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**TUS New Programme Validation Process Outline
Academic Years 2021 - 2023**



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1.0 TUS: Midlands Midwest New Programme Validation: Process Outline, Academic Years 2021 – 2023

- a) TUS: Midlands Midwest received Designation as a Technological University on October 1st 2021.
- b) The aim of this document is to facilitate New Programme Development for the Technological University by outlining the key procedures for TUS: Midlands Midwest while utilising existing Policies and Procedures.
- c) The Technological University has begun the process of developing a comprehensive suite of Academic Policies and Procedures through the work of Interim Academic Council and its Subcommittees and their Working Groups. This process is being progressed during the Academic Years 2021 – 2023 and requires wide consultation among key stakeholders across the Technological University.
- d) Where appropriate existing policies and procedures are being adopted/adapted and implemented by the Technological University in the interim. In relation to New Programme Development and Validation, the following policies and procedures are applicable:

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- i. *Procedures and Guidelines for the Design, Development, Evaluation, and Withdrawal of Taught Programmes (Revised 2018).* ^[1]
- ii. *Assessors Guide for New Programme Evaluation Sent to External Panel Member.* ^[2]
- iii. *Template for Action by Faculty to External Report* ^[3]

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- i. *Academic Council Regulations and Procedures for Taught Programmes 2021/22 Parts 1 and 2. Chapter 3, Development and Review of Programmes and Modules.* ^[4]
- e) All new programme proposals shall be submitted to the *Programme Provision including Flexible Learning Subcommittee* of Interim Academic Council.
- f) The development of Major Awards shall follow the existing procedures as outlined in *Procedures and Guidelines for the Design, Development, Evaluation and Withdrawal of Taught Programmes* and *Academic Council Regulations and Procedures for Taught Programmes (ACRP)*. All key steps are mapped to existing procedures and processes within TUS: Midlands Midwest (Figure 1).
- g) The development of Minor and Special Purpose Awards shall follow the existing procedures as outlined in Section 5 of *Procedures and Guidelines for the Design, Development, Evaluation and Withdrawal of Taught Programmes* and Section 3.5 of *Academic Council Regulations and Procedures for Taught Programmes (ACRP)*.

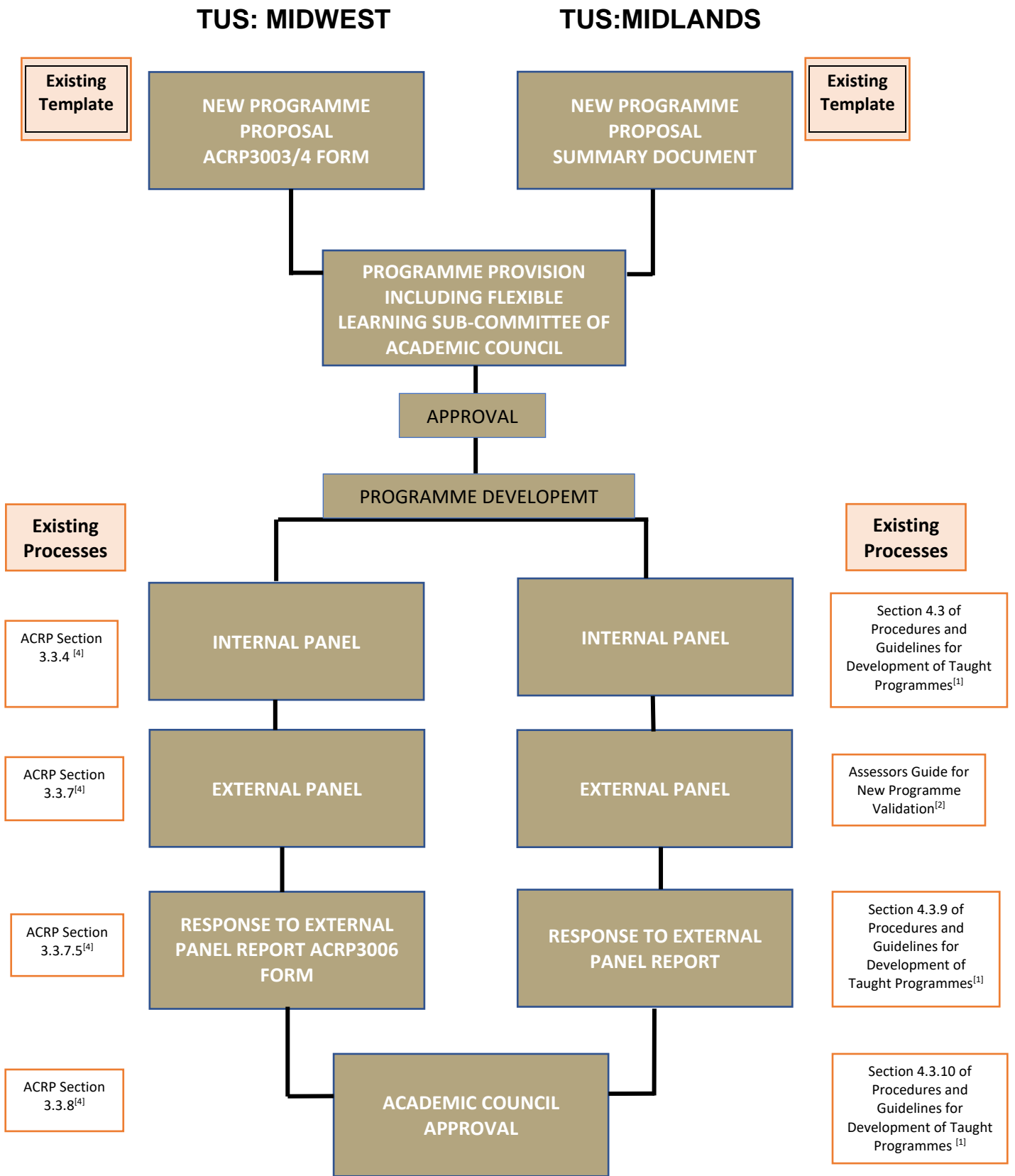


Figure 1. TUS: Midlands Midwest New Programme Validation: Process Outline

References

1. [Procedures and Guidelines for the Design, Development, Evaluation, and Withdrawal of Taught Programmes \(Revised 2018\).](#)
2. [Assessors Guide for New Programme Evaluation Sent to External Panel Member](#)
3. [Template for Action by Faculty to External Report](#)
4. [ACRP Part 1 2021-202224](#)