

# PHD SKILLS SEMINARS

## SEMESTER 1

## 2025

The Graduate School of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences invites you to a series of seminars that are designed with first-year **doctoral students** in mind but could be useful at any point in your scholastic journey.

The seminars are entirely free and open to any graduate students at SU.

# ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

19 – 20  
FEBRUARY

## ‘INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC WRITING’

This **online** seminar is hosted by the Postgraduate Office of SU in collaboration with the Writing Lab.

You can register on this link :

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/research-innovation/Research-Development/introduction-to-academic-writing-skills>

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6 – 23  
MARCH – APRIL

## ‘METHODS AND SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR TEXT-BASED GRADUATE RESEARCH’

This **online** series will take place on the following Thursdays:  
6, 13, 20 March and 10, 17 & 24 April.

All sessions from 9 AM - 12.

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19  
MARCH ( 10 – 11H30 )

## ‘RESEARCH DESIGN FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES’

Presented **in-person** by  
**Dr Ilse Eigelaar-Meets**  
(Sociology and Social Anthropology).

Venue in FASS (tbc).

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20  
MARCH ( 10 AM – 12 )

## ‘RESEARCH DESIGN FOR THE ARTS’

Presented **in-person** by  
**Prof Kathryn Smith** (Visual Arts).

Room 3001 Visual Arts Building.  
Victoria Street.

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20  
MARCH ( 2 – 4 PM )

## ‘RESEARCH DESIGN FOR THE LANGUAGES’

Presented **in-person** by  
**Dr Uhuru Phalafala** (English Studies).

Venue in FASS (tbc).



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APRIL

( 2 – 4 PM )

**‘HOW TO WRITE A RESEARCH PROPOSAL’**

(For all disciplines).  
Presented **in-person** by  
**Prof Stella Viljoen** and  
**Dr Karolien Perold-Bull**  
(both Visual Arts).

(Venue tbc).

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MAY

( 9 – 1 PM )

**‘RESEARCH ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND  
ACADEMIC CITIZENRY’**

Presented **hybrid** with  
**Prof Ilana van Wyk** (Sociology and  
Social Anthropology),  
**Prof Hannes Smit** (Philosophy),  
**Dr Sue Hall** (Philosophy) and  
**Prof Sandra Swart** (History) (tbc).

Room 401, 4th floor FASS bldg.

19 – 23

MAY

( 9H30 – 1 PM )

**‘SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS  
SHORT COURSE QUANTITATIVE METHODS’**

Presented by **Dr Ilse Eigelaar-Meets**  
(Sociology and Social Anthropology).

(Venue tbc).

2 – 6

JUNE

( 9H30 – 1 PM )

**‘SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS  
SHORT COURSE QUALITATIVE RESEARCH  
METHODS’**

Presented by **Dr Ilse Eigelaar-Meets**  
(Sociology and Social Anthropology).

(Venue tbc).

**WELLNESS AND SUPPORT OFFERINGS**

14 MARCH

( 9 AM – 12 )

**‘MENTAL SKILLS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE  
JOURNEY’**

Presented by **Dr Erna Geryyts**  
(Centre for Student Counselling and  
Development).

43 Victoria Street.  
Participants should go to  
37 Victoria Street, where they  
will be directed to the venue.

To join any of these, please send an email to **Chandré Smith** at [graduateschool@sun.ac.za](mailto:graduateschool@sun.ac.za)