

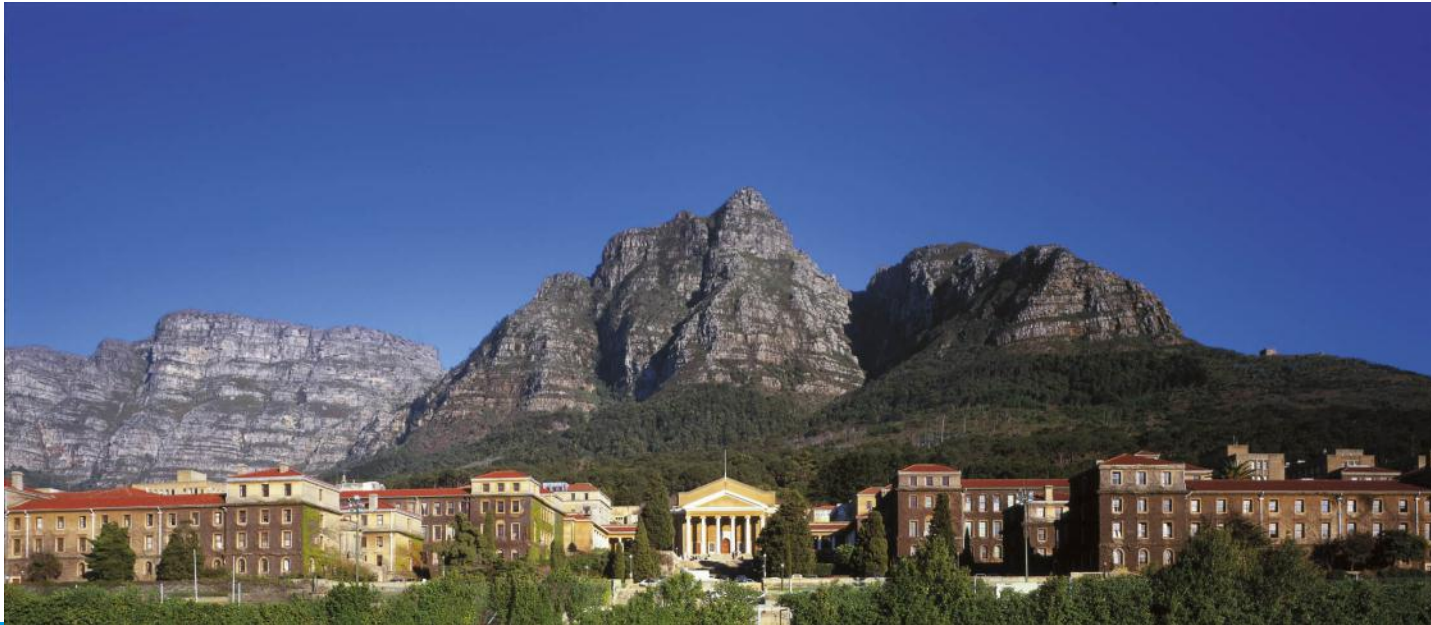
# Changes in scholarly communication: implication for research data management

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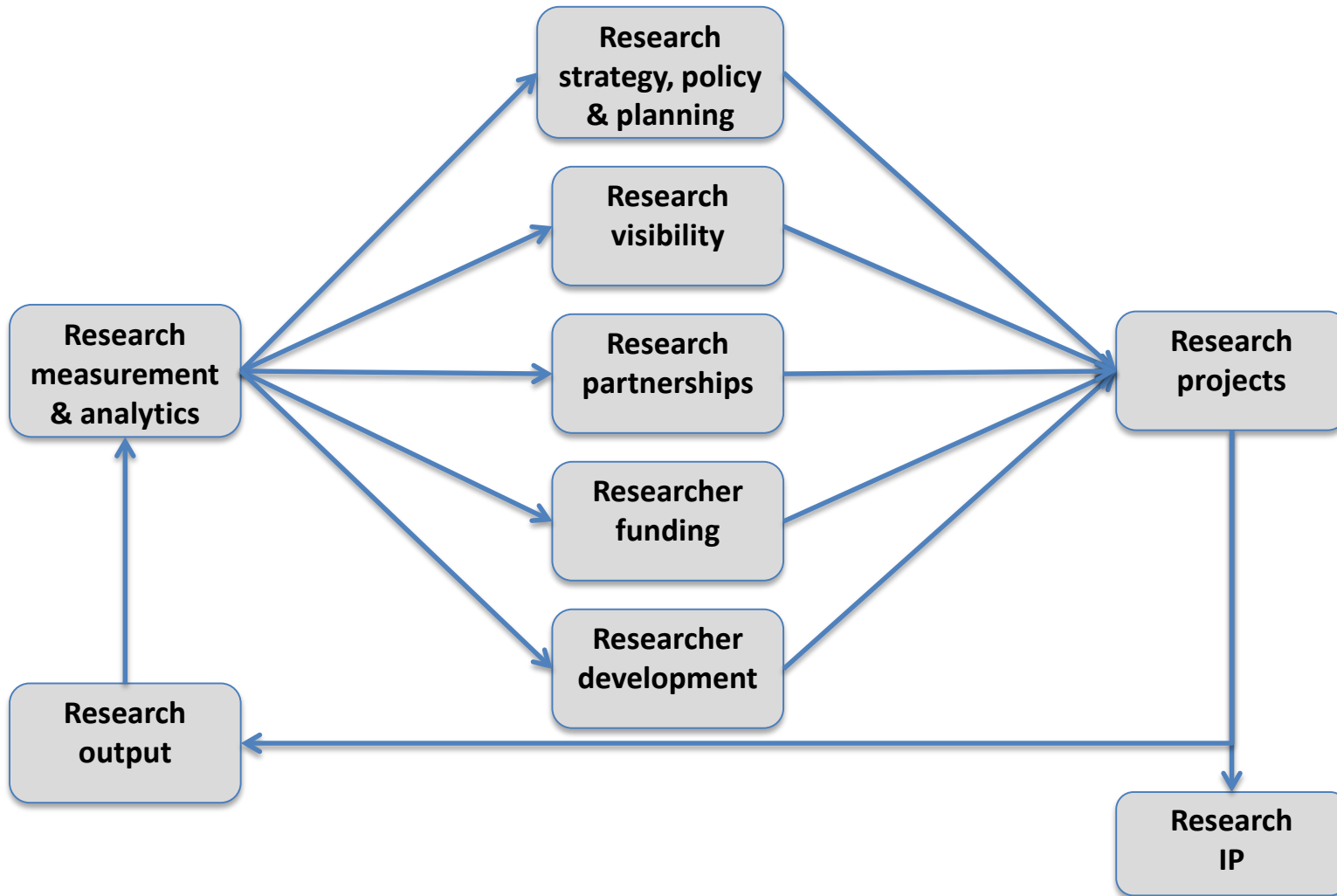
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# The Research Support Cycle



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- NRF Communique to Library Directors (CHELSA);
- NRF presentation outlining conditions for grantees depositing OA publications with supporting data sets

# UCT Open Access (OA) Policy

- Approved by Senate in 2014
- Amended in 2016 in response to the NRF OA statement (Jan 2015)
- Author responsibility (Clause 5.1)
- Student theses and dissertations (ETDs) (Clause 5.3)
- Both clauses stress funder compliance:

*“Grant holders are required to comply with any conditions for publishing scholarly content as set out by the funder”*

# OpenUCT Guidelines

- Guidelines for the publication of theses and dissertations after conferment of the degree;
- General Rules amended (PC1 Jan 2016);
- Distinguish deferred publication (up to 24 months) from publication under embargo (DVC level approval)

# NRF Individual Grant Holders

- Conditions in the grant;
- Clause re data storage, usage and dissemination;
- Where the institution decides that the NRF funded research outputs should not be protected under IP, the institution shall be obliged to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the availability of the research data output to the larger research community...

# NRF Open Access Statement

- Issued in January 2015 – it is policy and it is mandatory;
- What it says:

“Research papers generated from research fully or partially funded by NRF when submitting & publishing in academic journals should deposit their final peer-reviewed manuscripts that have been accepted by the journal to the Institutional Repository (IR) with an embargo period of no more than 12 months...”



# NRF OA Statement

“In addition, the data supporting the publication should be deposited in an accredited OA repository with the provision of a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) for future citation and referencing”.

What is does not clarify:

- NRF funded theses and dissertations (ETDs)
- Research Data Management for ETDs
- Accredited data repositories
- ORCID requirements for researchers

# Status of OA institutional repositories & data repositories

- South African universities have OA institutional repositories (IR);
- Many institutions do not have data repository capacity/capability to store and protect data e.g. IP
- Deadline was 1 March 2015 – CHEC CEO wrote to the NRF as did many institutions indicating that they could not meet the data management deadline. Clarification was sought from the NRF;
- Responses back were more about publications than data management

# UCT

- UCT recognised that it would need to assist researchers and prepare for a time when the NRF compliance would be implemented;
- Research Data Management (RDM) Policy initiated by the URC which includes proposal for governance;
- Advocacy initiatives underway with campus stakeholders;
- eResearch capability implemented at UCT
- Active leadership and participation in regional & national cyberinfrastructure development

# GMSA Communique 2

## (issued by NRF)

- Issued in 2015 separately from NRF OA statement
- Prescriptive/requirements for processing grant-holder linked and free standing & postdoctoral support
- Primarily this covers NRF funded theses and dissertations in electronic format (ETDs)
- GMSA directive to Delegated Authority (RO)
- Directive also sent to Library Directors (CHELSA) – requirements for archiving NRF funded theses and dissertations (ETDs)

# GMSA Communique 2

## Delegated Authority

“The grantee is required to upload the final corrected version in approved e-format to the university’s IR. The Research Office should ensure that the bursary holder submits the ETD handle or link in the university IR to the NRF before or a month after their graduation ceremony...Failure to comply with the requirement, the grantee will be liable to refund all support provided by the NRF”

# GMSA Communique 2 issued to University Library Directors

- What it says:
  - The library should archive the ETD before or no later than a month after the NRF grantee's graduation;
  - The Library should provide the ETD handle to the grantee to submit as evidence of completion of studies to the NRF;

- The Library should update the NRF when a NRF funded ETD handle changes
- If an ETD is to be embargoed\*, the Library is expected to update the NRF on the status of that item when the embargo expires.

(\*UCT distinguishes between deferred release up to 24 month in order to publish from embargoed which requires DVC/DDB approval)

# GMSA Communique 2 issued to University Library Directors

- What it does not say anything about:
  - Management of research data supporting a thesis or dissertation;
  - In anticipation that the NRF implements a requirement for research data management at some point, UCT wants to make provision in the Student-Supervisor MoU that a Research Data Management Plan is submitted on



# NRF presentation at CODATA meeting December 2015

- Policy outlined
- Conditions outlined
- Emphasised that the 2015 NRF Open Access statement is mandatory

# National ETD Repository (NETD)

- [www.netd.ac.za](http://www.netd.ac.za)

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