



AFRICAN ACADEMIC STUDENT DEVELOPMENT (AASD)

April – November 2026



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	Date:	Cohort / Stakeholders:	Session:	Facilitators	Session Links: (The recording can also be accessed on the same link)
1.	March – April	All students	MOOC: Academic Integrity	CGS	https://adovh.unisa.ac.za/course/view.php?id=139
2.	9 April 2026 10:00 – 11:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	2026 Programme Launch to all UNISA Honours, Masters and Doctoral students	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://shorturl.at/yX2VA
3.	15 April 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Using Turn-it-in as an Academic Integrity Tool	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://shorturl.at/lWySW
4.	22 April 2026	All students	Topic and Focus of Your Study (part 1)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://shorturl.at/zEK67

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	18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)		Part I: Problematising your research focus area, formulating focus, research aims, contextualisation and demarcation Introduction to UNISA's 10 Catalytic Niche Areas Maximising the scholarship and academic impact of your research		
5.	23 April 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students*	Topic and Focus of Your Study (part 2) Prioritising UNISA's 10 Catalytic Niche Areas within your research. Defining your research problems- articulating Africa research problems Research objectives, Research Questions and Operationalisation Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://shorturl.at/Rh7Qg
6.	13 May 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Your Literature Review -exploring different review variants for use with varying literary sources (part 1)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/ye29cyjt

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7.	14 May 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Your Literature Review – conducting a critical review (part 2) Exploring alternatives to mainstream review methodologies	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/e9v2eetm
8.	21 May 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Your Theoretical Framework and conceptual frameworks (part 1) Your Theoretical Framework and Contribution of your Study (part 2) From theoretical frameworks to conceptual framework and to data collection tools (the golden theoretical thread explained)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4b2tkwvf
9.	27 May 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Quantitative Research (part 1) (Sessions deals with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology).	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4aubcjz3

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10.	28 May 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	<p>Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Quantitative Research (part 2)</p> <p>(Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2pjs6fv3
11.	3 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	<p>Optimisation of African epistemologies within research</p> <p>Developing afro-centric research</p> <p>Centering decolonisation in the research journey</p> <p>Identifying opportunities for Indigenisation, Africanisation, and Decolonisation of your study focus.</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/55afzbec
12.	9 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	<p>Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Qualitative Research (part 1)</p> <p>(Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)</p>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3kd24e97

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13.	10 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Qualitative Research (part 2) (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2wf6tuty
14.	11 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Qualitative Research (part 3) (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3rvfd6r4
15.	18 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Selecting a Methodology and Research Design: Mixed Method Research (Sessions deal with different methodological orientations and how to select the best one for your study. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions, not just those on their chosen methodology.)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3ekd6np3

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16.	24 June 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters proposal & Doctoral proposal students	The Role of Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Scholarly Research (part 1 and 2)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/5dt22xfz
17.	1 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters and Doctoral proposal students	Proposal Development: A guided tour of your proposal – Clarifying student Expectations for Master's and Doctoral proposal students (part 1) Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2e92r4m9
18.	2 July 2026 18:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters and Doctoral proposal students	Proposal Development and defending your proposal: A guided tour of your proposal – Clarifying student Expectations for Master's and Doctoral proposal students (part 2) Approaches and skill-development in preparation for defending your proposal and defending your dissertation / thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4adfn8nn

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19.	7 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters dissertation and Doctoral thesis students only	The Development and Presentation of your Master's Dissertation and Doctoral Thesis Understanding your Chapter Development Requirements	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4m4hs9az
20.	9 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral students	Preparing for Your Oral Defence (viva Voce) of your thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/y6ardwn4
21.	14 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral students only	Developing the Doctorateness of your work Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research Doctorate by monograph versus PhD by publication: Introductory insights into different doctoral study options.	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/uzb5j2r6

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			PhD by publication: Walking the student through the structure and option-expectations. Skills for orally defending your proposal and/or your thesis		
22.	15 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Preparing your work for examination/ responding to examiner feedback	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/bdd2wnta
23.	16 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Blast Session: Motivation during and for my studies	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/5n95dvnf
24.	28 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Developing a data analysis plan	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2s3sxt3f

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25.	29 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Developing a sampling plan	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3vpjnzy6
26.	30 July 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Maximising the scholarly impact of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/hyuja6t
27.	6 August 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/bd3me7jy
28.	12 August 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing for Publication Session (part 1) Assessing Potential for Publication	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/9pufafw4

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29.	13 August 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing for Publication Session (part 2) Assessing Potential for Publication	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3t8fnyfj
30.	18 August 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Blast Session: Writing for Publication – <i>Topic will be determined by examining the aspects that students struggled with most related to publication. If no such aspects emerge, the session will be replaced by self-assessed take-home exercises for students.</i>	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2hpyd759
31.	26 August 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/3drs2uj3
32.	2 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Grant Writing Session: Introduction to the world of grant writing and applying the logic model to support grant- proposal development	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/5n8awzsu

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33.	3 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students and Interested Unisa Academics/ Emerging Scholars	Grant writing session: Steps and processes in Proposal Developments for Grants Sustainability considerations, Budget development and justifications	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/mu9z6294
34.	9 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Writing a Scientifically Rigorous Introductory Overview, Background to the Problem and Problem Statement for your Proposal, Dissertation and Doctoral Thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2mj5tnwa
35.	16 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Masters Dissertation	Chapter Development in a Master's Dissertation	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/ubk2z9d9
36.	17 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	Doctoral Thesis	Chapter Development in a Doctoral Thesis	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/m255xfft

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37.	22 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Trouble shooting – Question and Answer guidance session – all issues /challenges related to the development of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2pr2d5mc
38.	30 September 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Open Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/5453whr5
39.	1 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All students	Scholarly argumentation revisited – Developing advanced scholarly writing within postgraduate work	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/zchrnsc
40.	7 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Advanced Research Methods	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/45ary5yj

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41.	8 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Maximising the Scholarship and Academic impact of your research	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/7a84hpbt
42.	13 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Africanising Research Ethics	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/bdh8vhhp
43.	14 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Your Literature Review Revisited Exploring different review variants for use with varying literary sources (part 1) Conducting a critical review (part 2)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4pja8nru
44.	21 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	The Role of Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Scholarly Research Revisited	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2yxvjynb

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45.	22 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Writing for Publication Assessing Potential for Publication	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/39hdtwdf
46.	28 October 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Open Student Support Session	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/msws4588
47.	3 November 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	From theory to praxis: Developing a unique business idea (part 1)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/kj688byx
48.	5 November 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	From theory to praxis: Developing a unique business idea (part 2)	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/ypetdnp5

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49.	10 November 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	From chaos to clarity: Productivity Strategies for Postgraduate Researchers	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/4pamrsy6
50.	12 November 2026 18:00 – 20:00 (Pretoria Time)	All Students	Programme evaluation	Prof T Mgutshini and co-facilitators	https://tinyurl.com/2fchtu5u

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