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

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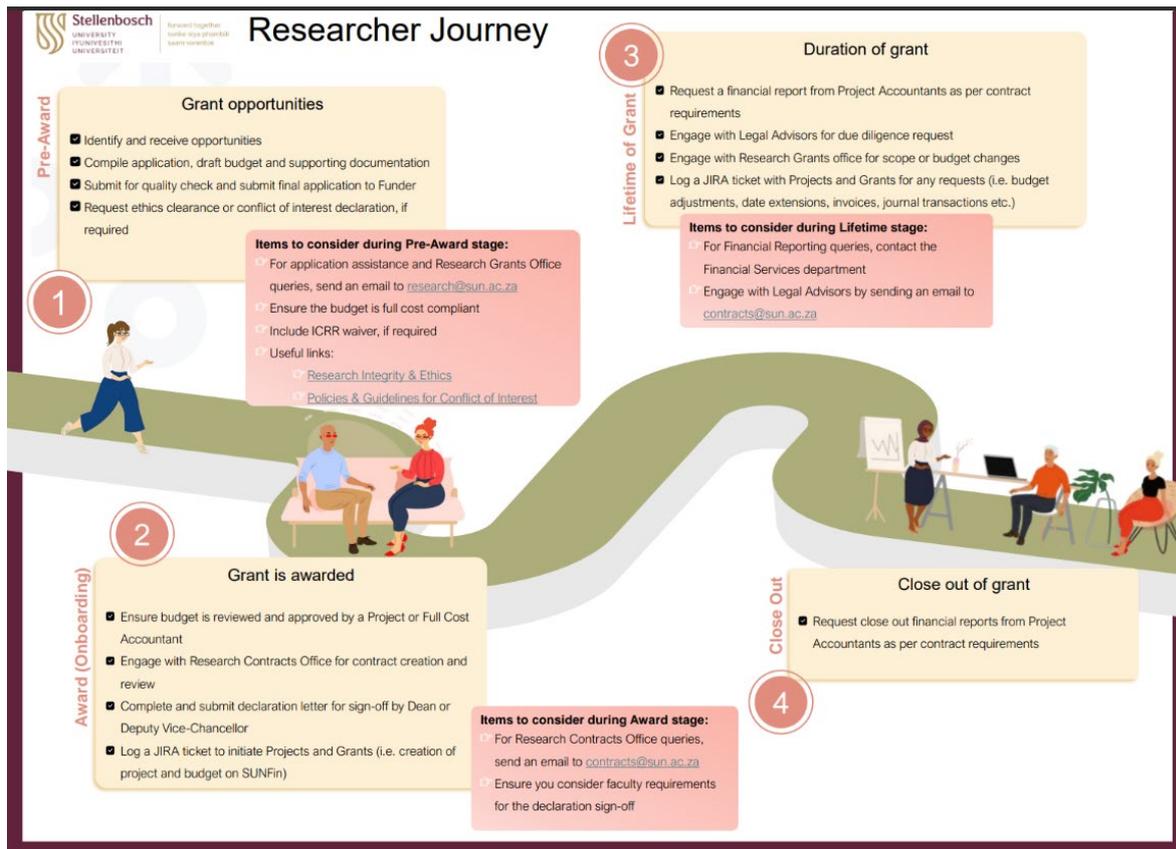
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We are pleased to announce that we have now mapped Stellenbosch University's (SU) end-to-end research grants/contracts and -finance journey to help you manage grants and contracts more effectively.

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.

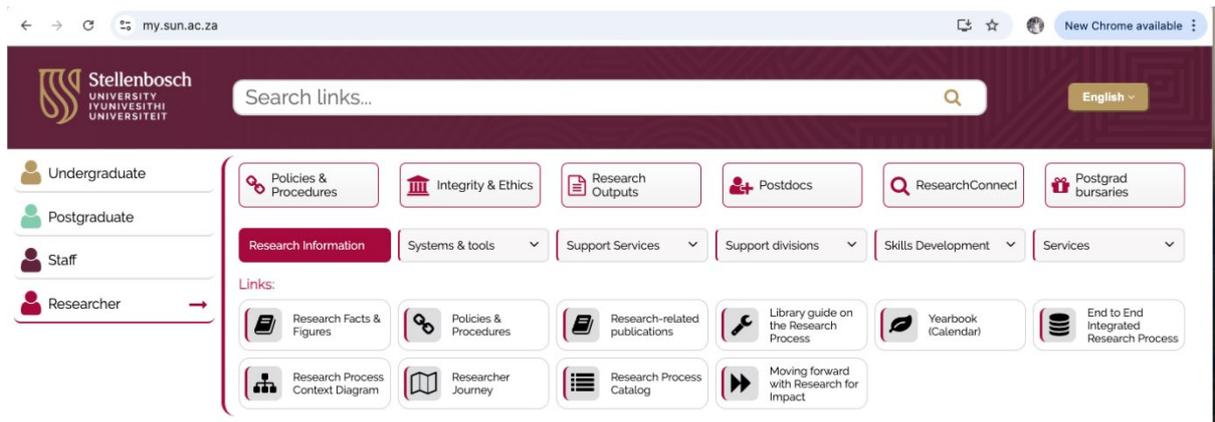
The newly mapped "Researcher journey" (see illustration below) provides a clear roadmap to new and existing staff members who must manage research grants and contracts, showcasing where financial aspects fit into SU's research processes, what is available for the end user, how the process works and what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