**8th Annual Unisa Student Research and Innovation Showcase**

**Call for an Abstracts**

**Closing Date: 15 May 2019**

The Unisa Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation Portfolio invites all registered Unisa students (undergraduate and postgraduate) to submit abstracts (maximum 1 page) to be considered for presentation at the ***2019 Annual Unisa Student Research and Innovation Showcase*** scheduled from **4 to 6** **September 2019.**

Students are invited to submit abstracts in any of the following disciplines:

1. ***Arts***
2. ***Humanities***
3. ***Natural and physical Sciences***
4. ***Social Science***

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The showcase is open to ***all registered students for the current year (2019)*** (undergraduate and postgraduate) from all disciplines except academic staff members.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

* Students wishing to participate in this programme must submit the following:
  1. **The Submission form****;**
  2. **An abstract; and**
  3. **Proof of registration.**

to the email address: [Showcase@unisa.ac.za](mailto:Showcase@unisa.ac.za)

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* ***Please note that abstracts that exceed one (1) page will be rejected without further consideration.***
* Abstracts will be evaluated by discipline specific technical committee based on the following criteria:

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* The students with the best abstracts from each discipline will be invited for a 2,5-day Writing Retreat on how to write a research paper.
* At the end of the Writing Retreat, the students will present their research at the Annual Unisa Student Research and Innovation Showcase.

# PRIZES

* The winners will receive trophies.
* The winners and runner-ups will receive certificates.
* The cash prizes per category in each discipline are listed below:

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|  | Undergraduate (Oral presentation) | Masters (Oral Presentation | PhD (Oral Presentation) |
| Winner | R5000 | R5000 | R5000 |
| First Runner-up | R3000 | R3000 | R3000 |
| Second Runner-up | R1500 | R1500 | R1500 |

* The winners in each category may form part of a Unisa student delegation to go on an international visit to another institution provided they have not participated in the programme before.
* The winners in each discipline will be announced during the award ceremony to be held in 6 **September 2019**.

Should you experience any problems accessing the information or wish to ask any question relating to the Showcase, please feel free to contact the following people:

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**What should the student submit?**

An abstract not more than 1 page. All submissions should be in ***Times Roman, 12p and 1.5 spaced.***

## NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF SUBMISSIONS

1. Students are advised to take note of the University’s Policy relating to Plagiarism.
2. No student will be allowed to have his or her name on the program more than two times, as an author or co-author, on any kind of presentation.
3. Presentations of Postgraduate (Masters and PhD) will be allocated a total time of 30 minutes of which 20 minutes will be for the actual presentation and 10 minutes for questions and comments.
4. Presentations of Undergraduates will be allocated a total time of 15 minutes of which 10 minutes will be for the actual presentation and 5 minutes for questions and comments.

Abstracts together with other supporting documents should be emailed to:

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The due date for the submission of research papers is **15 May 2019**.