



# **AFRICAN ACADEMIC STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

May – October 2024



	Date:	Cohort / Stakeholders:	Session:	Facilitators	Session Links: (The recording can also be accessed on the same link)
1.	May 2024	All students	MOOC: Academic Integrity	CGS	<a href="https://bit.ly/4bxcYhu">https://bit.ly/4bxcYhu</a>
2.	21 May 2024 10:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	2024 Programme Launch to all UNISA Honours, Masters and Doctoral students	Prof T Mgutshini	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4uukv9cr">https://tinyurl.com/4uukv9cr</a>
3.	4 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	<p>Topic and Focus of Your Study</p> <p>Part I: Problematising your research focus area, Formulating Focus, Research aims, Contextualisation and Demarcation</p> <p>Introduction to UNISA's 10 Catalytic Niche Areas</p> <p>Optimisation of African epistemologies within research</p> <p>Developing afro-centric research</p> <p>maximising the scholarship and academic impact of your research (part 1)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mwbs78m4">https://tinyurl.com/mwbs78m4</a>

4.	5 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students*	<p>Topic and Focus of Your Study.</p> <p>Prioritising UNISA's 10 Catalytic Niche Areas within your research.</p> <p>Identifying opportunities for Indigenisation, Africanisation, and Decolonisation of your study focus.</p> <p>Part II: Defining your research problems- articulating Africa research problems</p> <p>Research objectives, Research Questions and Operationalisation</p> <p>Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research (part 2)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yfksnzbm">https://tinyurl.com/yfksnzbm</a>
5.	11 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	<p>Your Literature Review -exploring different review variants for use with varying literary sources. (part 1)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ysj2rr2x">https://tinyurl.com/ysj2rr2x</a>
6.	12 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	<p>Your Literature Review – conducting a critical review. (part 2)</p> <p>Exploring alternatives to mainstream review methodologies</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mjbnbt4">https://tinyurl.com/mjbnbt4</a>

7.	13 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Your Theoretical Framework and conceptual frameworks. (part 1)  Your Theoretical Framework and Contribution of your Study. Part II  <b>From theoretical frameworks to conceptual framework and to data collection tools (the golden theoretical thread explained)</b>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2raxwknx">https://tinyurl.com/2raxwknx</a>
8.	19 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Quantitative Research Part I  (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology).	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ys52y9tk">https://tinyurl.com/ys52y9tk</a>
9.		All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Quantitative Research Part II  (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	Will be presented jointly with part 1 on 19 June
10.	24 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Centering decolonisation in the research journey	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/sk5t86rz">https://tinyurl.com/sk5t86rz</a>

11.	25 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Qualitative Research Part I  (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/36w43aty">https://tinyurl.com/36w43aty</a>
12.	26 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Qualitative Research Part II  (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yf49t7db">https://tinyurl.com/yf49t7db</a>
13.	27 June 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Mixed Method Research  (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/283cwp32">https://tinyurl.com/283cwp32</a>
14.	2 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters proposal & Doctoral proposal students	The Role of Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Scholarly Research: Part I and II	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3jtz8n3d">https://tinyurl.com/3jtz8n3d</a>

15.	3 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters and Doctoral proposal students	Proposal Development: A guided tour of your Proposal – Clarifying student Expectations for Master’s and Doctoral proposal students. Part I  Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/68upy5ba">https://tinyurl.com/68upy5ba</a>
16.	4 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters and Doctoral proposal students	Proposal Development and defending your proposal: A guided tour of your proposal – Clarifying student Expectations for Master’s and Doctoral proposal students. Part II  (Approaches and skill-development in preparation for defending your proposal and defending your dissertation / thesis)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yyarjt7f">https://tinyurl.com/yyarjt7f</a>
17.	9 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters dissertation and Doctoral thesis students only	The Development and Presentation of your Master’s Dissertation and Doctoral Thesis (Understanding your Chapter Development Requirements)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3arf7w">https://tinyurl.com/3arf7w</a>
18.	10 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral students	Preparing for Your Oral defence (viva Voce) of your thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/46e8ja2j">https://tinyurl.com/46e8ja2j</a>

19.	11 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral students only	<p>Developing the Doctorateness of your work</p> <p>Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research (part 2)</p> <p>Doctorate by monograph versus PhD by Publication – introductory insights into different doctoral study options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PhD by publication – walking the student through the structure and option-expectations.</li> </ul> <p>Skills for orally Defending (your proposal and/or your thesis)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5a2c5tet">https://tinyurl.com/5a2c5tet</a>
20.	16 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Preparing your work for examination/ responding to examiner feedback	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yj64xs2">https://tinyurl.com/yj64xs2</a>
21.	17 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Blast Session: Motivation during and for my studies	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mry3dx8p">https://tinyurl.com/mry3dx8p</a>
22.	23 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Blast Session: Developing a Sampling Plan for Quantitative and Qualitative Research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mrxwrc8e">https://tinyurl.com/mrxwrc8e</a>

23.	24 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Developing a data analysis plan	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/cw85s356">https://tinyurl.com/cw85s356</a>
24.	25 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Blast Session: Maximising the scholarly impact of your research (Part 1, 2 and 3)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ezcze9vs">https://tinyurl.com/ezcze9vs</a>
25.	29 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Monday Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ynbkfm9a">https://tinyurl.com/ynbkfm9a</a>
26.	30 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing for Publication Session (Part 1) Assessing Potential for Publication	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/nap62mkf">https://tinyurl.com/nap62mkf</a>
27.	31 July 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing for Publication Session (Part 2) Assessing Potential for Publication	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3fdmvw64">https://tinyurl.com/3fdmvw64</a>
28.	6 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Using Turn-it-in as an academic integrity tool	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3u4pb79e">https://tinyurl.com/3u4pb79e</a>



29.	7 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Wednesday Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/55zcvzyk">https://tinyurl.com/55zcvzyk</a>
30.	13 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	<b>Blast Session:</b> Writing for Publication – <i>Topic will be determined by examining the aspects that students struggled with most related to publication. If no such aspects emerge, the session will be replaced by self-assessed take-home exercises for students.</i>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/y4j656wn">https://tinyurl.com/y4j656wn</a>
31.	21 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Grant Writing Session: Introduction to The World of Grant Writing and Applying the Logic Model to support grant- proposal development	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5hb4sefa">https://tinyurl.com/5hb4sefa</a>
32.	27 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Grant writing session: Steps and processes in Proposal Developments for Grants	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/4yzbkxnd">https://tinyurl.com/4yzbkxnd</a>
33.	28 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Grant writing session: Sustainability considerations, Budget development and justifications	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/57bkrkfm">https://tinyurl.com/57bkrkfm</a>

34.	29 August 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	<b>Blast Session:</b> Grant Writing – <i>Topic will be determined by examining the aspects that students struggled with most related to Grant Writing. If no such aspects emerge, the session will be replaced by self-assessed take-home exercises for students.</i>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/sbuzmn2m">https://tinyurl.com/sbuzmn2m</a>
35.	3 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing a Scientifically Rigorous Introductory Overview, Background to the Problem and Problem Statement for your Proposal, Dissertation and Doctoral Thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3pwa82b8">https://tinyurl.com/3pwa82b8</a>
36.	5 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters Dissertation	Chapter Development in a Master's Dissertation	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yr7dpate">https://tinyurl.com/yr7dpate</a>
37.	11 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral Thesis	Chapter Development in a Doctoral Thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mryj6syt">https://tinyurl.com/mryj6syt</a>
38.	17 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Trouble shooting – Question and Answer guidance session – all issues /challenges related to the development of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mry8tjwc">https://tinyurl.com/mry8tjwc</a>
39.	18 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Scholarly argumentation revisited – Developing advanced scholarly writing within postgraduate work	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/sccufcda">https://tinyurl.com/sccufcda</a>

40.	30 September 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Monday Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yz6h6pju">https://tinyurl.com/yz6h6pju</a>
41.	1 October 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Advanced Research Methods (Part 1) Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research (part 2)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bdx6hyr4">https://tinyurl.com/bdx6hyr4</a>
42.	8 October 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Advanced Research Methods (Part 2) Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research (part 2)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/ms2wmy4s">https://tinyurl.com/ms2wmy4s</a>
43.	15 October 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Africanising Research Ethics	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitator(s)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/5t5887fp">https://tinyurl.com/5t5887fp</a>

Programme registration link <https://bit.ly/4bxcYhu>

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