A blurred background image of a desk. On the left, a small green plant in a dark glass jar sits on the desk. A desk lamp with a white shade is positioned above it, casting a warm glow. In the center, a laptop is open. To the right of the laptop, a black mug and some papers are visible. The overall scene is a typical office or study environment.

Penguin poop, breaking the internet and doughnuts What it's *really* like working in research support

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Who am I?
(psychoanalysis optional)

Late one afternoon...



21st century researcher

Undertakes a project and produces an output

Cycle of research projects with career progression

Facing increased pressures



21st century academic library

Moving from content provider to content creator

Increased external pressures - REF

Calls for changing publication models

New ways of supporting researchers





Terminology

Open Access

Research Data Management

Copyright

Text and data mining

Publishing models

Day in the life

Advice and support

Teaching and training

Advocacy

Interpretation

Paperwork



Activities

Open Access
administration

Copyright

Theses
management

Publication
advice

Policy advice

Data management plan
support

Drop-in sessions

Measuring impact

Specialist advice

Repository
management



Last October ...

Stephen Hawking's expanding universes thesis breaks the internet

Demand for 1966 PhD work, made freely available for
crashes Cambridge's repository website



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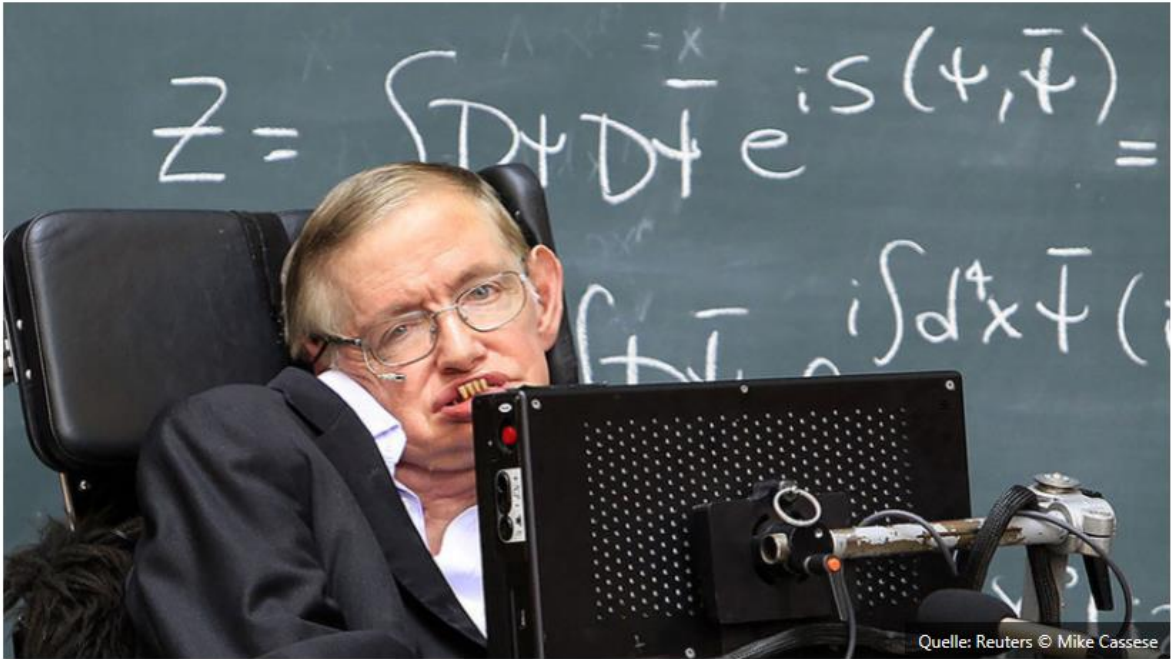
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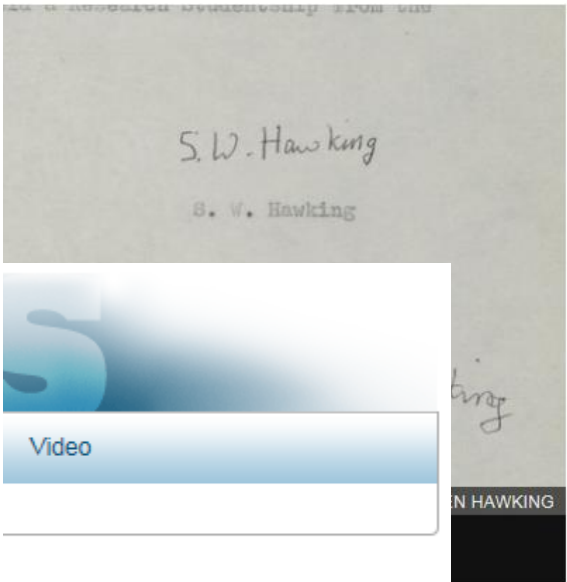


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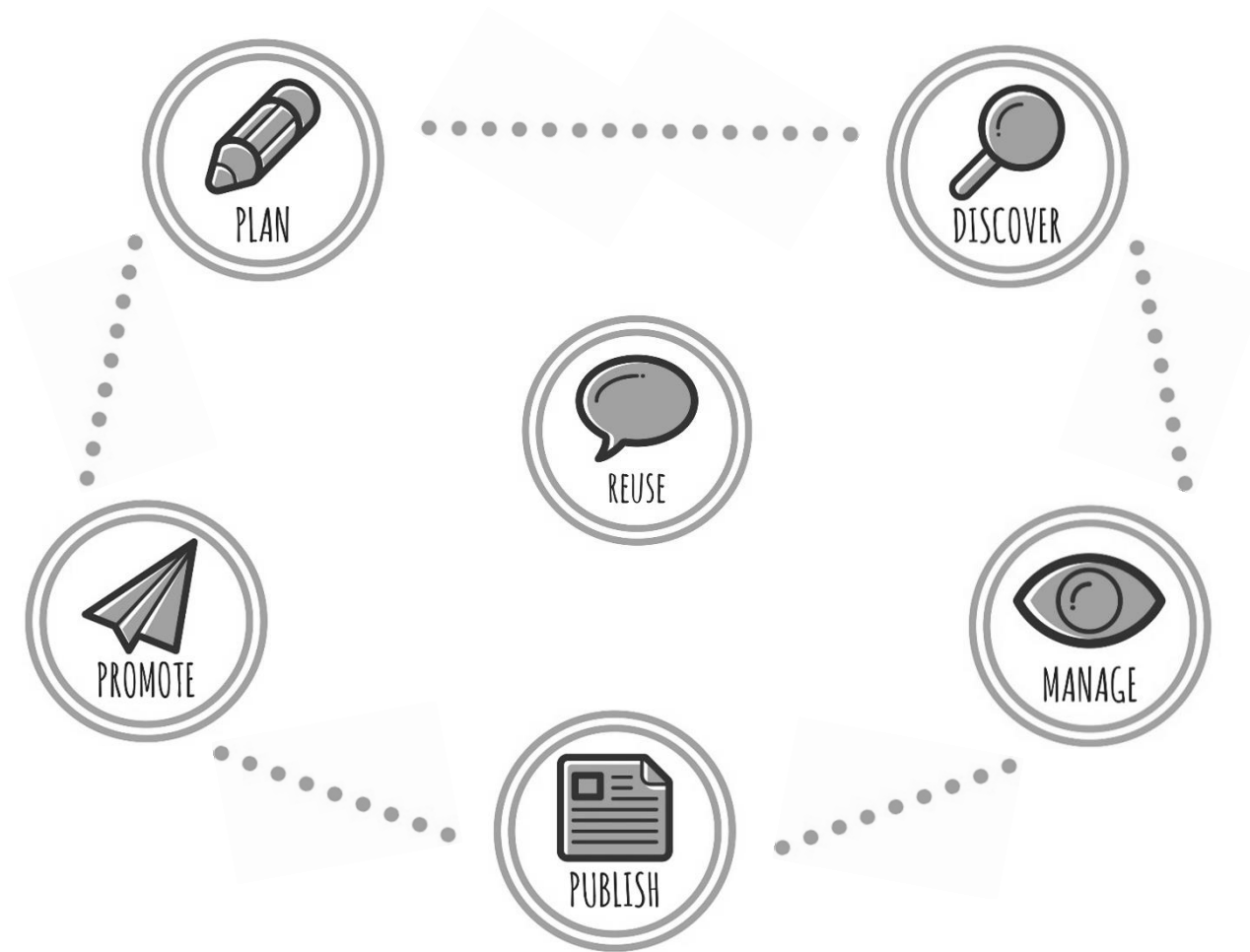
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Cambridge University's website as physics fans flocked to read his work.

Research lifecycle



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Pin the tail on the donkey

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Pin the activity on the lifecycle

Skills

Adaptability

Ability to communicate

Persistence

Willingness to learn

Patience

Subject knowledge





Next steps

Make use of your
network

Be adaptable

Value your skills

Expect the unexpected

Enjoy it!



And finally...



Questions?



THANKS FOR LISTENING

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