

The University Capacity Development Programme Office
In Collaboration with the College of Agriculture, Engineering & Science
Cordially invites you to

UCDP CAES Student : Workshop Series 3

Registration Deadline:
11 October 2023



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Introduction to Academic Writing

Elevate your academic writing! This workshop will enable postgraduate students across all Colleges to hone their writing skills by learning critical reading and writing through summarizing, analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing ideas. Students will learn how to effectively engage with scholarly sources and incorporate them into their texts. The primary focus will be the writing process, grammatical competence, preparation for academic writing (publication and thesis writing), and academic integrity, among many other areas.

Facilitator: Dr. Shantal Maharaj



19 October 2023 09h00 – 12h00



Virtual via Zoom

Research Ethics & Plagiarism

The primary focus of this workshop is to provide insight into the role and value of research ethics and provide students with a structured opportunity to define plagiarism and the methods used to detect plagiarism. Discussions will be held around UKZN's Research Ethics Policy and UKZN's Plagiarism Policy. The session will cover general concerns in research ethics and academic integrity, including plagiarism, self-plagiarism, research data, and result bias, manipulation, and fabrication, handling of personal and sensitive information, and provide insight into the consequences of plagiarism.

Facilitator: Dr. Shantal Maharaj



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Conceptualising a Research Problem

At the initial stage of research, it is crucial to understand the different aspects and elements of conducting research. This workshop will guide postgraduate students through the various steps of the research cycle to equip them with the basic knowledge necessary for any Master's/PhD-level program. The session will introduce the problem statement, research objective, empirical cycle, and research question.

Facilitator: Dr. Shantal Maharaj



19 October 2023 13h00 – 16h00



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Writing Literature review

Conducting a literature review helps a researcher gain an understanding of the existing research relevant to a particular topic or area of study. The primary focus of this workshop will be:

- Critical reading and writing
- Your own voice and contribution
- Scholarly conventions (referencing)
- How to develop a search strategy
- Literature search- selection of papers to review
- Synthesizing your findings
- Using the literature review to formulate research questions & hypothesis.

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Methodology

Research methodology plays an important role in understanding these concepts for fostering research and innovation in the World. Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Method Research Design will help postgraduate students to understand the basics of R...

Facilitator: Prof Nishani Harinarain



17 October 2023 09h00 – 16h00



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Analysis and data interpretation

Data Analysis assists researchers in categorizing, manipulating, and summarizing data to answer critical questions. The workshop aims to help students understand Data Cleaning and Validation. Data Mining – looking for patterns and relationships in your data.

Facilitator: Dr Nombuso Zondo



24 October 2023 09h00 – 16h00



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