

# Symplectic Elements Discovery module

<https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/>

working in conjunction with

<https://researchoutputs.sun.ac.za/>

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## Getting Started Guide<sup>1</sup>

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## Background

For the past few years, the Division for Research Development (DRD) hosted a web console, the SU Knowledge Directory (KD), with the aim to increase the visibility of SU's research expertise by making information about SU researchers more accessible on the SU website. The information contained a short biosketch, departmental/faculty affiliation as well as keywords on the area(s) of expertise of individuals.

In order to enhance the functionality of such a directory of experts, the DRD launched a new Researcher Profile Portal, Discovery <https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/>. This portal has replaced the KD and provide more sophisticated and modernised profiling possibilities. As was the case with the KD, this new researcher profile portal will assist in media liaison and public science communication; indicate the availability of staff for postgraduate supervision; and identify researchers within a specific area of expertise for possible collaborations and network engagements.

Potential national, international research and industry partners can search the Discovery portal for SU experts, it may promote interdisciplinary networking among SU researchers, and it has the great potential to enhance the visibility of SU research strengths and individual research expertise. The portal

includes new features, such as the showcasing of SU researchers` publication outputs as well as an indication of the alignment of their work to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Africa 2063 goals.

## C1 staff, Postdocs, and certain C2s have a public profile

All permanent full-time Academic staff (C1s and a subset of C2s (C2s with title of Dr or Prof).) and Postdocs have a **public profile** on Discovery (<https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/>). This means that their profiles will be visible to anyone. The Discovery portal is open to the public and accessible via a link on the SU website.

The remainder of C2 staff will be encouraged to use the profile functionality in Elements <https://researchoutputs.sun.ac.za/> as an SU **internal directory** and to highlight their professional achievements to fellow SU staff. It is therefore hoped that professional academic service staff (PASS) will use the profile feature to make themselves reachable to fellow SU employees.

## Symplectic Elements

The Discovery portal forms part of the Symplectic Elements Research Information Management system`s suite of offerings <https://researchoutputs.sun.ac.za/> . Broadly, Symplectic Elements is used to manage the data for *Discovery*.

More specifically, Symplectic Elements serves two purposes:

- managing researcher profiles for editing purposes;
- managing the annual publications reporting done to the DHET for subsidy claiming purposes, through a new *Annual Collection module* (thereby replacing in 2024/2025 the previous RA System that was used before).

The new Symplectic Elements *Annual Collection module* was launched in September/October 2024.

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*It is important to understand that **no editing of your scholarly profile is done within Discovery**. All editing is done in Elements, and this is where you login with your SU network credentials.*

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**LET`S GET YOU STARTED ON DISCOVERY!!**

- With Discovery <https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/> you can browse user's profiles, or search on names or keywords to find subject experts at SU.
- Groups functionality has also been enabled, but this is still under development. Groups pages are pages within Discovery that are dedicated pages for departments, faculties, etc.
- Go ahead and search for your name. A guide to searching can be found at the end of this document.
- You will see that rudimentary information is there, and that therefore you would need to expand and complete your profile.

To edit your profile, login to Elements <https://researchoutputs.sun.ac.za/> with your SU username and password, as illustrated below:

## Login procedure

Login at <https://researchoutputs.sun.ac.za/>

Note that you will need the Microsoft Authenticator App installed on your cellphone, in order to authenticate and gain access to the system. The app is available on Google Play or the App Store.



Figure 1 Microsoft Authenticator App icon

Enter your username ([username@sun.ac.za](mailto:username@sun.ac.za) )

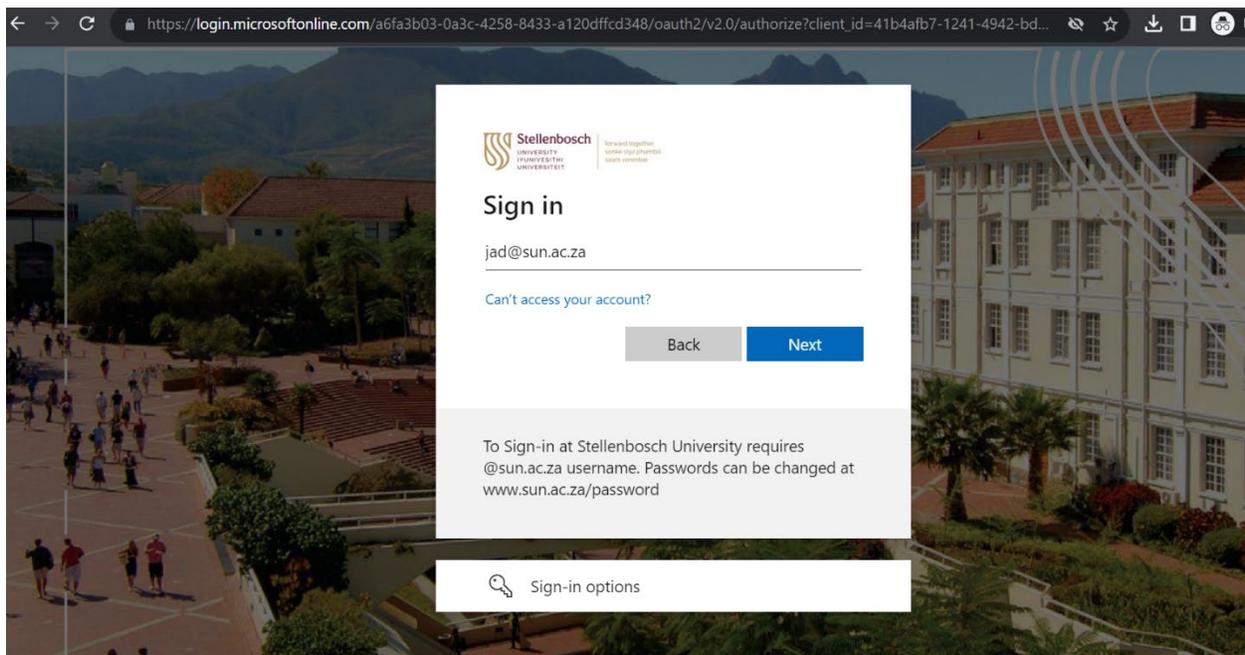
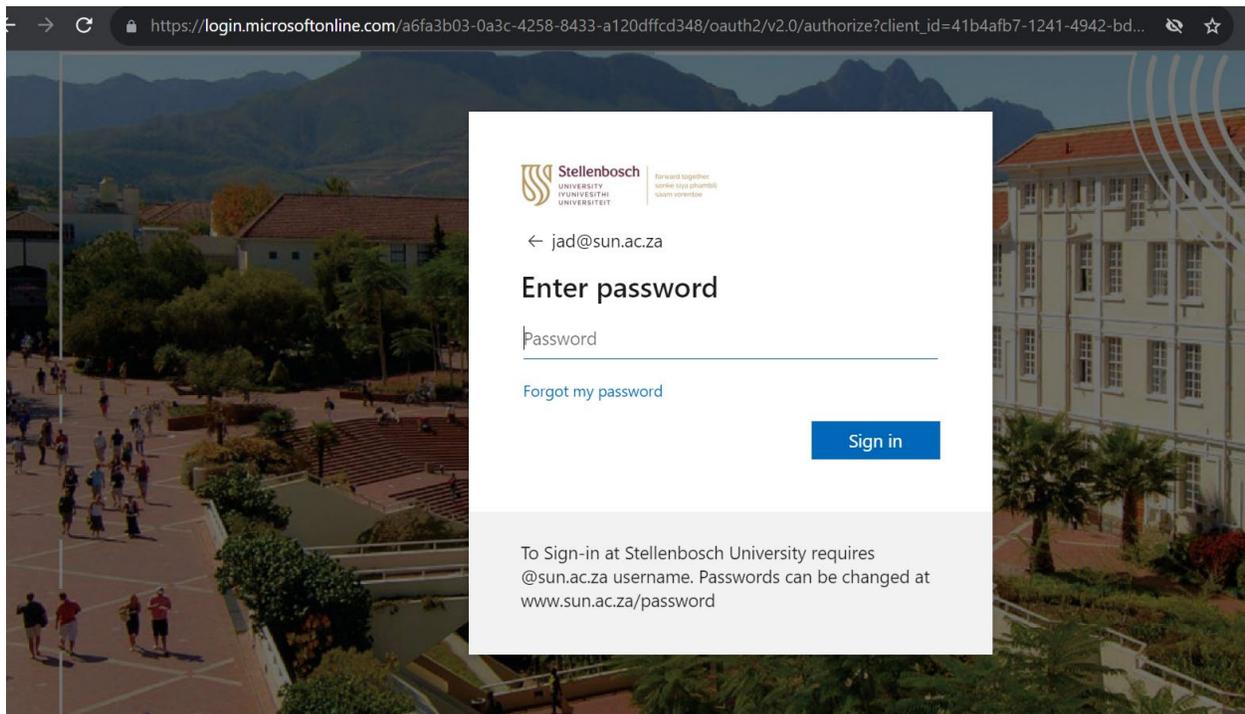


Figure 2 Enter your username.

Enter your password.



*Figure 3 Enter your SU network password.*

Of late (as of August 2023) Microsoft has been enforcing the use of the Microsoft Authenticator App in its verification step. As such, you should install the app on the cellphone which carries the cellphone number you have officially registered with SU.

Hence, after entering your password, you will be presented with a screen to approve signing in. It will display a number, and this number needs to be keyed in on the Microsoft Authenticator App on your cellphone. Please do not use the number illustrated below.

jad@sun.ac.za

## Approve sign in request

 Open your Authenticator app, and enter the number shown to sign in.

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No numbers in your app? Make sure to upgrade to the latest version.

Don't ask again for 30 days

[I can't use my Microsoft Authenticator app right now](#)

[More information](#)

*Figure 4 Verify using the Microsoft Authenticator App on your cellphone*

If you do not have the Microsoft Authenticator App installed, please resort to the option “I can’t use my Microsoft Authenticator app right now” (see picture above). You will then be presented with the following login verification screen:

jad@sun.ac.za

## Verify your identity



Approve a request on my Microsoft Authenticator app



Use a verification code



Text +XX XXXXXXXX06



Call +XX XXXXXXXX06

[More information](#)

Are your verification methods current? Check at

Figure 5 Choose verification method.

Once you have chosen your verification method ( we recommend 'Text {number}') , the system authenticates further. Once verified, you will be presented with the next screen:

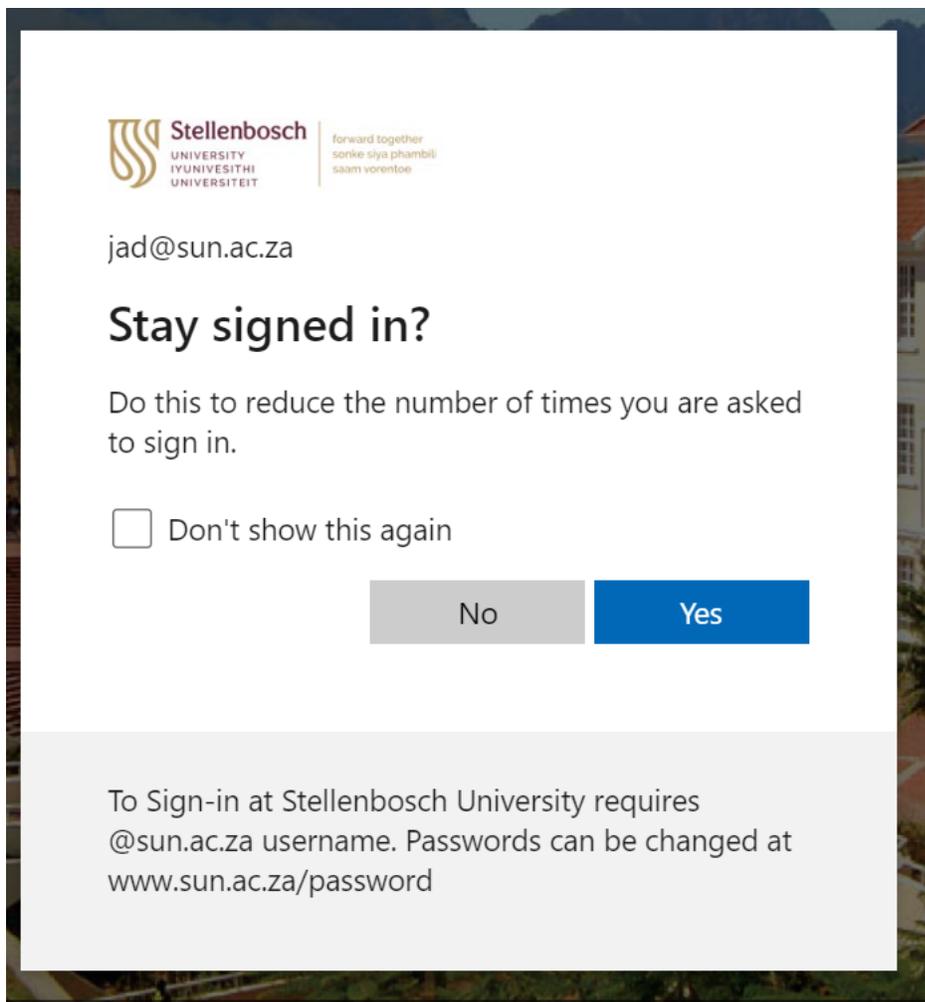


Figure 6 Choose 'Yes' or 'No'. It is up to you.

## MFA and HUAWEI phones

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) has proven problematic for some HUAWEI phone users, sometimes due to the unavailability of the Microsoft Authenticator App for their phone model. Please see [https://admin.sun.ac.za/infoteg/dokumente/MFA\\_guide.pdf](https://admin.sun.ac.za/infoteg/dokumente/MFA_guide.pdf) , especially where it notes:

Most of the Huawei cell phones are incompatible with the Microsoft Authenticator Application. If the Microsoft Authentication application is not available on the Huawei App Gallery, you will have to use SMS as your method of authentication.

## The alternative route to logging in

Search for your profile on <https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/> and find the 'Edit your profile' link, as illustrated below.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://test.su.discovery.symplectic.org/7980-kopano-ratele/about>. The profile page features a circular profile picture of a man with glasses, the title "PROF", and the name "Kopano Ratele". Below the name, there are contact details: "Professor Psychology", a phone number "+27218083452 (Work)", and an email address "kratele@sun.ac.za (Work)". A red callout box with white text points to a button that says "Are you Kopano Ratele? Edit your profile >". To the right of the profile, there is a "BIO" section with the following text: "I am Professor of Psychology & Creative Thought. African psychology is two pivots of my scholarship, I teach decolonial/critical social psychology. I was former director of the South African Department of Higher Education & Training. He has a regular radio stations. He has a regular radio station, Sachane. He has published extensively on psychology, and decolonizing psychology. Reflections on Love, Violence & Psychology (2019)."

You will then be presented with the login procedure as previously illustrated.

## The Symplectic Elements homepage

After you have authenticated, you will see the Symplectic Elements homepage: Scroll horizontally to the right, and click 'Edit my profile', as illustrated below.

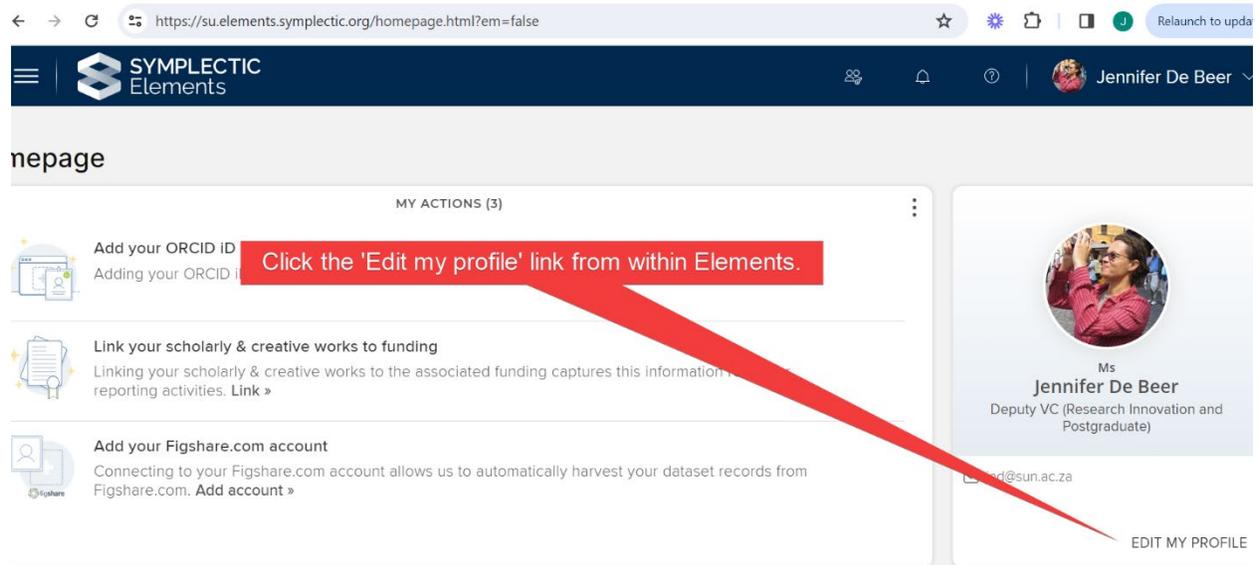


Figure 7 Symplectic Elements homepage

Alternatively, on the left hand side of the homepage, you will see the navigation pane. Click on the Symplectic Elements logo to expand the menu.

Browse to 'Profile & work > My profile'.

Ensure that you are in Edit mode (as illustrated below).

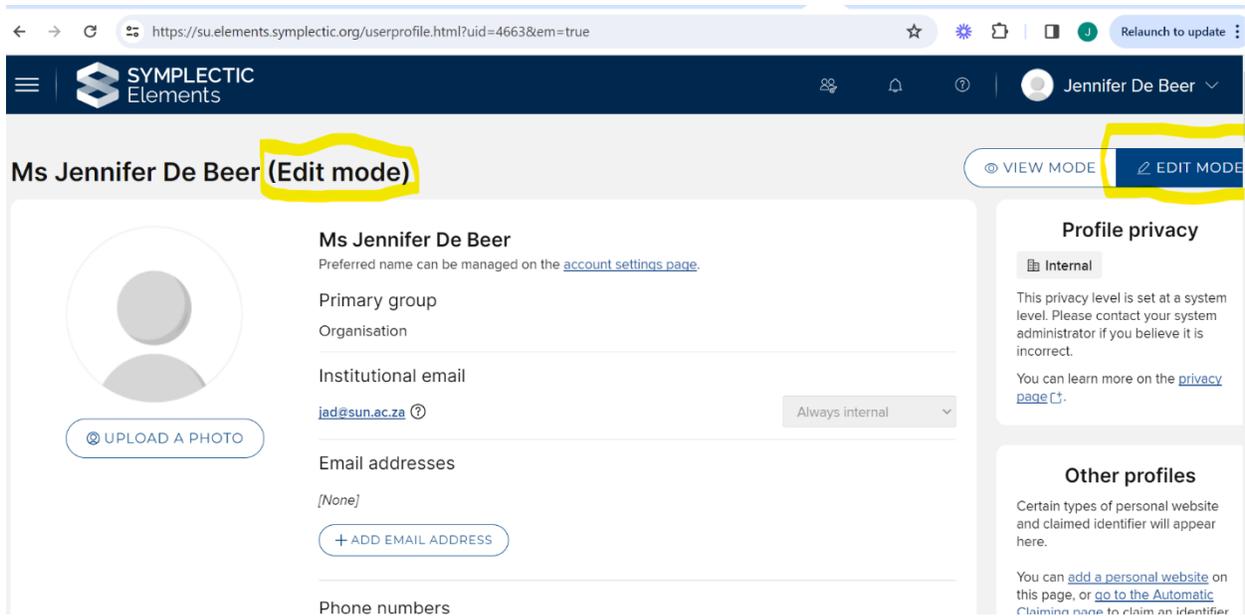


Figure 8 Elements profile homepage - choose Edit Mode

## Account Settings (Delegates; Preferred name; Pronouns)

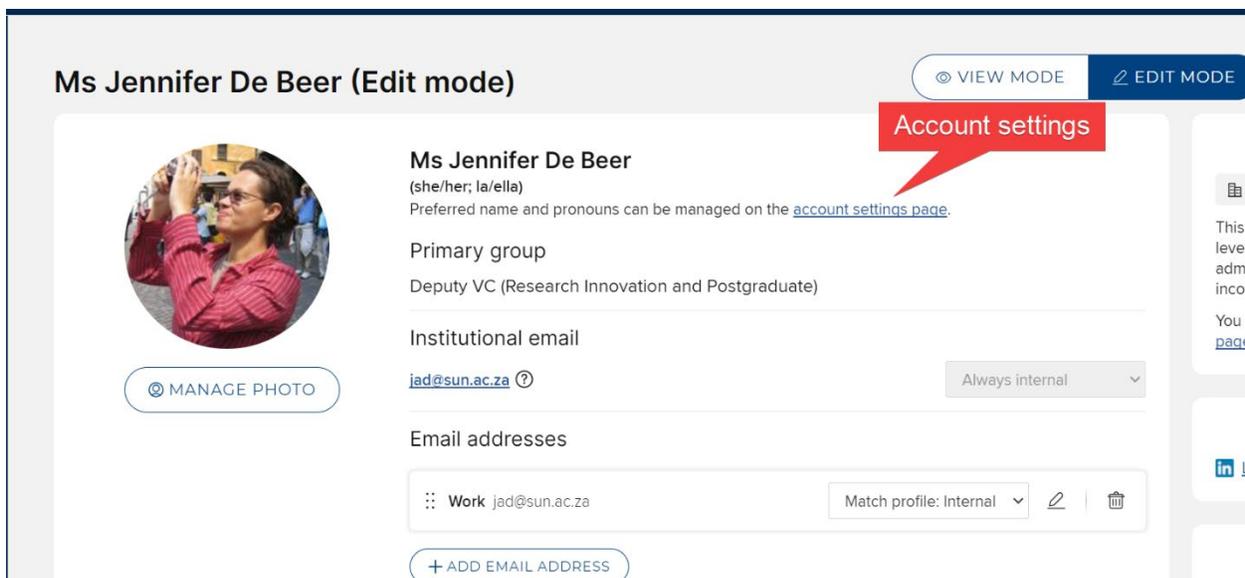
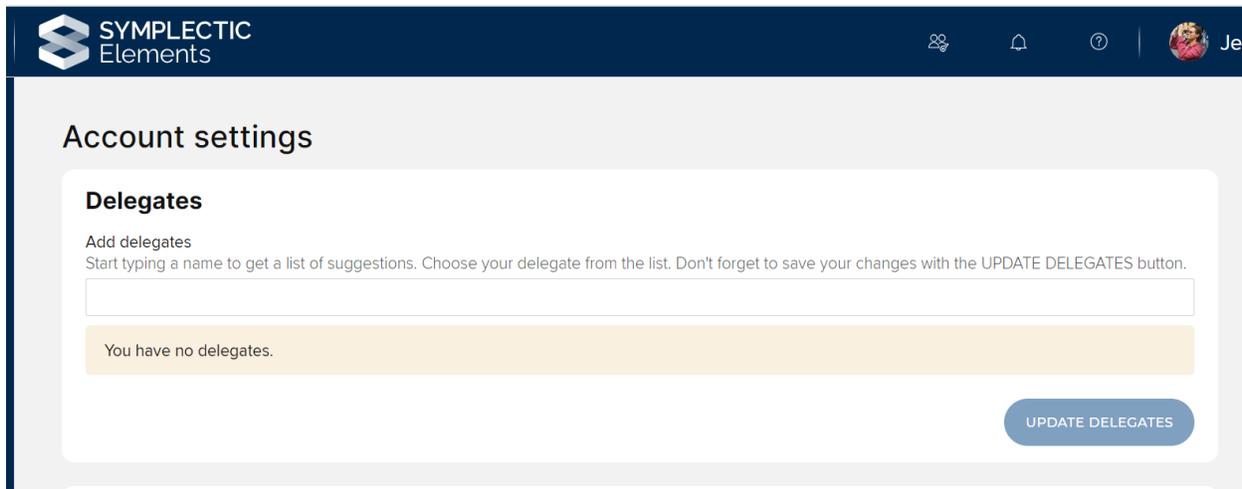


Figure 9 The Account Settings link from the Elements homepage

Please complete the following:

- Delegate(s)

Delegates are designated SU persons who can manage your Elements account on your behalf, if needed. If you do not wish to delegate, then this part may remain empty. Recall that delegates may claim publications on your behalf. So a research assistant with SU network access may be designated as delegate.



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Elements

Account settings

**Delegates**

Add delegates  
Start typing a name to get a list of suggestions. Choose your delegate from the list. Don't forget to save your changes with the UPDATE DELEGATES button.

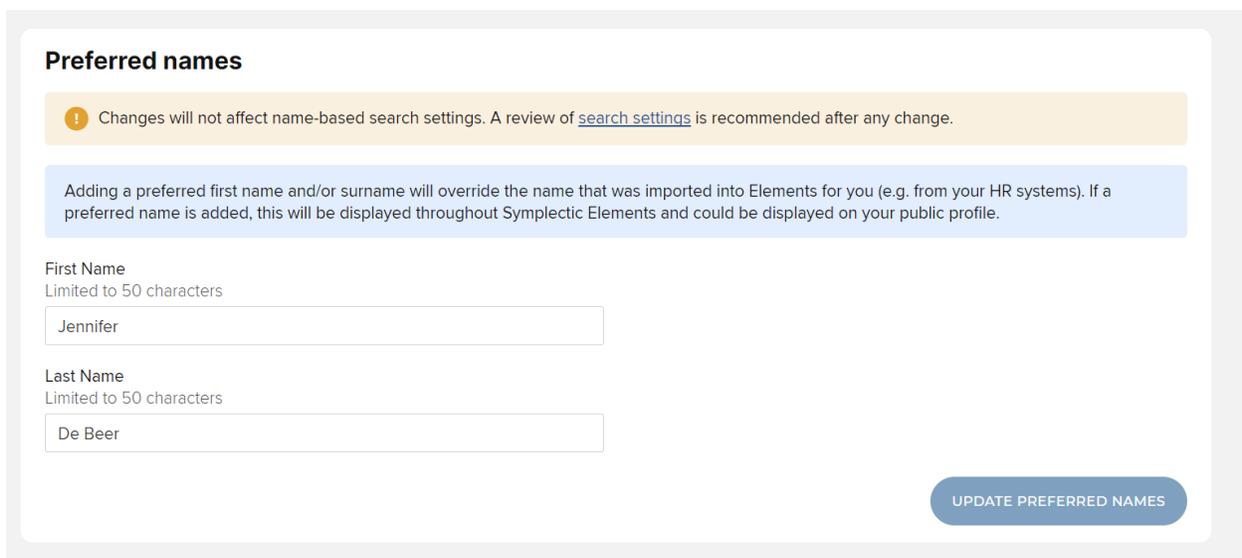
You have no delegates.

UPDATE DELEGATES

*Figure 10 Delegates are persons who can manage your Elements account in your stead. Remember to click 'Update Delegates' to save any changes you have made.*

- Preferred name

Set your preferred name under Account Settings. Some users publish under a name which is often an amalgam of their first names as given on their identity documents. If you have such a 'noemnaam', you may update it via this option.



**Preferred names**

! Changes will not affect name-based search settings. A review of [search settings](#) is recommended after any change.

Adding a preferred first name and/or surname will override the name that was imported into Elements for you (e.g. from your HR systems). If a preferred name is added, this will be displayed throughout Symplectic Elements and could be displayed on your public profile.

First Name  
Limited to 50 characters  
Jennifer

Last Name  
Limited to 50 characters  
De Beer

UPDATE PREFERRED NAMES

*Figure 11 Set your preferred names. Leave unchanged if this does not apply to you. Remember to click 'Update Preferred Names' to save any changes you have made.*

- Pronouns (complete as preferred)

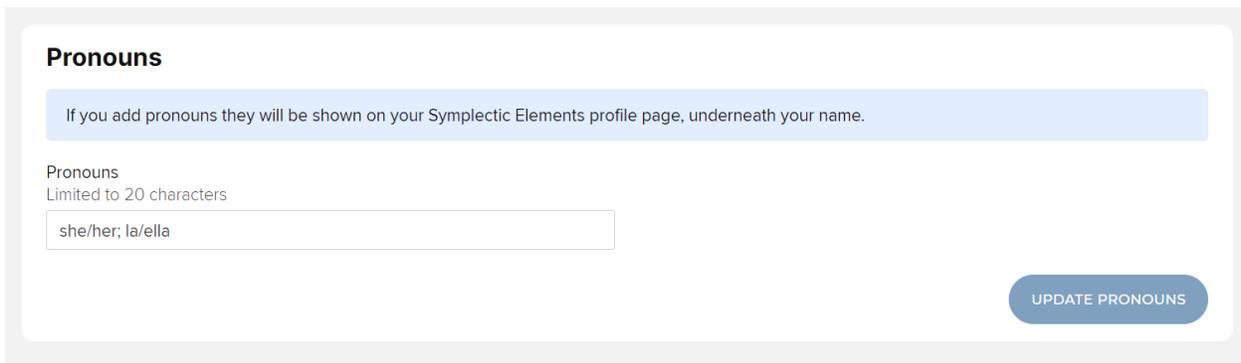


Figure 12 You have the option to add your pronouns. Remember to click 'Update Pronouns' to save any changes you have made.

To return to the profile homepage, click the icon in the left-hand pane, as highlighted below:

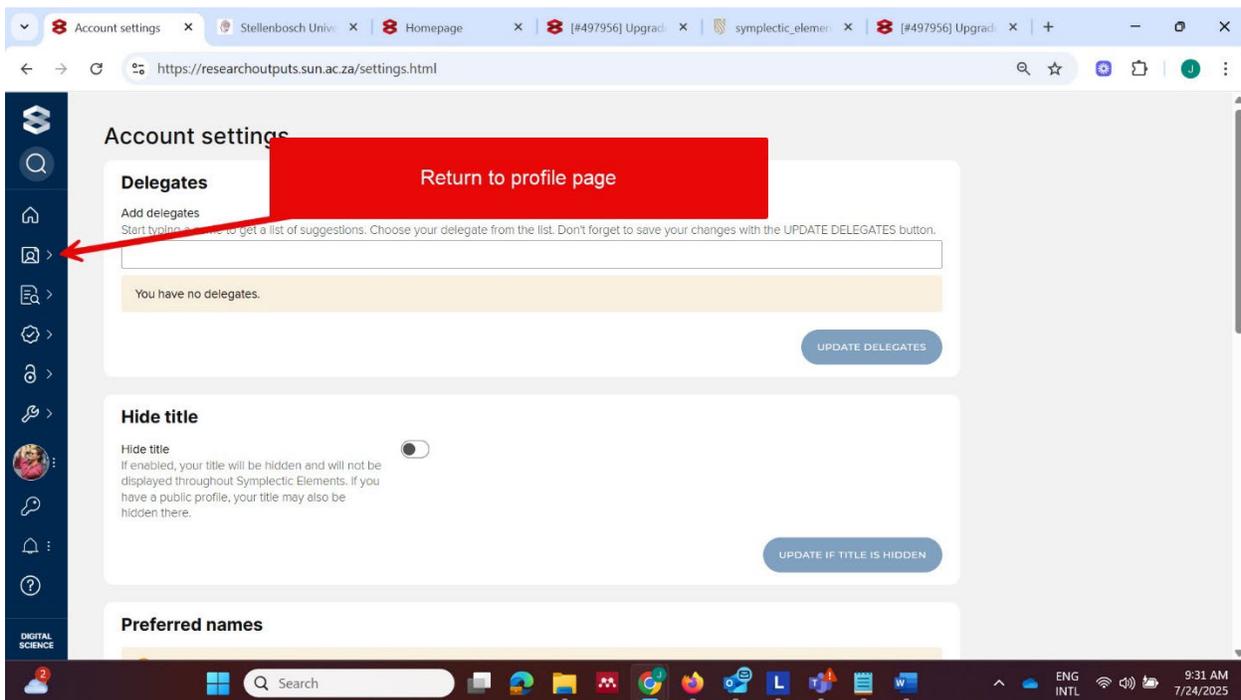


Figure 13 Return to the Profile editing page

Click 'Profile & work > My profile'.

## Editing profile information – continued

Continue with Editing (Remember to choose “Edit Mode”.) the following profile information, as illustrated:

- upload a photo of yourself;
- enter your work e-mail address;
- enter your phone number(s).

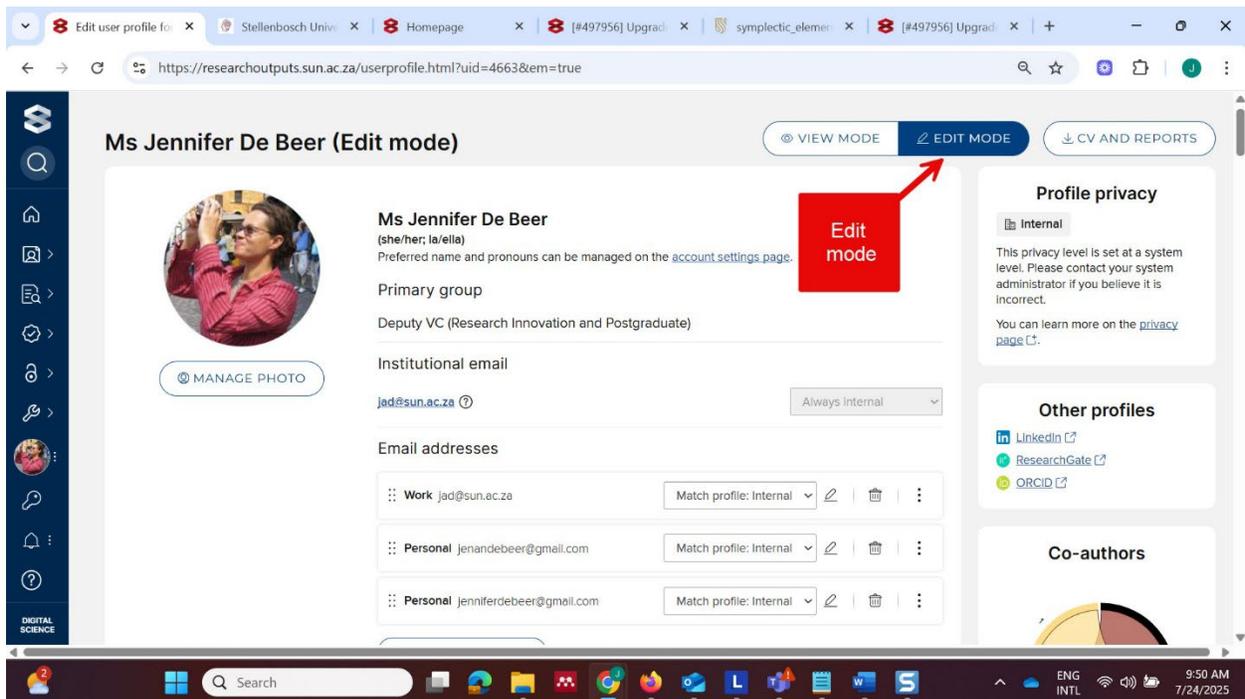


Figure 14 Profile editing homepage - Choose Edit Mode

Then scroll down and proceed to complete the:

‘About’ section. Please complete the textboxes for

- Overview;
- Research Interests; and
- Teaching Summary (if applicable).

If you have an extant biosketch either on your departmental homepage, or one you use for conference blurbs, you could copy and paste the text into Elements here.

Remember to **Save** after making the edits.

The screenshot shows the SYMPLECTIC Elements interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the SYMPLECTIC Elements logo on the left and navigation icons (a group of people, a bell, a question mark, and a profile picture) on the right. Below the header, the page is titled 'About'. Underneath, there is an 'Overview' section with a large, empty text box for input. To the right of this text box is a 'Privacy level' dropdown menu currently set to 'Match profile: Internal'. Below the 'Overview' section is a 'Research interests' section, also with an empty text box for input.

Figure 15 Overview(Bio-sketch), Research interests, and Teaching information. Complete textboxes as appropriate.

## Adding Labels to classify your work

Next add the Labels to classify your research/work. Labels are predefined lists, and all you need to do is search and select. There are the African Union 2063 goals; the Fields of Research; an SU Availability listing whereby you can indicate your preferences; and finally a classification in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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*Especially important is the **SU Availability label scheme**, where you may indicate, among others, whether you are available for postgraduate supervision; for talking to the media, etc.*

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In each instance, click on '**Manage Labels**' and follow the prompts. See the example completed Labels section illustrated below.

## Labels

AU2063 Goals ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

[None]

Fields of Research (2020) ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

[None]

SU Availability ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

[None]

UN Sustainable Development Goals ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

[None]

Figure 16 Labels - unedited

## SU Availability labels

a restricted vocabulary for this ontology; search the controlled vocabularies for the required label.

Search for a label name Add

- Career advice
- Collaborative projects
- Industry Projects
- Join a web conference as a panellist or speaker
- Masters Research or PhD student supervision
- Media enquiries
- Membership of an advisory committee
- Mentoring (long-term)

Close

Figure 17 SU Availability label options

## Labels

AU2063 Goals ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

1 A High Standard of Living, Quality of Life and Well Being for All Citizens

Fields of Research (2020) ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

46 Information and computing sciences

470308 French language

470520 Literature in Spanish and Portuguese

SU Availability ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

Career advice

Collaborative projects

Join a web conference as a panellist or speaker

Technical support

UN Sustainable Development Goals ⓘ [MANAGE LABELS](#)

10 Reduced Inequalities

11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

Figure 18 Labels – illustration of edited labels

## Completing Work experience, Education, etc

Next, complete your

- work experience,
- education,
- language competencies, and
- mailing address(es).

The final two sections to complete are

- web addresses (choose from: Blog, Company, Dept, Figshare, Google Scholar, Lab, LinkedIn, Mendeley, Other, Personal, Portfolio, ResearchGate, RSS Feed, Twitter), and
- Media. You can add links to videos of presentations or interviews you have given. Note however that *only Youtube links are supported*.

**Experience**

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Academic appointments

[None]

+ ADD APPOINTMENT

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Non-academic employment

[None]

+ ADD EMPLOYMENT ITEM

CANCEL SAVE

Figure 19 Add work experience.

**Education**

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Degrees

[None]

+ ADD DEGREE

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Certifications

[None]

+ ADD CERTIFICATION

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Postgraduate training

[None]

+ ADD TRAINING ITEM

Figure 20 Add Education

**Language competencies**

Languages

[None]

+ ADD LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

CANCEL SAVE

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**Addresses**

Mailing addresses

[None]

+ ADD ADDRESS

Figure 21 Add Language competencies and Mailing Addresses.

Web addresses and social media

[None]

+ ADD WEB ADDRESS

CANCEL SAVE

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**Media**

Videos

[None]

+ ADD VIDEO

CANCEL SAVE

Figure 22 Add associated Web addresses and Media links (Youtube videos only)

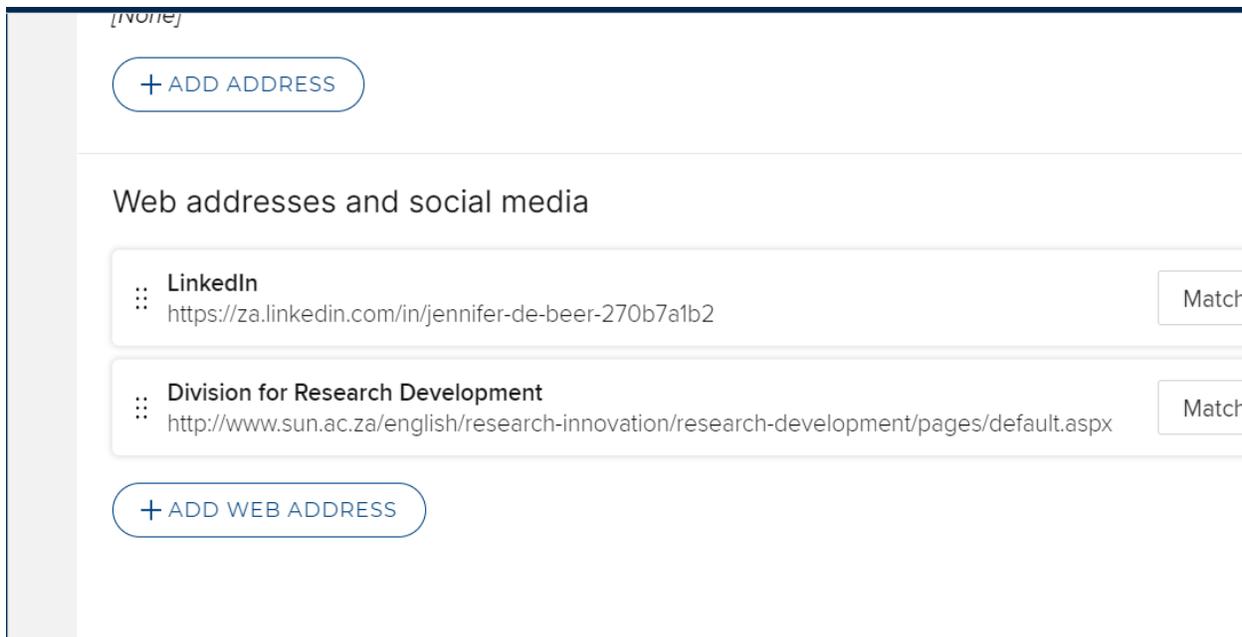


Figure 23 Example of a completed Web addresses section

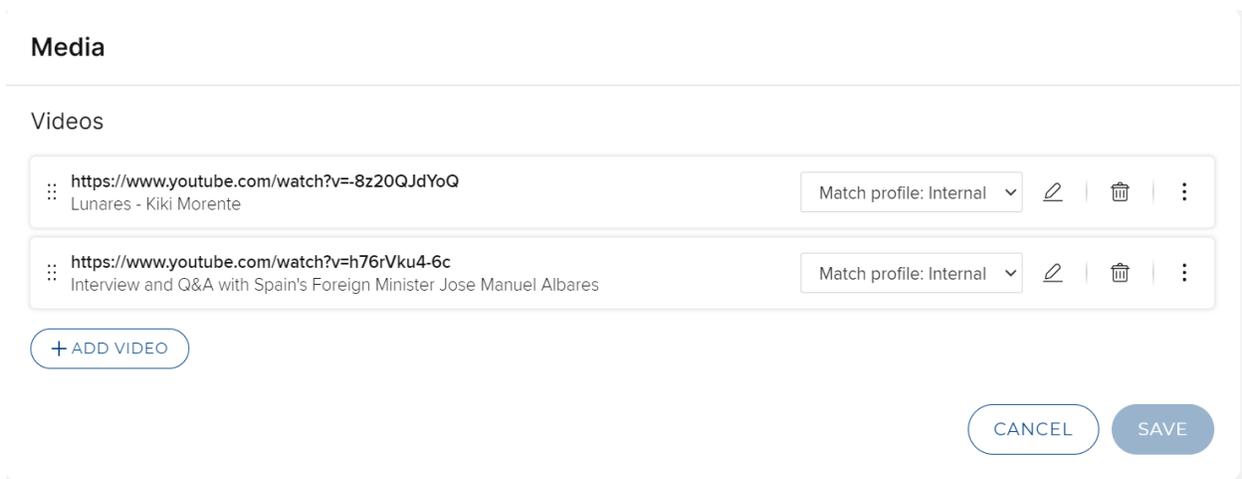


Figure 24 Example of a completed Media section

## Once you have completed your profile

It takes on average two minutes for the information updated in Elements to be channeled through to Discovery. You can therefore check your profile here: <https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/>. Or alternatively, click on the **'View my public profile'** link from within Elements, as illustrated below:

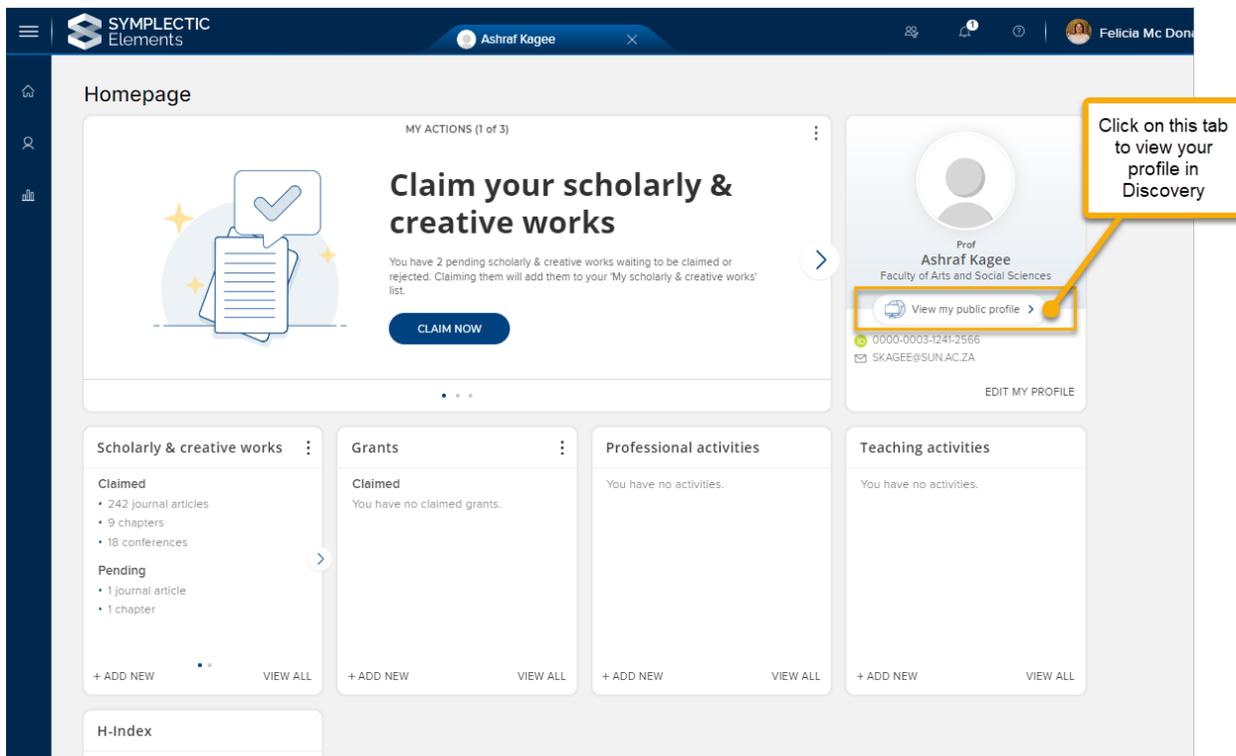


Figure 25 View my public profile - only C1 staff, Postdocs, and certain C2s see this link. If you do not see this link, and believe you should, please send an e-mail to [symplectic@sun.ac.za](mailto:symplectic@sun.ac.za) or [jad@sun.ac.za](mailto:jad@sun.ac.za)

Symplectic Elements will also be used for the management of the annual reporting to, and subsidy claims from, the DHET.

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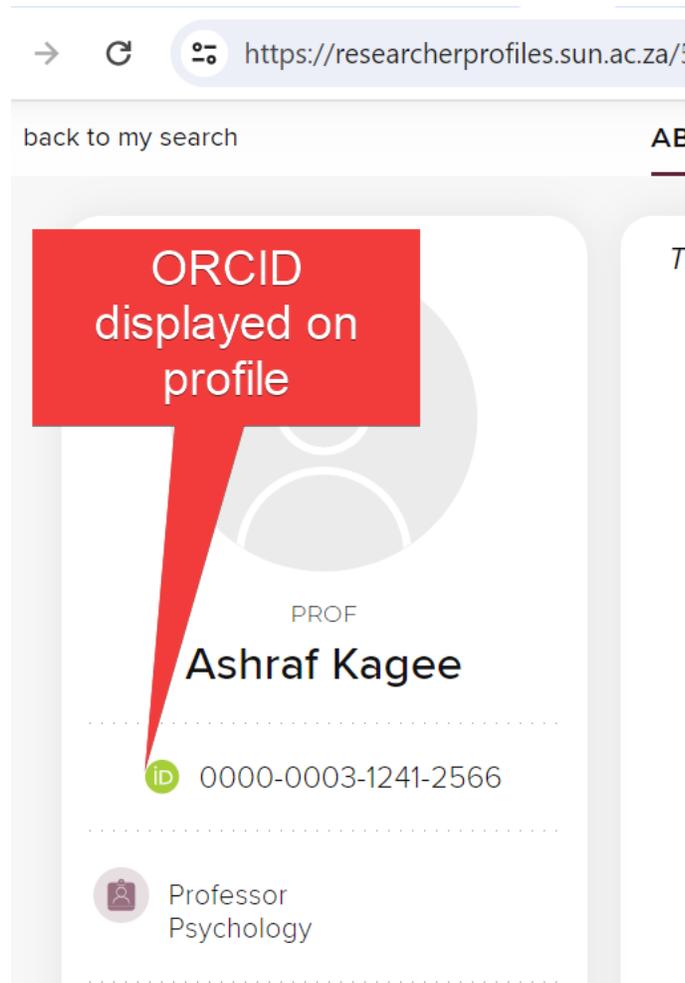
*To claim your publications so that they may show under your profile, please see the associated **Elements Quick Start Guide**, downloadable from [https://bit.ly/SU\\_symplectic\\_elements\\_FAQ](https://bit.ly/SU_symplectic_elements_FAQ)*

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## Known issues that you may come across

- Your SU position information or job title may display incorrectly. Please notify [jad@sun.ac.za](mailto:jad@sun.ac.za)
- When adding the Label schemes to your work, after clicking 'save', it seems as if nothing is happening. However, if you choose 'cancel' the labels will still have been added.
- In the accompanying **Elements Quick Start Guide** (p8) there is a description of how to deposit your publications to SunScholar. This functionality will only become available by late-2025.

## Adding your ORCID to your profile



*Figure 26 ORCID displays on Discovery profile*

You may add your ORCID from within Elements (as per the screenshot below). Follow the prompts.

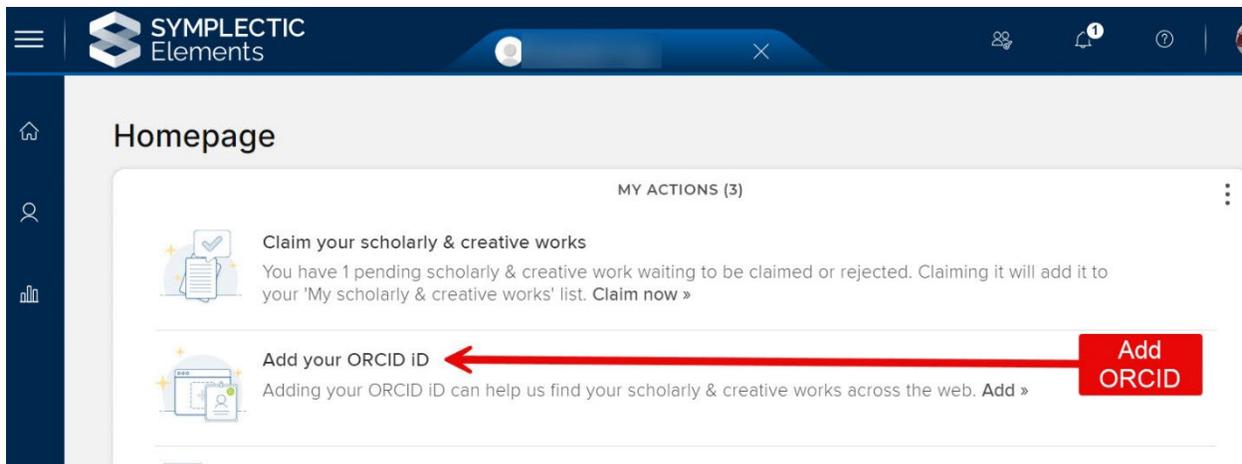


Figure 27 Add ORCID from Elements homepage

Write integration for ORCID has been enabled in Symplectic Elements. What this means is that your publications as harvested and listed within Elements, may be written to your ORCID account. To activate this on your account, please see the separate guidance document, available on the Symplectic Elements FAQ page. For which see [https://bit.ly/SU\\_symplectic\\_elements\\_FAQ](https://bit.ly/SU_symplectic_elements_FAQ).

See also 'Profile & work > ORCID settings' to get you started. Remember that you will need your ORCID login credentials in order to enable this functionality within Elements.

An aside on Searching <https://researcherprofiles.sun.ac.za/>

- **Searching on Surname or First name**

You can search for an academic, using their surname or first name, or a combination of the two.

In the example below, you will see that searching for Prof Kopano Ratele on either his surname or first name, finds his profile.

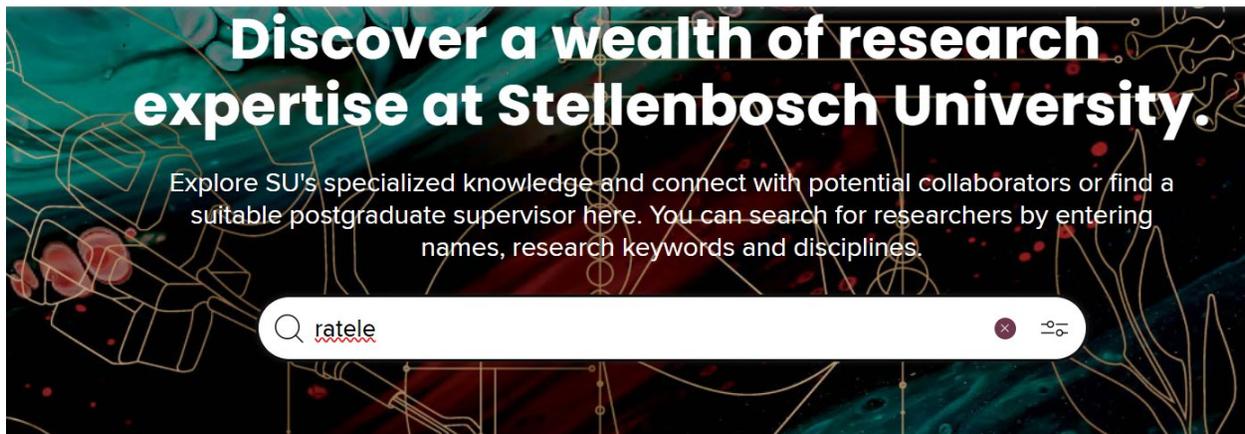


Figure 28 Searching on surname.

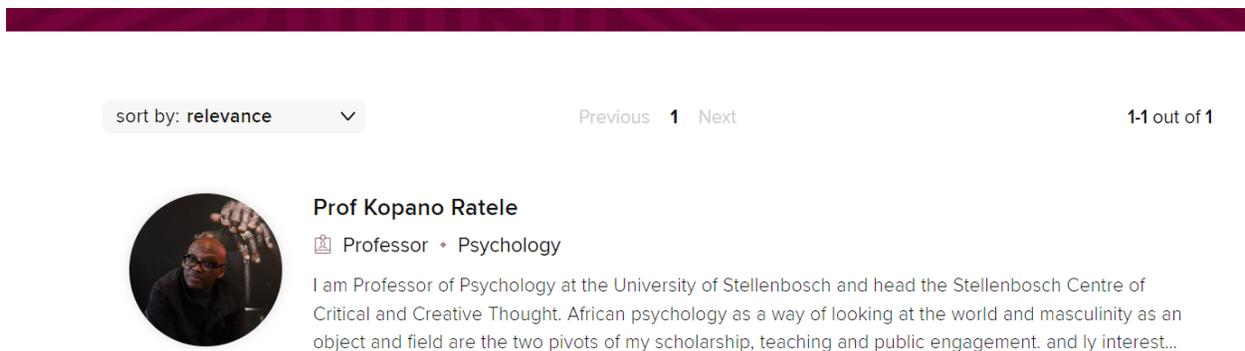


Figure 29 Surname search result set

# Discover a wealth of research expertise at Stellenbosch University.

Explore SU's specialized knowledge and connect with potential collaborators or find a suitable postgraduate supervisor here. You can search for researchers by entering names, research keywords and disciplines.

Figure 30 Searching on first name.

sort by: relevance

Previous 1 Next

1-1 out of 1

 **Prof Kopano Ratele**  
Professor • Psychology

I am Professor of Psychology at the University of Stellenbosch and head the Stellenbosch Centre of Critical and Creative Thought. African psychology as a way of looking at the world and masculinity as an object and field are the two pivots of my scholarship, teaching and public engagement. and ly interest...

Figure 31 First name search result set.

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**Kopano Ratele**



Professor  
Psychology



+27218083452 (Work)



kratele@sun.ac.za (Work)



**Are you Kopano Ratele?**

Edit your profile »

## BIO

I am Professor of Psychology at the U Creative Thought. African psychology two pivots of my scholarship, teaching teach decolonial/critical social psych former director of the South African M Research Unit and former research p positions held, Ratele was a member Universities, former chairperson of S Africa. Currently, he is on the manage Research Foundation (DSI-NRF) Cent the Department of Higher Education radio stations. He has a regular fathe Sachane. He has published extensive psychology, and decolonizing/decol Reflections on Love, Violence and M Psychology (2019).

Figure 32 Sample completed Profile - Biography

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PROF  
**Kopano Ratele**

Professor  
Psychology

+27218083452 (Work)

kratele@sun.ac.za (Work)

### PUBLICATIONS

sort by: **date (newest first)**    Previous 1 2 ... 4 Next    1-25 out of 97

CHAPTER

**Masculinities, political organizations and political organizing: Queering anti-apartheid struggle**  
 24 Nov 2023 • Routledge Handbook on Men, Masculinities and Organizations: Theories, Practices and Futures of Organizing • 276-290  
 Ratele K, Malherbe N, Cornell J... 1 more  
 10.4324/9781003193579-23

CHAPTER

**Whiteness, masculinity and the decolonising imperative**  
 22 Jun 2023 • The Routledge International Handbook of New Critical Race and Whiteness Studies • 321-333  
 Cornell J, Malherbe N, Ratele K... 1 more  
 10.4324/9781003120612-32

JOURNAL ARTICLE

**Intimate relationships and Suicidal Behaviour of Men in Bangladesh**  
 1 Jan 2023 • Mortality • 28(1):106-125  
 Khan AR, Arendse N, Ratele K

Figure 33 Sample completed profile - Publications listing (see the Elements Quick Start Guide for guidance on claiming articles or consult the Symplectic Elements FAQ [https://bit.ly/SU\\_symplectic\\_elements\\_FAQ](https://bit.ly/SU_symplectic_elements_FAQ))

- **Search on Keyword**

Below we have done a search using 'microbiology' as keyword.

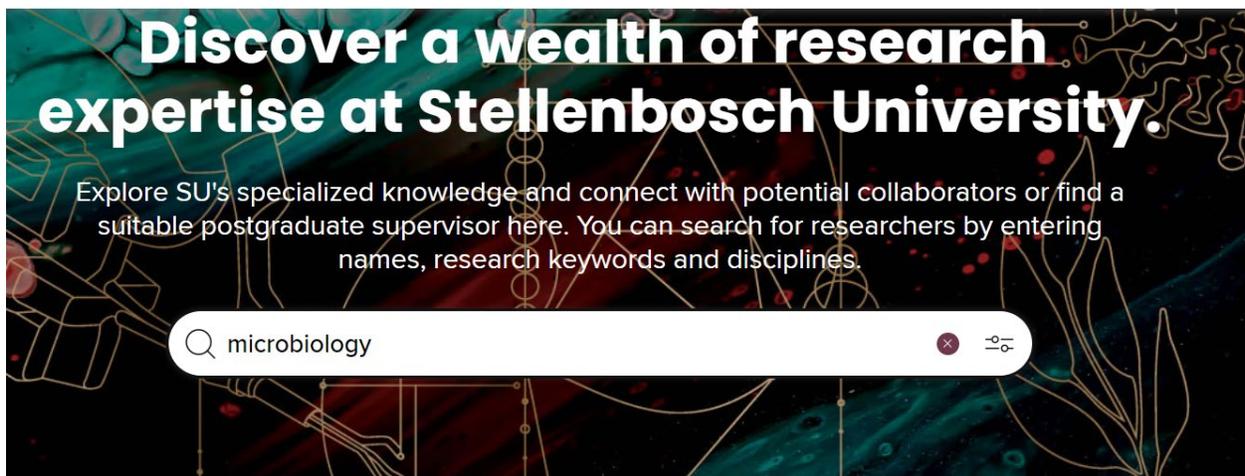


Figure 34 Microbiology as keyword for search



**Refine** sort by: relevance Previous 1 2 Next 1-25 out of 30

**Department**

All selected RESET

- Microbiology 14
- Medical Microbiology 11
- Desmond Tutu Tb Centre 1
- Earth Sciences 1
- Food Science 1
- Paediatrics And Child Health 1
- Physiological Sciences 1



**Prof Marinda Viljoen-Bloom**  
Associate Professor • Microbiology

[view network](#)

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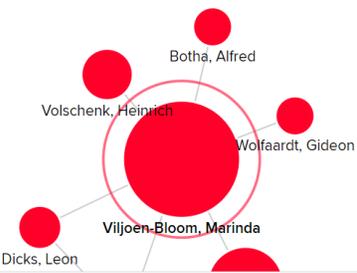


**Prof Gideon Wolfaardt**  
Professor • Microbiology

Figure 35 Result set for keyword Microbiology

### Marinda Viljoen-Bloom: Stellenbosch University Collaboration Network ✕

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**SETTINGS**

Select Node Size:

Collaboration Network:

Direct  Extended

Always show name labels

**LEGEND**    DEPARTMENT KEY    ABOUT THIS DATA

Each **node** represents a person with a public profile at Stellenbosch University. The **colour** is based on the department they are primarily affiliated with.

The **size** of each node represents the number of collaborations a person shares with other people in the diagram.

A **link** between two nodes represents a direct collaboration; the shorter the **length**, the greater the number of collaborations between them.

You can **hover** and **click** on a node to show further information about the person.

Figure 36 The collaboration network seen when you click 'View network' under a user's profile

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Collaboration Network

LinkedIn

Google Scholar

https://www.sun.ac.za/eng...

ResearchGate

X | twitter

**OVERVIEW**

Prof. Faadiel Essop is currently a professor in the Division of Medical Physiology (BMRI, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences) at Stellenbosch University. He is also the Director of the Centre for Cardiometabolic Research in Africa (CARMA). Prof. Essop completed his undergraduate and doctoral studies at the University of Cape Town and subsequently pursued a BA (Hons) degree (Arabic Studies) at the University of the Western Cape. He was awarded the Helen Suzman Chevening Fellowship for postdoctoral research (Leeds, UK) and worked as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Texas-Houston Medical School.

Prof. Essop is an NRF-rated internationally acclaimed researcher and is investigating the effects of chronic stress on cardio-metabolic diseases onset and the role of immune activation in HIV-related cardiovascular diseases. He also completed the Scholarship of Educational Leadership course at Stellenbosch University, was a recipient of the university's teaching excellence award (two occasions) and is a Teaching Advancement at University (TALU) fellow.

Prof. Essop was a former President of the Physiology Society of Southern Africa (PSSA), is the current President of the African Association of Physiological Sciences (AAPS) and a council member of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS). He is also a Fellow of the American Physiological Society (APS). Prof. Essop was a previous chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee of the SA Heart and Stroke Foundation and is the current chairperson of the SA National Committee for IUPS. During 2021 he was awarded the PSSA's prestigious Lifetime Career Achievement Award for research excellence. Recently, Prof. Essop was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa.

**MEDIA**

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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- Postdoctoral fellow; Honorary senior lecturer**  
 University of Cape Town, Heart Institute, Department of Medicine, Rondebosch, South Africa • 1 Dec 1998 - 31 Jan 2008
- Associate Professor**  
 Stellenbosch University, Department of Physiological Sciences, Stellenbosch, South Africa • 1 Dec 2007 - 31 Dec 2010
- Professor**  
 Stellenbosch University, Department of Physiological Sciences, Stellenbosch, South Africa • 1 Jan 2011 - 31 Jul 2021
- Director: Centre for Cardiometabolic Research in Africa (CARMA) and Professor**  
 Stellenbosch University, Division of Medical Physiology, BMRI, Tygerberg, South Africa • 1 Aug 2021

**DEGREES**

- BSc**  
 University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa
- BSc (Med) (Hons)**  
 University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa
- PhD**  
 University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa
- BA (Hons) (Arabic)**  
 University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

**LANGUAGES**

- English**  
 Can read, write, speak, understand and peer review
- Afrikaans**  
 Can read, write, speak and understand
- Arabic**  
 Can read, write, speak and understand

**AVAILABILITY**

- Career advice**
  - Collaborative projects
  - Industry Projects
- Join a web conference as a panellist or speaker
- Masters Research or PhD student supervision
- Media enquiries
- Membership of an advisory committee
- Mentoring (short-term)

**AFRICAN UNION 2063 GOALS**

- 3 Healthy and well-nourished citizens
- 1 A High Standard of Living, Quality of Life and Well Being for All Citizens
- 12 Capable institutions and transformative leadership in place
- 18 Engaged and Empowered Youth and Children
- 2 Well Educated Citizens and Skills revolution underpinned by Science, Technology and Innovation

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

- 10 Reduced Inequalities
- 3 Good Health and Well Being
- 4 Quality Education
- 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

**FIELDS OF RESEARCH**

- Metabolic medicine
- Cardiology (incl. cardiovascular diseases)


**Are you Faadiel Essop?**  
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