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Dear Research Office

**Re-launch: Nexus Current and Completed Research Projects (Masters and Doctoral)**

The NRF is re-launching the [Current and Completed Research Projects \(Masters and Doctoral\) platform](#), migrating from [Nexus Current and Completed Projects](#). This more modern, up-to-date DSpace system will provide open access to more than 180 000 postgraduate titles (Postgraduate) from all HEIs and associated institutions.

The new metadata template includes the full proposal or abstract attachment; the ORCID; and is Open Access compliant. In tandem with the emerging network of institutional repositories in South Africa, the database promises to become a central link of the national infrastructure for e-research to the global research network. It is, therefore, important that stakeholders support this initiative in order to provide an international showcase of emerging South African research outputs.

The DSpace platform will allow individual institutions to upload new items from their side (**using authorised submitter workflow**). The new process is intended to clear backlogs and ensure postgraduate proposals metadata (full/abstracts) are published on the Internet once approved and registered. NRF will also consolidate the NEXUS database and integrate it with the South African National Theses and Dissertations portal in the future.

In order for the new workflow to be a success, your office needs to liaise with the institutional stakeholders (including the University Library directorate) to ensure all registered postgraduate theses and dissertations works are captured and disseminated through the national databases - NEXUS: Current and Completed Research Projects, as well as the South African Theses and Dissertations portal.

Please feel free to contact me on email, if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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