

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

Faculty of Humanities Research Committee

**FUNDING SUPPORT FOR ACCREDITED SPECIAL ISSUE PUBLICATION:
APPLICATIONS FOR 2021**

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Accredited Special Issue funding instrument is to support expenses related to the compilation of a **Special Issue containing at least two papers involving Wits staff as authors**. While editing of Special Issues does not attract subsidy, we are aware that it is widely recognised as a marker of an established researcher in the field. We are also aware that the work of compiling a Special Issue as an editor is substantial, and can involve expenses related to editorial support, proof-reading and page fees. Funding through this instrument can be used to support these kinds of costs directed at aiding the Special Issue Editor/s to progress the final collated papers into a Special Issue ready for publication.

2. Funding and deliverable

For 2021, we will make up to R25 000 available per grant, to support the collation and final submission of papers for an accredited Special Issue. The **contractual obligation of the grantee is the final submission of the collated set of papers for publication** in an accredited journal. This funding is not aimed at supporting the writing of papers; rather, the focus is on supporting the final compilation stage in order to facilitate submission.

The award is a single payment into a project account for the successful applicant.

3. Eligibility

This source of support is particularly intended for:

- a) University staff who have an agreement with an accredited journal to guest edit a Special Issue of an **accredited journal**, and are aiming to submit a final compiled set of papers to the journal by end 2022. **At least two papers in the Special Issue need to involve Wits authors.**
- 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 expenses related to final submission of a compiled set of papers for the Special Issue. Reasonable expense items will be guided by the university research policy. Funds related to Special Issue submission need to be spent by June 30 2022; the scheduled publication date of the Special Issue should be before the end of 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 set of peer-reviewed papers into final compilation and submission to an accredited journal for publication by the end of 2022.

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

1. Information on the planned publication
 - Special Issue title and Journal title
 - Planned date of final submission of Special Issue papers
 - Planned date of publication of the Special Issue
2. A brief budget detailing how the funding will support the compilation and final submission of the Special Issue papers
3. Applicant CV

Applications should be submitted by 15 July 2021. The School Research 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

An interim update should be submitted in June 2022 and a final report should be submitted in December 2022 to Hazvinei Musodza, the FRC Administrative Officer (Hazvinei.Musodza@wits.ac.za). Full details of the Special Issue in its submitted form 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 Special Issue Grant please click [here](#)