Research Support Department
Focus and Responsibilities

The general **strategy statement** of the department is to:
• Create an enabling environment for quality research
• Excel in providing support to develop research capacity
• Streamline and standardise research support processes to improve the quality of research
• Support towards enhancing excellence and visibility of researchers and research programmes

Our **focus for 2020** is on:
• Research Development
• Management of Research funds
• Projects and Research Information Management
• Research Ethics and Integrity
• Management of Research Outputs Information
• Quality Improvement of Research
• Research Excellence and Visibility

Contribution to NWU Annual Performance Plan 2020
Goal 2: Intensify research and innovation
The implementation of this goal will be achieved through:
2.3 Successful completion of Doctoral Review
2.4 Improving of research productivity
2.5 Strengthening international research and impact of research to position NWU as an internationally recognized university of consequence
2.6 Creating and maintaining a conducive, sustainable and supportive environment to advance research excellence

Focus (Relevant APP Goal)	Programme(s)/Project(s)	Responsibility	Contacts
Research Development (APP G2 – 2.4, 2.6)	Research Development Planning - Research Skills and Training Register - Research Ethics and Supervision Training Framework - Research Development Plan	**Zama Kose** Zama.Kose@nwu.ac.za	0182852076
	Research Capacity Development - Postdoctoral Fellowships Programme - DST/NRF Internship Programme - Universities Capacity Development Programme (UCDP): Emerging Researchers, Mobility Grants, Mentorship Support, Informal Academic Professional Development, Student Academic Career, Development (Student and Mentorship Programme – NESP) - Advanced Qualifications: NWU Staff Discount Scheme	**MPE Meintjes** Mpe.Meintjies@nwu.ac.za	0182994856
Management of Research funds (APP G2 - 2.3)	Pre-Award Management - Management of NRF Evaluation and Rating (Pre-Award process only)	**Funanani Lavhelani** 26720019@nwu.ac.za	0182994789

	- Management of NRF, MRC & other research funding applications (Pre-Award process only) - Communication of Research Funding - Management of South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) (Pre-Award process only) - Briefing and Training Sessions for researchers and students		2
	Post-Award Management - Grant holder awards - Grant holder linked bursaries - Block Grants - Freestanding Travel Grants and Bursaries - Freestanding Post Doc Research Grants and Bursaries - SKA Student Travel Grants and Bursaries - External Auditing - THUTUKA payments - MRC funding - THRIP funding - NWU Postdoc funding	**Johann Du Plessis** Johann.DuPlessi@nwu.ac.za **Heide Goedhals** Heide.Goedhals@nwu.ac.za	Johann – 0182994854 Heide - 0182994855
Projects and Research Information Management (APP G2 - 2.4, 2.5, 2.6)	- NWU Research Landscape - Research Funding Mechanisms - THRIP projects - MERSETA project - Research Project Portfolio - TIA Green Coal - Income Generation from Research	**Cora De Groot** Cora.DeGroot@nwu.ac.za **Tinus Vorster** Tinus.Vorster@nwu.ac.za	Cora – 0817405655 Tinus - 0836546549
Research Ethics and Integrity (APP G2 - 2.3, 2.4, 2.6)	- Online Research Ethics Application System - Administrative support to faculty RECs - RDGC application management process - Creating awareness of research ethics matters	**Nkosinathi Machine** Nkosinathi.Machine@nwu.ac.za	0182994849
Management of Research Outputs Information (APP G2 - 2.4, 2.6)	- NWU Publication and Creative outputs subsidy submission - Quality assurance of the research publications and creative output subsidy submission process - InfoEd management, implementation and maintenance - InfoEd system training and online support	**Teresa Smit** Teresa.Smit@nwu.ac.za	0182994853

	- 2019 Integrated Research and Innovation Report - Research related research report (from InfoEd) for DVC, Strategic Intelligence, Faculties and Research Entities		3
Quality Improvement of Research (APP G2 - 2.3, 2.5)	- Doctoral Review Coordination and Improvement Plan - Policy framework for research and innovation - Internal evaluation of Research Entities	**Nnenesi Kgabi** Nnenesi.Kgabi @nwu.ac.za	0182994848
Research Excellence and Visibility (APP G2 - 2.5, 2.6)	- Holistic Strategy for Internationalisation of research - Research visibility for emerging and advanced researchers - Research and Innovation Awards	**Nnenesi Kgabi** Nnenesi.Kgabi@nwu .ac.za	0182994848