



Unisa Research & Innovation Postgraduate Student Showcase

Call for Abstracts

Theme:

“The new digital era: Navigating the good, the challenging and the unknown”

Closing Date: 29 September 2023

The College of Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the National Student Representative Council (NSRC), invite all 2023 registered honours, postgraduate diploma, master's and doctoral Unisa students (postgraduate) to submit abstracts (maximum 1 page) to be considered for presentation at the **Unisa Research & Innovation Postgraduate Student Showcase**, scheduled from **28 November 2023**.

OVERVIEW:

The rapidly transforming landscape of Online and Distance e-Learning (ODeL) offers a multitude of challenges and opportunities, particularly in the Global South. These challenges, compounded by the dimensions of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity (VUCA), necessitate innovative solutions and fresh research insights.

The Postgraduate Research and Innovation Showcase is a premier event designed to spotlight the latest academic investigations and pioneering solutions from the brightest minds of our generation. It aims to provide an interdisciplinary platform for postgraduate students from all colleges at UNISA to present their groundbreaking findings, share novel ideas, and interact with a network of peers, industry leaders, and established academics.

This is more than just a showcase. It's a beacon for the future of ODeL in the Global South. Your insights, research, and innovations have the potential to redefine education in this VUCA era. We eagerly await your contributions and look forward to witnessing the brilliance of tomorrow's leaders today!

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Only** 2023 Registered UNISA postgraduate students (Honours, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters or PhD).
- Research and innovations directly aligned with the theme, offering a distinctive focus on the Global South.
- Prospective postgraduate student participants have not previously taken part in the festival under their current registered qualification.
- UNISA staff studying through UNISA are not allowed to participate.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Abstract: A concise one page summary, (All submissions should be in Arial, 12p and 1.5 spaced). The Name, Surname, Student number, discipline and project title should be included the abstract.
 - articulating research objectives,
 - methodology,
 - key findings, and
 - broader impact and implications.
2. Clearly indicate on application form:
 - Name and Surname
 - Student number
 - Title of project
 - Qualification and UNISA College
 - DO NOT SUBMIT ENCRYPTED DOCUMENTS THAT WILL NEED PASSWORDS
 - Fully and accurately complete showcase participation application form to be found on website link <https://www.unisa.ac.za/Showcase>
 - Attached 1: Proof of registration
 - Attached 2: ID / Passport copy

KEY DATES:

- Submission Start Date: 29 September 2023 (no late submission accepted)

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Alignment with the theme and relevance to ODeL. (note that title cannot be changed after submitting)
- Originality, innovation, and potential impact.
- Rigor in research methodology.
- Clarity of presentation and quality of submitted materials.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- Best Research Presentation
- Most Innovative Solution
- Outstanding Interdisciplinary Approach

HOW TO SUBMIT:

1. Visit our official website at <https://www.unisa.ac.za/Showcase>
2. Complete the submission form, ensuring all documents and materials adhere to the stated guidelines.
3. An acknowledgment email will confirm the successful submission.



For further details, clarifications, or technical assistance, kindly connect with us at: showcase@unisa.ac.za

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