

Formal Opening

Monday, 19 May, Senate Hall, Muckleneuk Campus

Programme

Research and Innovation Week

19 - 23 May 2025
Muckleneuk and Science Campuses

08:15 Arrival

08:30 Opening

Programme Director: Prof Thulile Shandu-Phetla, School of Arts, College of Human Sciences

08:35 Welcome

Prof Puleng LenkaBula, Principal and Vice-Chancellor: Unisa

08:45 Keynote address

Prof Nyna Amin, Interim Director: Teaching and Learning Portfolio, University of KwaZulu Natal



Rewriting the Rules: AI as Academic Collaborator and Challenger

Breaking Boundaries: Discover how revolutionary thinkers shattered paradigms to advance knowledge—and how AI is your next frontier-pushing partner

Ethics with Edge: Master the art of responsible rule-breaking with AI: learn when to follow conventions and when to boldly challenge them

Power Tools for Academic Rebels: Get acquainted with cutting-edge AI applications that transform how you research, analyse, and generate breakthrough ideas

Human + Machine = Revolution: Forge a new academic ecosystem where your expertise combined with AI creates possibilities neither could achieve alone

09:25 Q&A

09:45 Roundup and closure

Define tomorrow.

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