomarker-Targeted Intervention
- Clinical and Community HIV-Tuberculosis Research
- Soweto Matlosana SAMRC Collaborating Centre for HIV/AIDS and TB
- TB Free through Research and Innovation
- Tuberculosis Collaborating Centre for Child Health
- Tygerberg SAMRC Collaborating centre for HIV Laboratory Research
- Wits Clinical HIV/TB Research Unit, WITS Health Consortium
- Wits RHI Collaborating Centre for HIV/AIDS

5. GRANTS AWARDED

SAMRC LIST OF NEW CONTRACTS FOR DECEMBER 2023					
SAMRC Unit	Funder	Main Funder	Project Title/Description	Contract Value	
				Rand	Foreign Currency
GIPD	UKRI	ISPF	UKRS/SAMRC Co Fund research & innovation programmes in RSA withing health areas of Non-Communicable & Infectious Diseases	R196 876 044.00	£8 460 000.00
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