



SOUTHERN AFRICA MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATION

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# KOVALEVSKAIA RESEARCH GRANTS FOR FEMALE MATHEMATICIANS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

## About the Award

The Kovalevskia Research Grants is an initiative of the Kovalevskia Fund (<http://kovfund.org/>) and SAMSA, within the MASAMU Program (<https://masamu.auburn.edu>), aiming at encouraging upcoming female mathematicians from the sub-Saharan Africa. The grant is awarded to female candidates from the region who have demonstrated outstanding work with respect to research and publications in pure or applied mathematics.

## Who Can Apply?

Female mathematicians from SAMSA member institutions (i.e. institutions regularly participating in SAMSA activities) who should show commitment to staying in the region, and are in any of the following categories:

- Doctoral students
- Postdoctoral students
- Lecturers and senior lecturers (within 5 years from completion of PhD)
- Maximum age limit of 45 years by 31st December of each year of application

## The Grants

**Two grants**, valued at **US\$2,500.00** each, shall be awarded every two years— one in pure, and another in applied mathematics, for the duration of up to two years. The award will cover a wide range of scientific activities including:

- Research visits that foster collaboration
- Tuition (bridging money)
- Conference attendance
- Books, Software and other research related equipment and supplies.

## How to Apply

A complete application consists of the following: 1) a description (up to 5 pages) of the research activity that includes a timeline with specific milestones and their expected completion dates, and how the Kovalevskia Research Award will make a difference, 2) budget estimate and budget justification explaining how the grant funds will be utilized, 3) two page Curriculum Vitae, and 4) two letters of recommendation. All the documents must be sent in pdf format by email to:

**Prof. Sandile Motsa**  
**SAMSA–Kovalevskia Research Awards**  
E-mail: [sandilemotsa@gmail.com](mailto:sandilemotsa@gmail.com), [awards@samsa-math.org](mailto:awards@samsa-math.org)

Please note that the referee must email the letter of recommendation directly to the email address above. The recommendation letter must contain the following: 1) capacity in which the referee knows the applicant and for how long, 2) applicant's academic achievement and potential, 3) ranking of the applicant among peers, and 4) suitability for the Award.

## Deadline and Presentation of Awards

Deadline for submitting applications for 2018 awards is **30th August 2018**. Presentation of awards shall take place at **SAMSA Conference** to be hosted by the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) in Palapye, Botswana from 19-22 November 2018