



# Research Ethics and Integrity

Research Support Department

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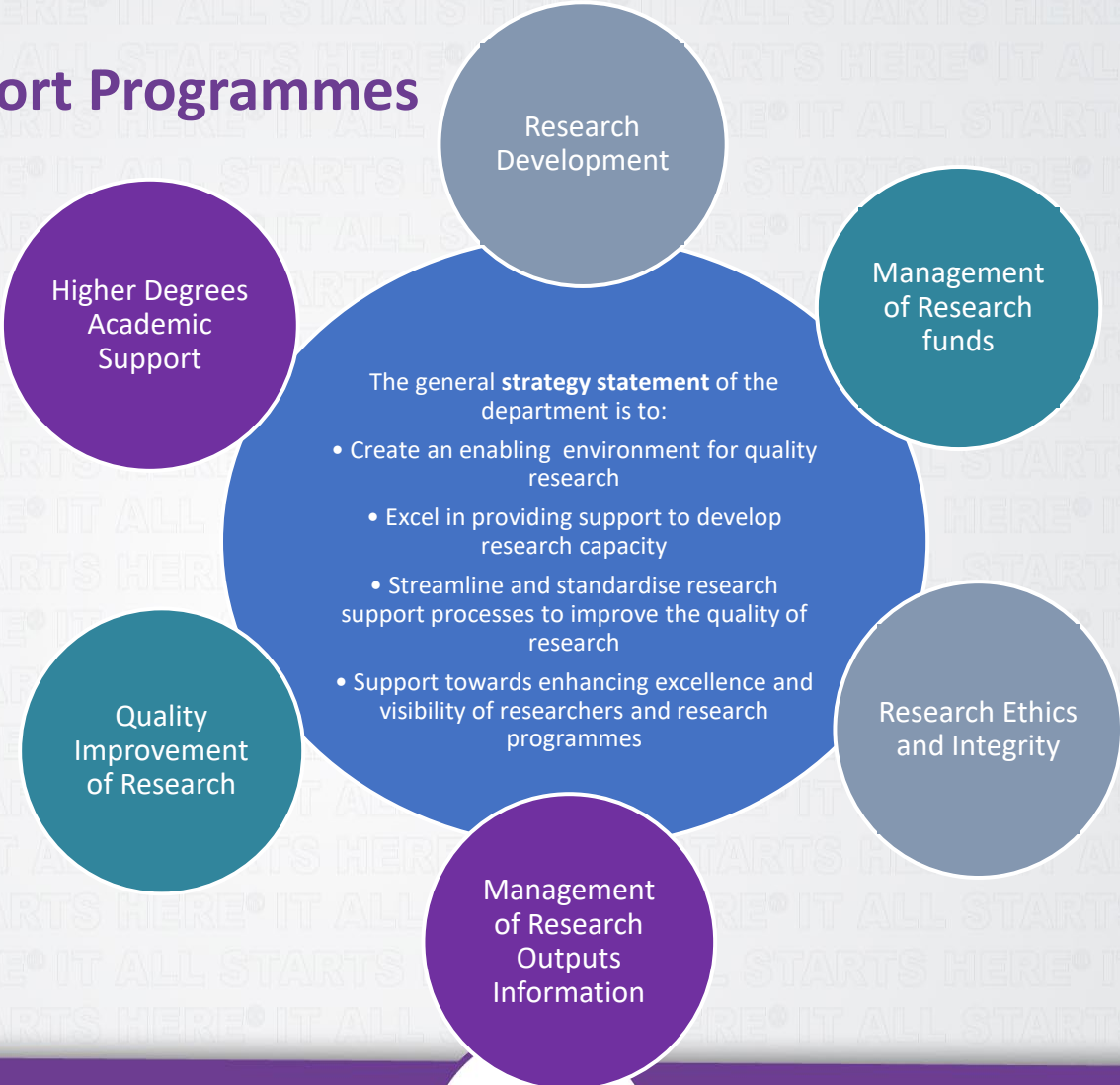
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# Research Support Programmes





# Meet the Team



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Research Ethics  
Coordinator

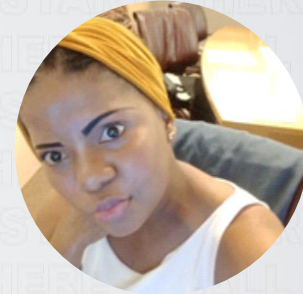
- Coordination of Research Ethics Committees SOPs and TOR
- Research Support POPIA Champion
  - Management of the RDGC applications process



**Mr. Kamogelo Sereo**  
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Research Support  
Assistant

- Maintain central database for research approvals
- Organize research ethics and integrity workshops/trainings
- Maintain research ethics and integrity webpage

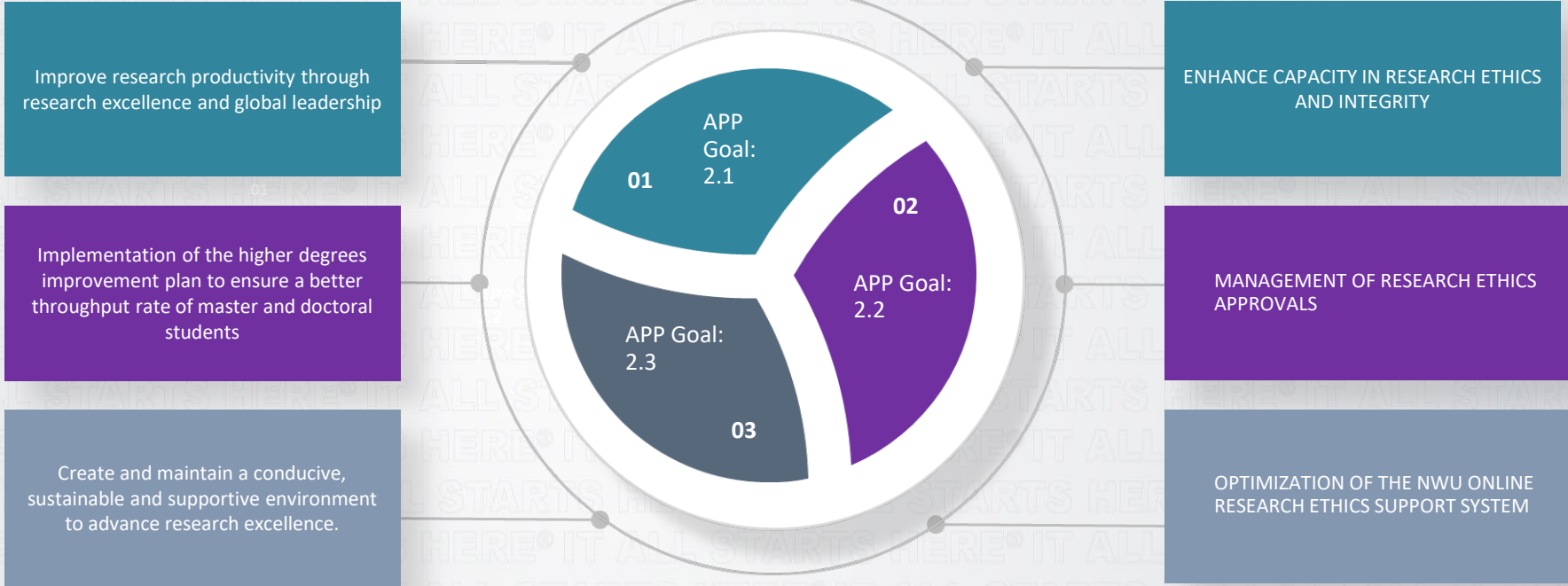


**Mrs. Amanda Koto**  
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Senior Research  
Support Assistant

- Monitoring and reporting of the REC activities
- Monitoring and reporting of Research ethics & integrity training/workshop activities
- Coordinate the development of the Online Research Ethics Support System.

# NWU Annual Performance Plan Goals 2023



# Key Focus Areas



## Ethics Clearance

All research conducted at NWU needs ethics clearance

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## Research Gate Keeping

Access to data (held by the NWU) for research purposes

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## Workshops/Trainings

Research Ethics and Integrity Trainings 2023

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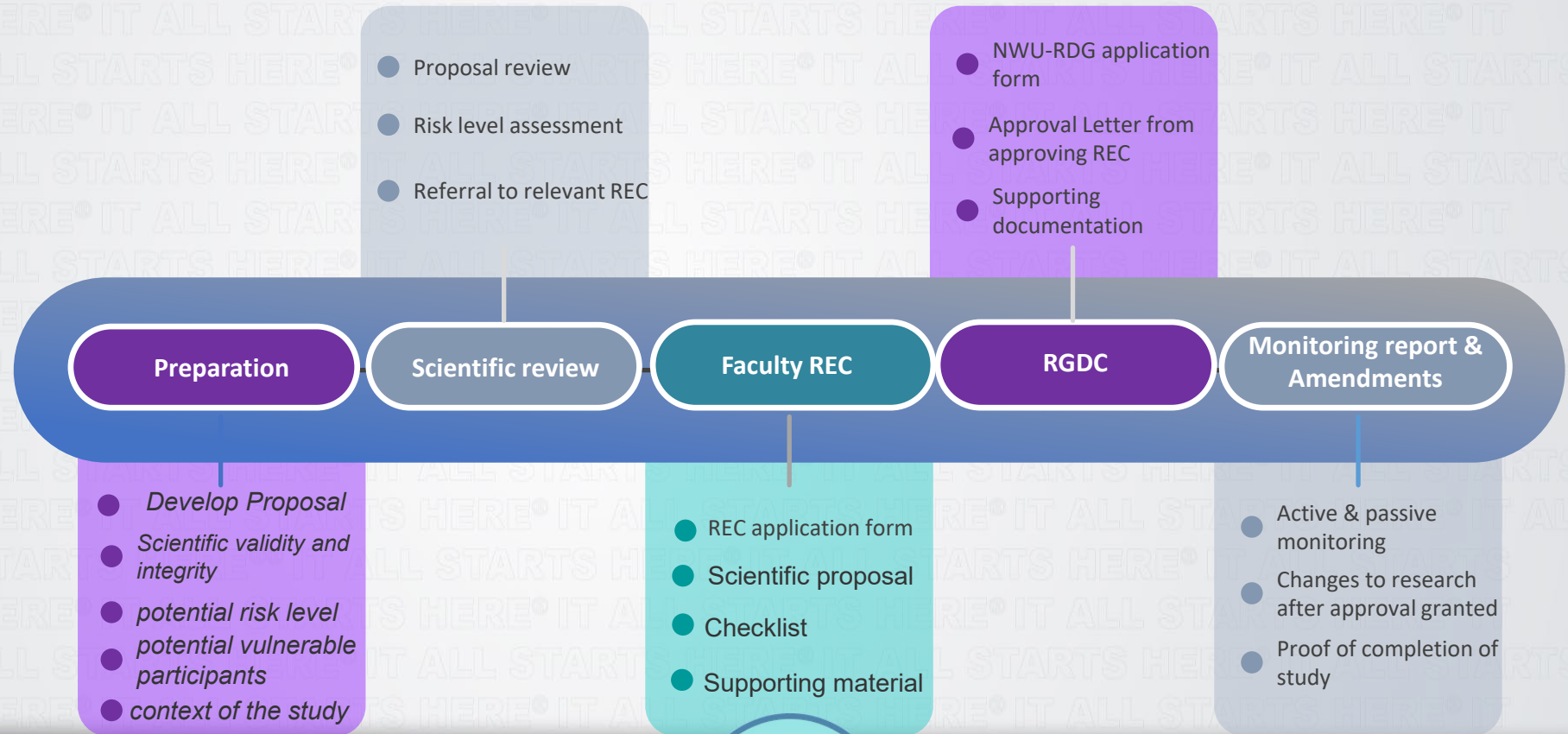


## Online Support System

Currently under development

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# Ethics Application and Approval Process



# Ethics Clearance Application Checklist



Proposal



Edited by a registered language editor



Scientific Approval letter



Signed by the reviewed committee chairperson



Ethics Training



Valid for three years



Title registration



CAD approval for title registration



## WHO SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATION

- The **Principal Investigator (PI)/Supervisor** is accountable for the conduct of the study, including adherence to research ethics requirements and therefore is the person whose suppose to submit the research proposal and supporting documents for review.
- Documents to be signed by the **PI/Supervisor** and **research team** (researcher/student/research assistant)
  - Ethics Application form
  - Ethics Informed Consent Form
  - NWU Confidentiality undertaking form
  - NWU code of conduct for Researchers
- Additional supporting documentation may be requested by the RECS as outlined in their SOPs and ToR

# Research Ethics Committee

REC Code: **A5**

Chairperson: Prof Upenyu Marume  
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# NWU Faculty Research Committees

- The NWU has 13 Research Ethics Review Committees (RECs) that function under one regulatory body, the Senate Committee for Research Ethics (SCRE).

Chairperson: Prof MJ Mphahlele

Committee contact person: [Ms Feziwe Mseleni](#)

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# Gatekeeper Permission to Conduct Research

- All research conducted with NWU staff and students require NWU Gatekeeper approval from the RDGC Committee.
- You apply for this **after** you have been granted ethics approval.
- Agenda for these meetings closes seven days prior to the meeting.

## Dates for RDGC meetings 2023

30 June	14 July
18 August	12 September
13 October	7 November
04 December	

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## Documents to be included

- The NWU Gatekeeper Application Form.
- The ethics committee approval letter/certificate.
- The approved research proposal.
- The signed and approved informed consent statement/leaflet.
- Examples of the data collection instruments (e.g. questionnaire; interview guide; interview schedule).



**Thank you**