



**SUBJECT** : THRIP GUIDELINES INTERPRETATION NOTE  
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**1. PURPOSE**

To provide grant clarity with regards to the Technology Innovation Promotion through the Transfer of People (TIPTOP) grant offering and clarification of section 6.3.1 of the guidelines as follows:

**2. INTERPRETATION**

**Section 6.3.1: Technology Innovation Promotion through the Transfer of People (TIPTOP)**

THRIP provides a maximum grant of **five hundred thousand rand (R500 000)** per candidate **per annum** for transfer of knowledge as follows:

- a. Physical relocation of participants between the organisations involved in the projects (from the HEI or SETI to the industrial laboratories and vice versa). This refers to academic researchers or students at postgraduate level in HEIs to work in industrial laboratories for a maximum period of three (3) years in a funding cycle and the funding of industrial researchers and technology managers to be temporarily seconded to a HEI/SETI to conduct research of direct relevance to the industry partner involved or related to their postgraduate studies.

The interpretation note seeks to clarify that the maximum **R500 000** TIPTOP grant is **per candidate per annum** for a 3-year period. That is, for a 3-year funding cycle, the maximum amount per candidate may not exceed  
(R500 000 pa × 3 years funding cycle) R1 500 000