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Re: Postgraduate support sessions 2022

Dear Postgraduate student

Congratulations! You have made it to the University of Pretoria MEd/PhD programme in the Faculty of Education. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. We look forward to spending the next few years with you and hope that you will *FLYHIGH@UP* and finish in record time of your specific programme

As part of your postgraduate studies, you have the opportunity to attend monthly compulsory research support sessions (**compulsory for PhD students**). For MEd students, it is compulsory to attend the first 2 sessions in March and from there onwards, MEd students are recommended and more than welcome to attend these support sessions where additional support will be given in completing the dissertation. 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.

The topics that will be covered in 2022 include: General information on postgraduate studies, proposal writing, plagiarism, academic writing and reading, research philosophies, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, ATLAS.ti QACDAS, and SPSS hands-on training, Advanced Data Collection and Advanced Data Analyses, Research Designs, End-note training, Referencing; Article writing skills, Presentation Skills, Defending thesis skills.

Of note is the Postgraduate Student Conference. During this Conference, postgraduate students will display their studies in progress in the presence of other postgraduate students where the students themselves are involved in organizing and evaluating the presentations. The presentations, which make it through this process, will be presented at the Faculty Research Indaba where Seasoned Scholars will evaluate the students' work and prizes will be awarded. This will give you an opportunity to present your research and to get ideas from other postgraduate studies.

Our first support session will be on **02 to 03 March 2022 at the Groenkloof campus/ virtually on Blackboard; starting at 14:00 (venue will be announced if it is going to be at the Groenkloof campus and not online. If it is online, the link will be forwarded to you prior to the time)**. This will be an opportunity to meet your fellow students. We will give you information regarding support services available to you, bursaries available and an introduction course to postgraduate research. Some of the renowned scholars will present during these sessions.

The schedule for the year is as follows and should there be any changes, we will let you know.

Research Support Session Schedule 2022:

- 1. Session 1:** 02 - 03 March 2022 **Compulsory for all PhD and MEd students**
 - 1.1** 02 March 2022 (14:00-18:00)
 - 1.2** 03 March 2022 (14:00-17:00)
- 2. Session 2:** 28 -29 June 2022 (09:00-14:00)
- 3. Session 3:** 02 -04 August 2022 (09:00-14:00)
- 4. Session 4:** 05-06 September 2022 (14:00 -16:00)
- 5. Research Indaba:** 04 October 2022 (08:00-17:00)
- 6. Postgraduate Wellness Day :**03 November 2022 (09:00-12:00)

The Faculty of Education is looking forward to meeting you at the support sessions!