



Annual Unisa Research & Innovation Postgraduate Student Showcase

Call for Abstracts

Theme:

“Innovation for societal impact”

Closing Date: 11 October 2024

The College of Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the National Student Representative Council (NSRC), invites all 2024 registered honours, postgraduate diploma, master's and doctoral Unisa students (postgraduate) to submit abstracts (maximum 1 page) to be considered for presentation at the ***Annual Unisa Research & Innovation Postgraduate Student Showcase***, scheduled for **26 November 2024**.

OVERVIEW:

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development outlines many needs that are yet to be met in the Global South. This necessitates innovative solutions and fresh research insights to respond to the complex social, environmental, and demographic challenges.

The Postgraduate Research and Innovation Showcase is thus a premier event designed to spotlight the latest academic investigations and pioneering solutions from the brightest minds of our generation. It aims to provide an interdisciplinary platform for postgraduate students from all colleges at UNISA to present their groundbreaking findings, share novel ideas, and interact with a network of peers, industry leaders, community members and established academics.

This is more than just a showcase. It's a beacon for the future of how research impacts our societies. Your insights, research, and innovations have the potential to redefine the future of our societies in line with the 2030 Agenda. We eagerly await your contributions and look forward to witnessing the brilliance of tomorrow's leaders today!

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Only** 2024 Registered UNISA postgraduate students (Honours, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters or PhD).
- Research and innovations directly aligned with the theme, offering a distinctive focus on the societal impact of your research.
- Prospective postgraduate student participants have not previously taken part in the festival under their current registered qualification.
- UNISA staff studying through UNISA are not allowed to participate.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Abstract: A concise one-page summary, (All submissions should be in Arial, 12p and 1.5 spaced). The Name, Surname, Student number, discipline and project title should be included the abstract.
 - articulating research objectives,
 - methodology,
 - key findings, and
 - broader impact and implications.
2. Clearly indicate on application form:
 - Name and Surname
 - Student number
 - Title of project
 - Qualification registered for and UNISA College
 - DO NOT SUBMIT ENCRYPTED DOCUMENTS THAT WILL NEED PASSWORDS
 - Fully and accurately complete showcase participation application form to be found on the website link <https://www.unisa.ac.za/Showcase>
 - Attached 1: Proof of registration
 - Attached 2: ID / Passport copy

KEY DATES:

- Submission Start Date: 11 October 2024 (no late submission accepted)

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Alignment with the theme and relevance to ODeL. (note that the title cannot be changed after submitting)
- Originality, innovation, and potential societal impact.
- Rigor in research methodology.
- Clarity of presentation and quality of submitted materials.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- Best Research Presentation
- Most Innovative Solution and Societal Impact
- Outstanding Interdisciplinary Approach

HOW TO SUBMIT:

1. Visit our official website at <https://www.unisa.ac.za/Showcase>
2. Complete the submission form, ensuring all documents and materials adhere to the stated guidelines.
3. An acknowledgment email will confirm the successful submission.



For further details, clarifications, or technical assistance, kindly connect with us at: showcase@unisa.ac.za