

Hybrid Postgraduate Orientation Programme

15-17 March 2023

Venue: Ocean Sciences Campus, B-Block Conference Hall, Gomery Avenue,
Summerstrand

Platform: Online via Microsoft Teams

Programme Director: Ms Jadine Januarie

Day 1 (Wednesday, 15 March 2023)		
09h50-10h00	'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme	
10h00-10h20	Welcome and Opening	Dr Thandi Mgwebi (DVC: Research, Innovation and Internationalisation) Mr Lwazi Jakalase (Secretary General: Student Representative Council)
10h20-11h00	TBD	Dr Priscilla Mensah (Director: Research Development)
11h00-11h30	Developing an effective working relationship with your supervisor	Prof Witness Mudzi (Director: Postgraduate School at University of the Free State)
11h30-12h00	Tea/Coffee Break	
12h00-12h30	The Value of Science Engagement in Research	Dr Nehemiah Latolla (Postdoctoral Fellow: Department of Chemistry)
12h30-13h00	International Study Exchange Opportunities and Internationalisation at Home	Mrs Monalisa Allen (Acting Manager: International Mobility Initiatives, Semester Study Abroad and Short Learning Programmes - International Office)
13h00-14h00	Lunch Break	
14h00-14h30	Showcasing the Essential Tools for Researchers	Mrs Deidre Gerber (Senior Librarian - Information: Library and Information Services)
14h30-15h30	Facilitated discussion: Resources available to support postgraduate students - ICT Services, Academic Writing, Health and Wellness, Universal Accessibility and Disability Services (UADS), Transformation Office	Mr Craig Chivandi (IT Helpdesk Assistant: ICT Services) Mr Andile Mhlahlo (Academic Literacies Practitioner: Learning Development, LT Collab) Mrs Nomalungelo Ntlokwana (Director and Counselling Psychologist: Emthonjeni Student Wellness, LT Collab) Mr Athenkosi Nqikashe (Operational Manager: UADS) Ms Vuyolwethu Ngofe (Case Coordinator and LGBTQI+ Advocacy Coordinator: Transformation Office) Ms Ulleta Marais (GBV Counsellor: Transformation Office)
15h30	Vote of Thanks	

Day 2 (Thursday, 16 March 2023)		
09h20-09h30	<i>'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme</i>	
Postgraduate students to be divided into STEM and SSH Disciplines		
09h30-11h30	Guidelines for Proposal Development and Ethical Considerations	STEM DISCIPLINES: Prof Kennedy Otjombe (Associate Professor and Head of Statistics: Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, University of the Witwatersrand) SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)
11h30-12h00	Break for 30 minutes	
12h00-13h30	Academic Writing and the Literature Review	STEM DISCIPLINES: Prof Kennedy Otjombe (Associate Professor and Head of Statistics: Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, University of the Witwatersrand) SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)
13h30-14h00	Lunch Break	
14h00-15h00	Academic Writing and the Literature Review Continued	STEM DISCIPLINES: Prof Kennedy Otjombe (Associate Professor and Head of Statistics: Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, University of the Witwatersrand) SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)
15h00-15h15	Break for 15 minutes	
15h15-16h15	Academic Writing and the Literature Review Continued	STEM DISCIPLINES: Prof Kennedy Otjombe (Associate Professor and Head of Statistics: Perinatal HIV Research Unit, Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, University of the Witwatersrand) SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)
16h15-16h30	Evaluation	
Day 3 (Friday, 17 March 2023)		
09h20-09h30	<i>'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme</i>	
Postgraduate students to be divided into Qualitative and Quantitative Research		
09h30-11h30	Introduction to quantitative research	Ms Carmen Stindt (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)
	TBD	Prof Kambidima Wotela (WITS Graduate School of Governance Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management)
11h30-12h00	Break for 30 minutes	
12h00-13h30	Overview of quantitative research designs	Ms Carmen Stindt (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)
	TBD	Prof Kambidima Wotela (WITS Graduate School of Governance Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management)

13h30-14h00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14h00-15h00	Important considerations in questionnaire design	Ms Carmen Stindt (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)
	TBD	Prof Kambidima Wotela (WITS Graduate School of Governance Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management)
15h00-15h15	<i>Break for 15 minutes</i>	
15h15-16h15	Getting started with IBM SPSS Statistics	Ms Carmen Stindt (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)
	TBD	Prof Kambidima Wotela (WITS Graduate School of Governance Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management)
16h15-16h30	<i>Evaluation</i>	