

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

## BACKGROUND

It is widely accepted that there is growing need for more African scholars and scientists to contribute to innovation and development on the African continent and to enhance Africa's participation in the knowledge economy. We have also witnessed, in recent years, huge increases in the numbers of doctoral enrolments and graduates at many African universities. As a result, the demand for well-prepared doctoral supervisors has increased to the same degree. In order to meet this new and growing demand for doctoral supervisors, CREST at Stellenbosch University has developed, with financial support from DAAD, a fully online course especially targeting novice doctoral supervisors. The course will address important topics such as the nature of the doctorate, models of supervision, the relationship between the doctoral candidate and the supervisor, the guidance that the supervisor has to give to a doctoral candidate throughout the doctoral process and more. Successful participants will receive a Certificate of Competence issued by Stellenbosch University.

This course is made possible by the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies Programme (DIES), funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and coordinated jointly by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).

The course will be presented by CREST, an academic centre of Stellenbosch University in South Africa. CREST has vast experience in doctoral supervision and is known for its expertise in research methodology and in science policy and knowledge production on the African continent. Our partners in this course are the Centre for Higher Education Research, Learning and Teaching (CHERTL) at Rhodes University in South Africa, and the Centre for Higher and Adult Education at Stellenbosch University (CHAE).

The course is offered by Professors Jan Botha (CREST), Chrissie Boughey (CHERTL), Liezel Frick (CHAE), Johann Mouton (CREST) and Sioux McKenna (CHERTL).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the course, you must be employed by or affiliated to a university in Africa, have a doctoral degree (or expect to receive your doctoral degree by the end of 2018), you have to supervise or co-supervise doctoral students (or be expected to do so in the future), and you need a letter of support from your head of department or dean.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

There is a cap on the number of delegates that can participate in the course. The course will be offered again in 2019 and 2020. The enrolment fee is \$400 (four hundred US dollars) per participant.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the course, please complete the [online application form](#). Successful applicants will be notified in September 2018.

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