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**Re: Post graduate support sessions 2020**

Dear Postgraduate students

Congratulations on being selected for the MEd/PhD course at the Faculty of Education. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the course. We look forward to spending the next few years with 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 additional support will be given in completing the 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 2020 are: General info, proposal writing, plagiarism, academic writing and reading, research philosophy, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, Atlasti and SPSS hands-on training, advanced data analysis, advanced data design, End note training, article writing skills, defending thesis skills and, conference presentation skills. The Research Indaba will give you an opportunity to present your research and to get ideas from other postgraduate studies.

Our first support sessions will be on **20 and 21 January 2020** 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. An international scholar will present during this session.

Research Support Session Schedule 2019:

20 and 21 January 2020 (15:00-20:00) Compulsory for all PhD and MEd students

23-27 March 2020 (09:00-16:00)

29 June – 3 July 2020 (09:00-16:00)

21 September 2020 (09:00-16:00)

22 September 2020 (08:00-17:00) Research Indaba

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