



Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Research Output Subsidy Allocation Model

The Research Output Subsidy is paid to the University of Pretoria after the DHET's audit on publications, this is normally two years after the publication year, i.e. the 2020 Research Output subsidies were paid out in 2022.

Subsidy calculation at the Faculty of Health Sciences

1. The subsidy paid out from the DHET is received from the Department of Research and Innovation.
2. The Faculty of Health Sciences takes 5% of the total subsidy earned to support and stimulate Faculty Research activities.
3. The remaining 95% is allocated to the different Schools in proportion to the research outputs they produced.
4. Prior to the allocation of funds to the respective Departments (within the School), Schools keep a portion of the subsidy. Below are different proportions that each School keeps before allocating funds to Departments:
 - a. School of Medicine keeps 30%
 - b. School of Dentistry keeps 5%
 - c. School of Health Care Sciences keeps 10%
 - d. School of Health Systems and Public Health keeps 10%
5. The remaining funds are then split between the departments in proportion to the research outputs produced.
6. The Faculty arranges the transfer of funds with assistance from the Department of Finance. A spreadsheet showing all allocated funds is sent to the School Chairs and the Head of Departments.
7. Each department decides on its arrangements to further divide the funds. Some keep the funds in a pool for departmental use, others transfer the funds to the cost centres of the researchers who earned the subsidy and others have a split arrangement.

Very important to note: A subsidy can only be allocated to the academic department where the author(s) is affiliated/appointed. Subsidies cannot be paid to a research entity (Institute, Centre, Unit, Chair).

Unit allocations

The Faculty Research Office does not receive DHET subsidy funds for supervision of Masters or PhD. Masters and PhD units are not presented here.

Accredited/approved journals

A research article published in an approved journal will be subsidised as a single unit if all the authors are affiliated with the claiming institution. In the case where authors are affiliated with two or more institutions, the subsidy is shared between the claiming institutions.

Books and chapters in books

A book may be subsidised to a maximum of ten units, based on the number of pages being claimed, where relevant. Where authors are affiliated with two or more institutions, the subsidy is shared between the claiming institutions.

A guide on unit allocation for book publications.	
A chapter in a book	= 1 unit
A book of a minimum of 60 pages, but less than 90 pages	= 2 units
A book of 90 pages and above, but less than 120 pages	= 3 units
A book of 120 pages and above, but less than 150 pages	= 4 units
A book of 150 pages and above, but less than 180 pages	= 5 units
A book of 180 pages and above, but less than 210 pages	= 6 units
A book of 210 pages and above, but less than 240 pages	= 7 units
A book of 240 pages and above, but less than 270 pages	= 8 units
A book of 270 pages and above, but less than 300 pages	= 9 units
A book of 300 pages and above	= 10 units

Conference Proceedings

Proceedings papers meeting the DHET criteria will be allocated a maximum of one-half of a unit (0.5) if all the authors are affiliated with the claiming institution. In the case where authors are affiliated with two or more institutions, the subsidy is shared between the claiming institution.

Please review the [Research Outputs Policy 2015](#) from the DHET for more information.