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## INVITATION TO SERVE ON RESEARCH OUTPUT SUB-PANELS FOR THE EVALUATION OF SCHOLARLY BOOKS AND PROCEEDINGS FOR SUBSIDY

### BACKGROUND

The evaluation of university's research outputs by the DHET for subsidy purposes has evolved over the past few years. From the year 2005 when the *Policy and Procedures for the measurement of Research Output of Public Higher Education Institutions (2003)* came into operation, research outputs of universities were only evaluated by a Research Outputs Evaluation (ROE) Panel, comprising of senior professionals (DVC level) from universities.

However, in 2014 and 2015, the DHET commissioned the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) to undertake a pilot project for the review of scholarly books and conference proceedings through field-specific sub-panels. Due to the pilot project having come to an end, the DHET will, from 2015 onwards, conduct the evaluation process of books and conference proceedings internally, under the guidance of the ROE Panel. The DHET will continue using field-specific sub-panels, comprised of experts/scholars, to evaluate research outputs as it has proven to be fair, credible and transparent.

It is against this background that the DHET would like to invite experts (editors, researchers and experienced scholars) from different fields of study to come serve on different field-specific evaluation subpanels.

### AIM

The subpanels will evaluate books and proceedings, together with the relevant accompanying information, in order to ensure that all approved publications meet both the technical and

quality requirements for subsidy allocation as set out in the *Policy and Procedures for Measurement of Research Output of Public Higher Education Institutions (2003)*.

## **FIELD-SPECIFIC SUB-PANELS**

### **Sub-Panel 1**

Agriculture, Agricultural Operations and Related Sciences

Life Sciences

### **Sub-Panel 2**

Architecture and the Built Environment

Engineering

### **Sub-Panel 3**

Humanities: Visual and Performing Arts

Languages, Linguistics and Literature

### **Sub-Panel 4**

Education

### **Sub-Panel 5**

Business, Economics and Management Sciences

Public Management and Services

Communication, Journalism and Related Studies

### **Sub-Panel 6**

Computer and Information Sciences

Mathematics and Statistics

Physical Sciences

### **Sub-Panel 7**

Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences

### **Sub-Panel 8**

Law

### **Sub-Panel 9**

Military Sciences

Philosophy, Religion and Theology  
Psychology  
Social Sciences  
Family Ecology and Consumer Sciences

## MEETINGS

The subpanels will be overseen by the DHET Research Outputs Evaluation (ROE) Panel and administrative support will be provided by personnel from the University Policy and Development Support directorate at DHET. The sub-panels will be expected to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at a venue to be communicated in early July.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of these field-specific evaluation sub-panels or wish to nominate other suitable persons, please submit a completed Nomination and Motivation form (as attached), and recent Curriculum Vitae to [Maphalla.M@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Maphalla.M@dhet.gov.za) by no later than Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 under the subject title of "Nominations, DHET Research Output Evaluations". Should you have any further questions please contact Ms Mmudi Maphalla on the above email address or on 012 312 5378.

I look forward to receiving your nominations of experts/scholars to serve on these evaluation sub-panels.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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