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## **Stellenbosch University's provisional position statement on the acceptance of research funding, and engagement with the tobacco industry**

On 27 September 2022, SU's Rectorate provisionally approved the principles for a position statement on the acceptance for research funding from the tobacco industry, and engagement with the tobacco industry. This position statement will serve at the SU Senate for endorsement.

This position statement is drafted in response to the requirements from the United Nations and the World Health Organisation, with whom SU has a strong collaboration spanning over decades.

We therefore require that researchers not engage with the tobacco industry or apply for and accept funding from the tobacco industry.

### **The provisional position statement reads:**

"Stellenbosch University may henceforth not accept funding from, or engage with any institution, organisation or foundation, having known links to any organisation where its income is directly derived from the production of harmful tobacco products (whether for smoking or other activities), or the promotion of said harmful products."

If more information is needed on this matter, please direct your enquiries to Cornelia Malherbe (cvdm2@sun.ac.za).

Kind regards / Ngemibuliso emihle / Vriendelike groete

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