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**Re: Post graduate support sessions 2018**

Dear Post graduate students

Congratulations on being selected for the MEd/PhD course at the Faculty of Education. We like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the course. We are looking forward to spending the next few years with you what promises to be a lively and stimulating group of postgraduate students, which of course includes you.

As part of your postgraduate studies you have the opportunity to attend 16 compulsory research support session days (compulsory for PhD students). MEd students are recommended and more than welcome to attend these support sessions where you will receive additional support in completing your dissertation, but only the first two sessions in January are compulsory for MEd students. You can choose which of the sessions you would find most helpful for your study. You can thus choose between the sessions according to your pace and specific needs. You will receive an email with the contents of the specific session in advance to assist you in your choice. Topics that will be covered in 2018 are: General info, proposal writing, plagiarism, academic writing and reading, research philosophy, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, advanced data analysis, advanced data design, End note training, article writing skills, defending thesis skills, conference presentation skills, Research Indaba to name a few.

Our first support sessions will be on **29 and 30 January 2018** on Groenkloof campus at 15:00 (venue will be announced). This will be an opportunity to meet your fellow students, and we will also be giving you information regarding support services, bursaries available and an introduction course to postgraduate research.

Research Support Session Schedule 2018:

29, 30 January 2018 (15:00-20:00) Compulsory for all PhD and MEd students

3-6 April 2018 (09:00-16:00)

25-28 June 2018 (09:00-16:00)

1-2 October 2018 (09:00-16:00)

3 October 2018 (08:00-17:00) Research Indaba

If you have any queries prior to enrolment, please email me at [michelle.finestone@up.ac.za](mailto:michelle.finestone@up.ac.za)

The Faculty is looking forward to meeting you at the support sessions.

Yours sincerely

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