



Creating
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Collaborations



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The following workshops are offered by the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at Rhodes University in **2023** as part of the *Creating Postgraduate Collaborations* project. All these workshops are offered online and are open to all staff and students in the project partnership.

Applying for PG & Postdoc Scholarship	Prof Sioux Mckenna	16h00 - 17h30	19-Apr	This workshop for PG scholars looks at issues to consider when applying for funding
Managing your wellbeing	RU Psychology Centre	16h00 - 17h30	26-Apr	All postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows are invited to attend this session in which we look at issues of mental health and wellness.
Introduction to scoping reviews	Dr Gabriel Durong	13H00-14H00	04-May	This methodology is increasingly being used to map out the debates in any field. This session takes you through the mains steps to be followed.
Literature Review	Dr Kirstin Wilmot	16h00 - 17h30	10-May	Are you struggling to write your literature review? Does your supervisor keep saying that you're <i>summarising</i> rather than <i>reviewing</i> literature? This workshop invites participants to re-think the literature review as an active process where you establish the rationale for your study. It provides practical tips and insights on how to develop criticality and a scholarly voice when reviewing your literature
Seminar on Failure	Prof Elke Stracke	15H00-16H30	11-May	How is failure currently represented within the literature? What are the gaps, silences, and tensions? In this seminar we will discuss what can be learned from the experience of failure. Lack of success in initial doctoral examination is hard to admit to or explain, and has not been deeply investigated. There is a need to develop strategies for successful communication around failure. With this seminar, Prof Stracke continues the journey of breaking the silence around failure in the doctoral context.

The world of academic journal article publishing: A look behind the scenes	Prof Sioux McKenna	16h00 - 17h30	18-May	This session presents a look at academics journals from the perspective of the editors behind the scenes. It looks at how decisions are made as to which articles should be sent for review and which should be 'desk rejected'. It reflects on what 'rejection rates' are all about and describes the complicated process of peer review. The session also offers some advice about selecting the best journal for your article to ensure meaningful knowledge dissemination.
Deductive qualitative research procedure	Prof Noel Pearse	16h00 - 17h30	31-May	How do we go from a mass of qualitative data (from observations, interviews, focus groups, questionnaires and the like) to being able to present credible findings? This workshop looks at the process of deduction.
Plagiarism in the Academy (how we missed the point and what we can do about it)	Prof Sioux Mckenna	16h00 - 17h30	13-Jul	This session promises to be a provocative look at why dominant responses to plagiarism are educationally unsound and fail to empower students to engage with knowledge. Following a critical review on the use of Turnitin and a brief consideration of the advent of Large Language Models, such as ChatGPT, the session will present some examples of assessment that can drive student learning.
Research that is responsive to societal challenges (Nelson Mandela Week)	Prof Renée Oosthuizen	16h00 - 17h30	19-Jul	Engaged Research is research that is responsive to societal challenges and contributes to the public good, i.e. ultimately has impact. Engaged Research methodologies and approaches focus on collaborative engagement with the community during the research process with the ultimate aim of co-creating new knowledge and bringing about change.
Experimental Design Part 1	Jeremy Baxter/Prof Tony Booth	16h00 - 17h30	08-Aug	This session sets out the fundamental steps that need to be followed to ensure an experiment that is credible, reliable and valid.
Experimental Design Part 11	Jeremy Baxter/Prof Tony Booth	13h00 - 14h30	10-Aug	This session continues the step-by-step look at what is needed in designing an experiment in any field of study.
Abstract Writing & Conference Presentation	Prof Sioux Mckenna	15h00 - 16h00	16-Aug	This session covers two related issues: writing a powerful conference abstract and making an impactful conference presentation. While these lessons are useful for all postgraduate students and academics, there will be a special focus on the forthcoming postgraduate conference to be held at Rhodes University on 8 and 9 September 2023.

Lessons from ECRS	A panel of early career researchers	16h00 - 17h30	06-Sep	Early career researchers have to juggle a number of responsibilities: teaching, research, community engagement and the various demands to participate in university committees and projects. What lessons can we learn from those who have been in the system for about five to ten years and who have had to do all this while completing their own studies? This panel shares their experiences and offers some sage advice.
Google Scholar & ORCID	Debbie Martindale	16h00 - 17h30	11-Oct	This session looks at a few widely used online platforms used to record and track research outputs. You will learn how to build your own Google Scholar and ORCID platform and to make sense of the analytics they offer. You will also find out about the dangers of using metrics such as the h-index in isolation of a more holistic picture of research impact.

Mails about these events are sent out to our *Creating Postgraduate Collaborations* mailing list. But if you would like to be added to the weekly mailing list of these and other workshops offered by the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at Rhodes University, please drop Asiphe Mxalisa an email and ask to be added to the CPGS mailing list. a.mxalisa@ru.ac.za

