

FMHS Research Committee meeting dates

AGENDA CLOSES	DATE OF MEETING
• 15 January	• 29 January
• 1 April	• 15 April
• 17 June	• 30 June
• 4 August	• 18 August
• 29 September	• 13 October

Research Ethics Committees

SENATE RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (SREC)

Research ethics and compliance are managed by the SREC and five Ethics Review Committees (RECs).

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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE: SOCIAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND EDUCATION RESEARCH (REC: SBE)

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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE: ANIMAL CARE AND USE (REC: ACU)

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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE: BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY RESEARCH (REC: BES)

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Chair: FMHS Research Committee

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Secretariat: FMHS Research Committee

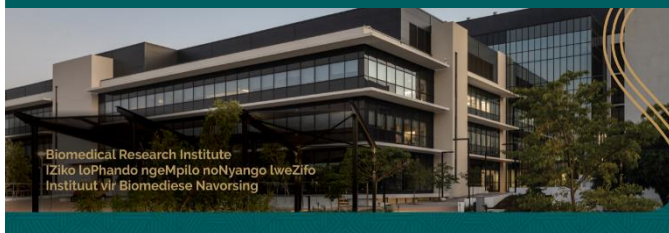
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Research Funding

FMHS Research Committee background

Senate approved that research committees be formed in environments within Stellenbosch University (SU) and be decentralised. The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) formed the **FMHS Research Committee** (formerly named Subcommittee C of the Research Committee of Senate), which fulfills the following main functions:

- Attending to the research agenda of the FMHS
- Advising the SU Research Committee concerning research policy
- Internal screening and recommendation of NRF rating applications
- Allocation of internal research funding

The committee consists of around thirty members, representative of all departments and research support environments within the FMHS.

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Secretariat: Dr Tania Brodovcky

The overarching Stellenbosch University Research Committee advises Senate on research policy and the advancement of research at SU.

Research funding opportunities within the FMHS

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE & TEMPORARY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE FUND

One- to four-year contract positions are made available to senior staff for assistance with research projects within the Faculty.

Closing date: September

LECTURER REPLACEMENT FUND

This opportunity is earmarked for lecturing staff within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences to alleviate part of their lecturing load for the advancement of their research.

Closing date: March

EARLY CAREER RESEARCH FUND

This funding is to enable early-career researchers to embark on a research project that would lead to the production of research outputs, which would enable them to apply for national or international grants.

Closing date: March

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Co-funding is made available in support of postdoctoral fellowships, at R220,000 each, and awarded competitively to hosts, who should recruit suitable candidates who obtained their PhD degrees within the past 5 years.

Closing date: September

HARRY CROSSLEY FOUNDATION FUNDING

This funding is earmarked to support research project running costs for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows, who should be the applicants.

Closing date: May

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION FUND (FMHS-OAF)

Funding of up to R30,000 is provided to support payment of article processing charges (APC) for publications in peer-reviewed Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)-accredited open access or hybrid journals. It is earmarked for early-career researchers, postdoctoral fellows, or postgraduate students who should be the first authors of manuscripts.

Closing date: Ad hoc, but by 5 December each year

SCIENTIFIC TRAVEL & PUBLICATION AWARD FUNDS

Scientific travel funding support is provided towards national or international conferences, or short research-related visits and/or courses if criteria are met. Publication awards are made to incentivise publication of research results in Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)-accredited peer-reviewed journals.

Closing dates: 1 March, 1 July, or 1 November (depending on period of travel)

SPECIAL SUPPORT SCHEME FOR RESEARCH (SOS-FUNDS)

A fixed amount 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 head to the researchers who have contributed to the publication units.

Access currently open funding opportunities here:
www.sun.ac.za/RDSfunding

