

DPGS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

8th-12th AUGUST

As the postgraduate office we provide an inclusive, multicultural and holistic researcher development environment for all postgraduates at UWC. Our role is to provide key erudition opportunities which equips you as postgraduate student and researcher to succeed in contributing your unique 'study piece' to a body of knowledge. We provide central access to a range of workshops, where you can both succeed with your research studies and build your professional career.

Overview of workshops objectives

- a. Expose student to the phases of research
- b. Promote the culture of research among postgraduate students in the form of practical and applicable research skills and all-round development of postgraduate students
- c. Deploy resources to assist postgraduate in understanding of research phases

Teaching & Learning Strategies:

The strategy for these workshops will be:

- Facilitation, i.e. transfer of information in a participatory manner.

The workshops are based on the concept of postgraduate studies 'competency'; defined as:

- the knowledge (what we know about the subject or area of expertise);
- the practical skills (what we can do in this subject or area of expertise); and
- our attitudes and behaviours (what we value and what we are seen to carry out in our attitudes and behaviours).

Workshop materials:

The materials include the Facilitator's Workshop PowerPoint slides related to the workshop topic as well as any Templates, Additional Readings and Electronic Links, which may be available to further assist participants with their research after having attended the workshop.

PhD (Social Sciences)

Facilitator: Dr Rozenda Hendrickse

WORKSHOP: FORMULATING A LITERATURE REVIEW

Workshop purpose:

- To enable the participant to write a well-structured, soundly presented and critical literature review for the purpose of conducting a research study within a relevant context

Workshop Content:

- What is a literature review?
- Sections/components to be covered in a literature review
- Rhetorical ‘moves’ for literature reviews
- Developing a theoretical framework

Workshop Outcomes & Benefits:

- Explain the purpose and importance of a literature review
- Use higher order thinking skills in the conceptualizing and writing of a literature review
- Develop a theoretical framework while creating a literature review

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Duration: 2 Hours

Date: 10th August 2022

Platform: Zoom

WORKSHOP: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

Description:

Postgraduate students in the social sciences may utilise systematic reviews in their thesis. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of systematic reviews, the steps involved, as well as relevant practical demonstrations.

Content:

1. Introduction to systematic reviews
 - What is a systematic review?
 - Qualities of a systematic review
 - How this differs from other types of reviews
2. Stages in a systematic review
 - Scoping
 - Planning
 - Searching and identification
 - Screening titles and abstracts
 - Full text eligibility
 - Critical Appraisal
 - Data extraction and synthesis
 - Write up
3. Practical demonstrations
 - Searching uKwazi
 - Screening in Rayyan / Covidence
 - Conducting a critical appraisal
4. Ethics for systematic reviews

Outcomes:

- Knowledge of systematic reviews as a research design and the steps involved;
- Basic practical skills to conduct searches on uKwazi;
- Basic practical skills to use Rayyan / Covidence for screening;
- Knowledge of ethical considerations for systematic reviews.

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Duration: 2 Hours

Date: 10th August 2022

Platform: Zoom

HONOURS AND MASTERS (Natural Sciences)

Facilitator: Ms Aasiyah Chafekar

WORKSHOP: SCIENTIFIC WRITING FOR YOUR THESIS

Description:

This workshop aims to provide systematic reference point for master's postgraduate students to develop core scientific writing skills for their thesis. A thesis is a high-level research report that forms a key element in your academic life cycle. Proficiency in scientific writing will allow master postgraduates to present their research in a coherent, well organized and accurately thesis.

Content:

- Use of different types of transitions to create focus and flow in your writing
- Principles of constructing clear sentences- scientific style
- Improving your writing styles through exercises
- Where publication (parts of your thesis) fits in your research life cycle

Outcomes:

- Refine research methodologies and communicate research findings effectively
- Establish a solid foundation in scientific writing style
- Begin planning, writing and editing a thesis

*Students who have registered late and need guidance on their proposal writing are also welcome to attend.

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Duration: 2 Hours

Date: 11th August 2022

Platform: Zoom

PhD (Natural Sciences)

Facilitator: Dr Olushola Adeniyi

WORKSHOPS: WRITING FOR PUBLICATION

Workshop Purpose:

In contributing to knowledge, publication of research findings is considered a crucial pathway. In essence, the purpose of research is to increase the level of knowledge and previously successful attempt to present research outcome. This workshop will provide a unique opportunity for postgraduate student to identify, develop scholar skills and contribute to knowledge through scholarly publications.

Content:

The outline of this workshop is as follows:

- Understanding the basics in publication writing
- Identifying the viable platform to disseminate knowledge through publication
- The waiting period after submitting manuscripts

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Duration: 2 Hours

Date: 12th August 2022

Platform: Zoom