

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

Faculty of Humanities Research Committee

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR BOOK PUBLICATION
APPLICATIONS FOR 2021

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Book Publication funding instrument is to support expenses related to progressing a complete and accepted manuscript into press. Evidence from the last few years suggests that costs related to book publishing are rising, and that publishers (often under financial pressure themselves) ask for subventions to defray part of the costs related to getting a manuscript into print. The DHET's recently calibrated accreditation of book outputs means that this form of publication, historically common and valued in the Humanities, now has greater recognition than it has in the past. Supporting book publication is therefore an important part of the Faculty Research Committee's strategic support for research activity and associated outputs.

2. Funding and deliverable

For 2021, we will make up to R50 000 available per grant, to support the publication of a manuscript. This manuscript must go through full independent peer review, with a letter from a reputable scholarly publisher confirming this process either as having been completed or in process, required as part of the application documentation. The **contractual obligation of the grantee is a peer-reviewed book that will be submitted as a potential subsidy-attracting publication related to this funding, with all supporting documentation.**

3. Eligibility

This source of support is particularly intended for:

- a) University staff who have a contract with a publisher, and a manuscript in, or close to, the final publication stage.
- b) Staff who, at the time of submission, have insufficient funds from research grants and/or across all of their research incentive funding (RINC) accounts to cover book subvention and other reasonable final publication-related costs, guided by the university research policy. Funds related to book publication need to be spent by end June 2022; the scheduled publication date should be end 2022.

4. Process

4.1 Applications

This letter serves as a Faculty Research Committee call for applications from staff who meet the eligibility criteria above and who require funds to progress a final fully independently peer-reviewed book manuscript into publication by the end of 2022.

The following information needs to be provided to the School Research Committee Chair within the **application** for this grant:

1. Information on the planned publication
 - Title of book publication
 - Publisher
 - Letter from a reputable scholarly publisher confirming that independent peerreview is either in process or complete
 - Planned date of publication
2. A brief budget detailing how the funding will support the production of the book.
3. A letter from the publisher confirming that the book is comprised of original research, and has been through full independent peer review.
4. Applicant CV

Applications should be submitted by 15 July 2021. The School Research Committee Chair will then screen and forward the applications to the Assistant Deans: Research who will assess applications with assistance from Staff within Schools as required, and disburse funds by 31 July 2021.

4.2 Grant-related reporting to Faculty

Each recipient will be required to submit an interim update in June 2022 and a final report in December 2022 to Hazvinei Musodza, the FRC Administrative Officer (Hazvinei.Musodza@wits.ac.za). Details of the published, or to-be-published book should be included in this report.

5. General

No carry-forward of funds to the following year is permitted. Unspent amounts in the grant will automatically be returned to the FRC at the end of December 2022.

To apply for the FRC Book Publication Grant please click [here](#)