

## **RESEARCH VISA (up to 3 years)**

**An application for a Research Visa for a period of up to 3 years shall be accompanied by-**

- Machine readable valid passport with at least two blank pages and valid for no less than 30 days after the intended duration of stay in South Africa
- Two passport size photos
- Duly completed DHA-84 Visa Application Form (**complete with black pen**)
- Certified copy of the bio page of the applicant's passport
- Application fee of US\$36.00 (cash or bank cheque)
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate if the applicant travelled or intends travelling from or transiting through a yellow fever endemic area
- Medical report
- Proof of medical cover renewed annually for the period of stay in South Africa, with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act
- Proof of hotel accommodation in the form of a confirmed hotel reservation OR
- Letter of invitation from the host (relative or friend) in South Africa as well as the host's legal status in the country (certified copy of ID book or passport)
- Police clearance certificate in respect of applicants 18 years and older for all countries where an applicant has resided for a continuous period of one year or longer for the past five (5) years
- Official letter from the institution in South Africa confirming acceptance and duration of the course
- Official letter from the foreign institution confirming the research and duration of stay in South Africa
- Proof of sufficient funds in the form of three months recent bank statements or letter from the foreign institution confirming financial responsibility
- Return or onward ticket