

## INTEGRATED PROCESS FLOW FOR RESEARCH GRANTS/CONTRACTS AND - FINANCE COMMUNICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

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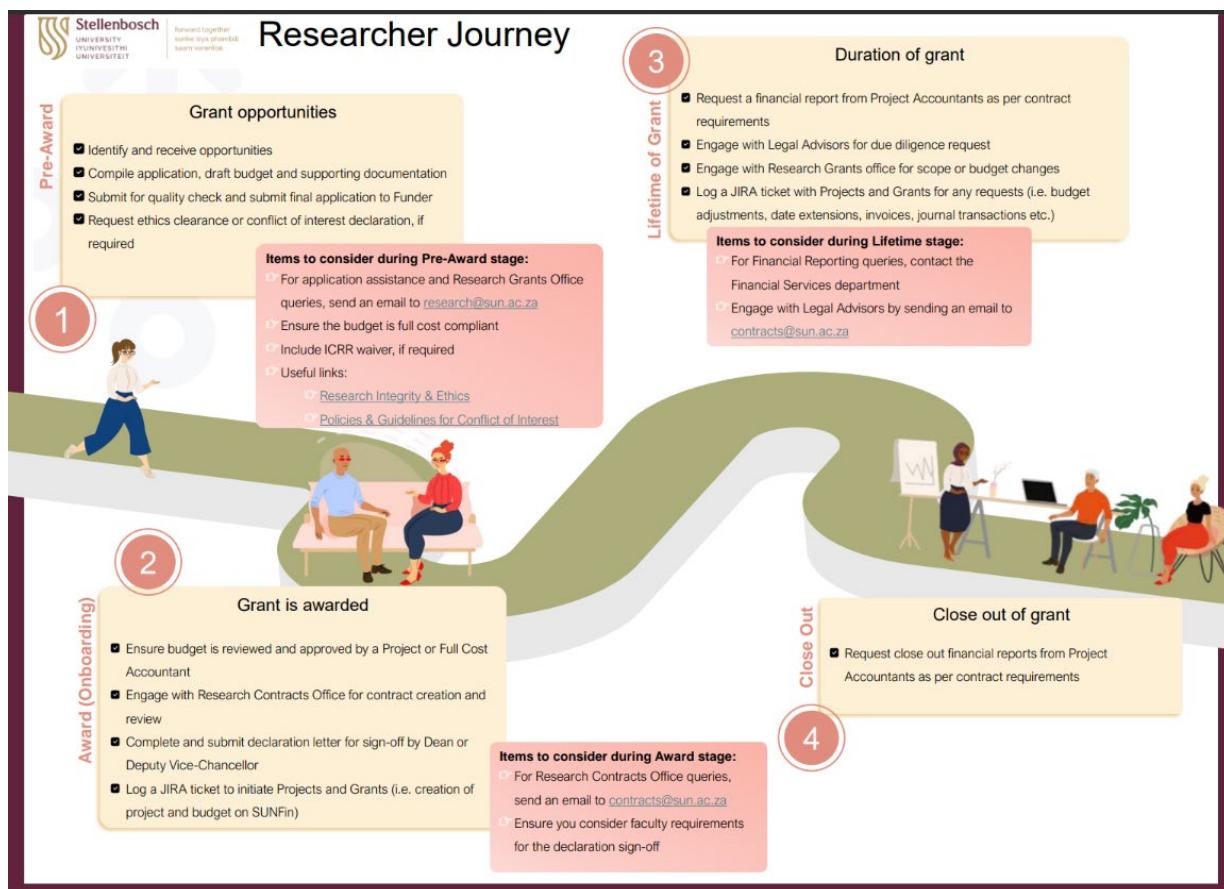
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We are pleased to announce that we have now mapped Stellenbosch University's (SU) end-to-end research grants/contracts and -finance journey to help you manage grants and contracts more effectively.

Although SU had processes in place to manage the various research and finance processes, the move to Oracle Cloud Financials (OCF) required the team to revisit the processes and develop a journey map to integrate all the financial aspects into the research grants and contracts process.

SU's Division for Finance and the Division for Research Development, together with Analyze Consulting, embarked on a project to develop an overarching, detailed as-is integrated process flow for research grants/contracts and -finance that staff involved with research throughout the University can use.

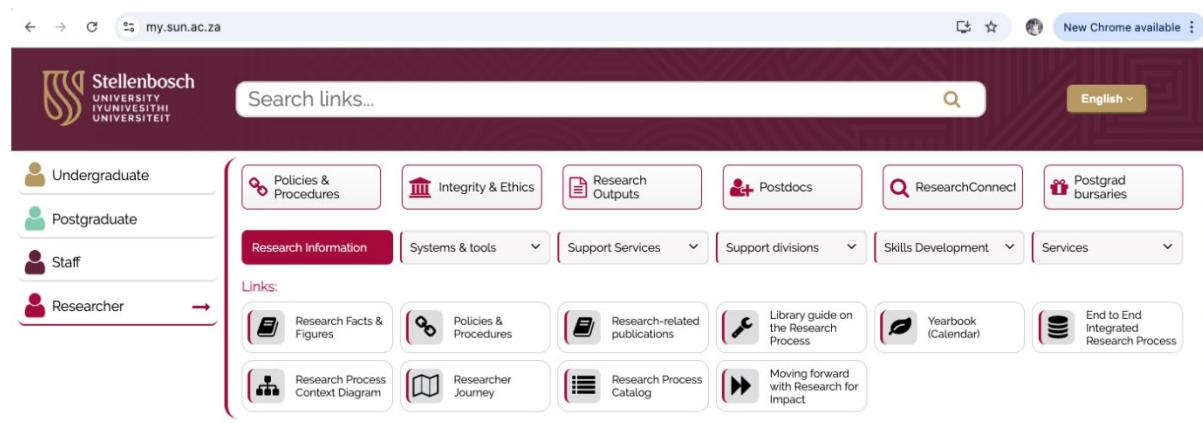
The newly mapped "Researcher journey" (see illustration below) provides a clear roadmap to new and existing staff members who must manage research grants and contracts, showcasing where financial aspects fit into SU's research processes, what is available for the end user, how the process works and what one has to do next.



The Researcher Journey is supported by the following four documents, which provide a clear picture of the as-is processes. These documents are available to all staff involved in research contracts and grants, namely:

1. The Researcher Journey diagram, explaining the researcher's journey from the pre-award stage of the grant to the close out of the grant and financial reports;
2. The Research Process Context Diagram, mapping the processes in the research grants/contract and -finance process;
3. The integrated process for research grants/contracts and -finance, mapping the process in more detail, and
4. The Research Process Catalog.

All these documents are available on SU's intranet under Research Information [My.SUN Menu](#) (see below):



The mapping of end-to-end research grants/contract and -finance process is part of a journey to ultimately improve the overall researcher experience when managing grants and contracts. We welcome your feedback so that we can continue to enhance and optimise these processes.

## GEÏNTEGREERDE PROSESVLOEI VIR NAVORSINGSTOEKENNINGS/KONTRAKTE EN FINANSIES KOMMUNIKASIE AAN BELANGHEBBENDES

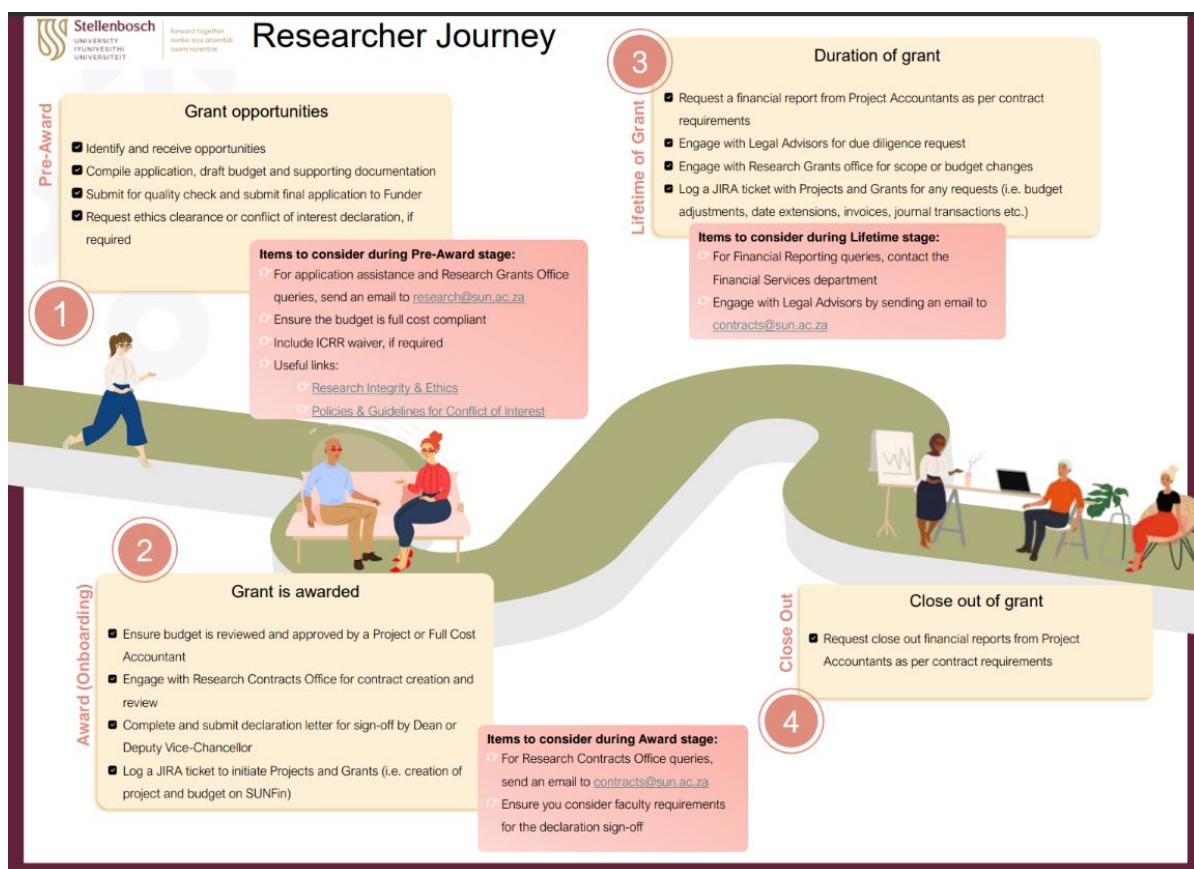
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Dit is vir ons aangenaam om aan te kondig dat ons nou die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) se end-tot-end navorsingstoeekenings/kontrak- en -finansieringsreis gekarteer het om jou te help om toekennings en kontrakte meer doeltreffend te bestuur.

Alhoewel die US prosesse in plek gehad het om die verskillende navorsings- en finansieringsprosesse te bestuur, het die skuif na Oracle Cloud Financials (OCF) vereis dat die span die prosesse hersien en 'n soort padkaart ontwikkel om al die finansiële aspekte in die navorsingstoeekenings en -kontrakteproses te integreer.

Die US se Afdeling Finansies en die Afdeling Navorsingsontwikkeling het saam met Analyze Consulting 'n projek aangepak om 'n oorkoepelende, gedetailleerde, soos-dit-is (*as is*), geïntegreerde prosesvloei vir navorsingstoeekenings/-kontrakte en -finansiering te ontwikkel wat personeel wat by navorsing in die Universiteit betrokke is, kan gebruik.

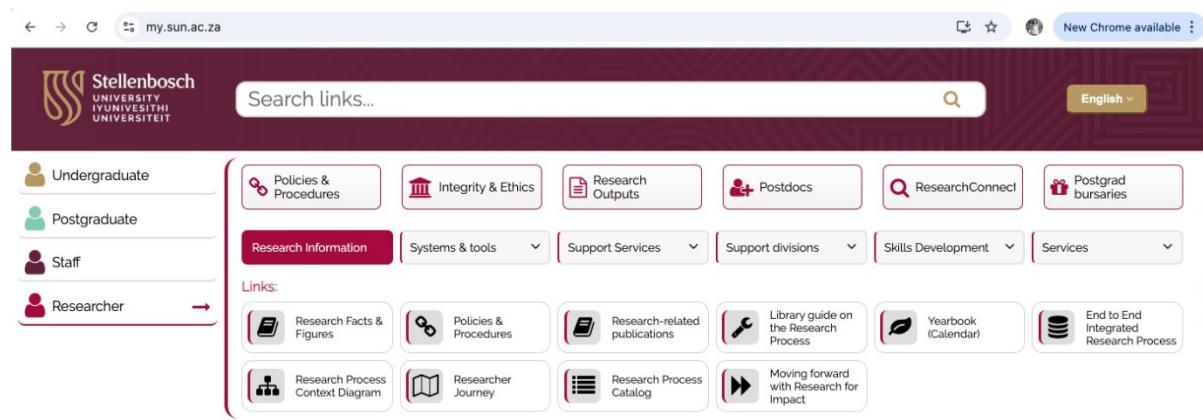
Die nuut-gekarteerde navorsingsreis (sien illustrasie hieronder) bied nou 'n duidelike padkaart aan nuwe en bestaande personeellede wat navorsingstoeekenings en -kontrakte moet bestuur. Dit illustreer waar finansiële aspekte by die US se navorsingsprosesse inpas, wat vir die eindgebruiker beskikbaar is, hoe die proses werk en wat 'n mens volgende moet doen.



Die Navorsingsreis word ondersteun deur die volgende vier dokumente wat ons hieronder lys. Dit gee 'n duidelike beeld van die prosesse soos dit is. Hierdie dokumente is beskikbaar vir alle personeel betrokke by navorsingskontrakte en toekennings, naamlik:

1. Die Navorserreisdiagram, wat die navorser se reis vanaf die voortoekenningstadium van die toekenning tot die sluiting van die toekenning en finansiële verslae verduidelik;
2. Die Navorsingsproseskonteksdiagram, wat die prosesse in die navorsingstoekennings/kontrak- en -finansieringsproses karteer;
3. Die geïntegreerde proses vir navorsingstoekennings/kontrakte en -finansiering, kartering van die proses in meer detail, en
4. Die Navorsingsproseskatalogus.

Al hierdie dokumente is beskikbaar op die US se intranet onder Navorsingsinligting [My.SUN Menu](#) (sien hieronder):



The screenshot shows the Stellenbosch University intranet homepage at my.sun.ac.za. The top navigation bar includes links for 'New Chrome available', language selection ('English'), and a search bar. On the left, there's a sidebar with user roles: Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Staff, and Researcher (which is highlighted with a red arrow). The main content area features several buttons for different services: Policies & Procedures, Integrity & Ethics, Research Outputs, Postdocs, ResearchConnect, Postgrad bursaries, Systems & tools, Support Services, Support divisions, Skills Development, and Services. Below these are several 'Links' boxes containing various research-related resources like Research Facts & Figures, Research-related publications, and the Library guide on the Research Process.

Die kartering van end-tot-end navorsingstoekennings/kontrak- en -finansieringsreis is deel van 'n poging om uiteindelik die algehele navorsersreis te verbeter. Ons verwelkom jou terugvoering sodat ons kan voortgaan om hierdie prosesse te verbeter en te optimaliseer.