

## Contact Details

The aim of this brochure is to introduce you to Subcommittee C and to provide an overview of funding opportunities within the committee. If you require further information, feel free to contact:

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Deputy Dean: Research,

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Senior Director:

Research and Innovation (SU)

## Subcommittee C meeting dates 2015

Agenda closes	Meeting date
22 January	4 February
30 March	14 April
25 May	8 June
11 August	24 August
19 October	2 November

## Other Committees

### RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Overarching committee advising Senate on research policy and the advancement of research at Stellenbosch University.

### SUBCOMMITTEE A

Committee responsible for the advancement of research in the following faculties:

*Arts and Social Sciences*

*Education*

*Law*

*Theology*

*Economic and Management Sciences*

*Military Science*

### SUBCOMMITTEE B

Committee responsible for the advancement of research in the following faculties:

*Science*

*AgriSciences*

*Engineering*

### SUB-COMMITTEE DEALING WITH CENTRAL ANALYTICAL FACILITIES (CAF)

This committee is responsible for formulating policy, managing the CAF and advising the Senate on CAF issues.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LABORATORY EQUIPMENT (ALE)

Committee responsible for advising the Vice-rector (Research and Innovation) on the appropriation of central research funds reserved for the purchase of large research equipment.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE C of the RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Committee responsible for the advancement of research in the:

Faculty of Medicine  
and Health Sciences

CHAIR: Prof Nico C Gey van Pittius

SECRETARIAT: Dr Tania Brodovcky



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## Background

The Senate has approved that the Research Committee appoint three subcommittees representative of the broad groupings within the sciences, known as A (for the arts and humanities), B (for basic and applied natural science and engineering) and C (for the health sciences), to advise it on its wider functions. Subcommittee C members are appointed biannually and the chairperson and vice chair are elected by the members of the committee. The Senior Director: Research and Innovation is an *ex officio* member of the committee.

Subcommittee C fulfills 3 main functions, namely:

- To advise the Research Committee on research policy matters
- Internal screening of NRF rating applications
- To allocate research funding

## Funding opportunities within Subcommittee C

### RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Four-year full time contract positions are made available to senior staff for assistance with research projects within the faculty.

**Closing date for applications:** Varies

### TEMPORARY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Funding for part time research assistance is made available to researchers for specific projects.

**Closing date for applications:** September

### LECTURER REPLACEMENT FUND

This opportunity is earmarked for lecturing staff within the Allied Health Professions to alleviate part of their lecturing load for the advancement of their research.

**Closing date for applications:** March

### EARLY CAREER RESEARCH FUND

This temporary strategic funding is to enable early-career researchers to embark on a research project that would lead to the production of research outputs that would enable them to apply for grants.

**Closing date for applications:** March

### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Subcommittee C co-funds postdoctoral fellowships at R180,000 each, which are awarded competitively to candidates who obtained their PhD degrees within the past 5 years. Applications are made by the hosts.

**Closing date for applications:** Varies

### SPECIAL SUPPORT SCHEME FOR RESEARCH (SSS/"SOS"-FUNDS)

A fixed amount (R9,000) is allocated annually for each publication unit earned for journal articles, books or book chapters and patents which qualify for a government subsidy from the Department of Higher Education and Training. This amount is paid into a central research account of each department / institute / centre / unit. The funds are made available by the chairperson to the researchers who have contributed to the publication units.

**No application process.**

## Research Ethics and Compliancy

At SU, research ethics and compliancy is managed by the Senate Research Ethics Committee (SREC) and five Research Ethics Review Committees (RECs). Contacts for each of these committees are listed below:

- **Senate Research Ethics Committee**  
Contact: Mrs Maléne Fouché  
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- **REC: Human Research (Humanities)**  
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- **HREC1: Health Research 1**  
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- **HREC2: Health Research 2**  
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- **REC: Animal Care and Use**  
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- **REC: Environment and Bio-Safety**  
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## Subcommittee C members

**Prof Nico C Gey van Pittius (Chair)**  
Vice Dean: Research (FMHS)

**Prof Gerhard B Theron (Deputy chair)**  
Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**Dr Tania Brodovcky (Secretariat)**  
Research Development and Support

**Prof John M Akudugu**  
Medical Imaging and Clinical Oncology

**Dr Nicola W Barsdorf**  
Health Research Ethics Office

**Prof Paul A Brink**  
Medicine

**Prof Usuf ME Chikhe**  
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

**Dr J du Toit**  
Orthopaedic Surgery

**Prof Robin A Emsley**  
Psychiatry

**Prof Mariana Kruger**  
Paediatrics and Child Health

**Dr Alwyn JN Louw**  
Centre for Health Professions Education

**Prof Quinette A Louw**  
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

**Ms Debbie Marais**  
Undergraduate Research Office

**Prof Wolfgang Preiser**  
Pathology

**Prof Simon Schaaf**  
Paediatrics and Child Health

**Prof Soraya Seedat**  
Psychiatry

**Prof Hans Strijdom**  
Biomedical Sciences

**Dr Therina Theron**  
Senior Director: Research and Innovation

**Prof Wynand van der Merwe**  
Anaesthesiology and Critical Care

**Prof Jimmy A Volmink**  
Dean: Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

**Prof Gerhard Walzl**  
Biomedical Sciences

**Prof Robin M Warren**  
Biomedical Sciences