

Centre for Postgraduate Studies

2018 Programme



Writing Circles

Does the thought of writing your thesis fill you with fear? Do you feel unsure of what is expected in academic writing? Are you ignoring writing until the 'writing up' part of your study? Do you wish you had a supportive peer-space in which to develop your writing? Join our Postgraduate Thesis Writing Circles! The Centre for Postgraduate Studies coordinates peer-support spaces, run by PhD students and Post-Doctoral Fellows. You will be joining a group focused on *your* needs and designed to help you take on the academic writing norms demanded at postgraduate level. Meet once a week and present your writing for peer-review and discussion.

Please sign up for the course:

<https://goo.gl/forms/KqOkhn9b5CxXVhjR2>

Postgraduate Conference 26 & 27 July 2018

This is an opportunity to present your work to others. The two-day conference is your chance to strut your stuff, to get feedback, to meet with other researchers.

Join us to hear great keynote addresses and to learn about the amazing research being done right here at our university.



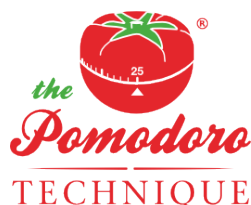
Academic Writing Retreats

Are you working on an article for publication? Then you are invited to join us for an article writing retreat. The retreat will take you through the processes of selecting a journal, crafting your argument, drafting your text and article submission. Three retreats are planned for 2018. Stay in touch to find out about dates and how to book your spot.

Pomodoros in the Library

What?

Pomodoros are a timed way of writing together. You get on with whatever work needs to be done, and we will keep you on task! Pomodoros last 25 minutes with a short break in between. You can join at 10am, 10:30am, 11am or 11:30 am - or you can stay for the whole two hours. Facebook, Twitter, Emails and Instagram are banned for the duration!



Where?

Margaret Kenyon Reading Room, 4th floor, Library

Why?

Because we have deadlines to reach and writing all on your own is hard!
Come along and write with us.

Enhancing Postgraduate Environments

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Postgraduate Liaison Committee

This important committee acts as a liaison for postgraduate research issues. The committee reports to the joint research committee and is responsible for running the postgraduate conference each year. The primary function of the PGLC is to further postgraduate research interests within the University, and represent the postgraduate constituency on the various university governance structures. Stay in touch to find out how to stand for election.

Academic Journal Writing Course

This accredited short course is offered twice a year on campus. You will be taken through all the steps from drafting an article through to submission to a journal. Stay in touch to find out about dates and how to book your spot.

#ACWRIMO – Every year in May and again in November we commit to Academic Writing Month. Join us on Facebook: Acwrimo Rhodes University.



P2P - Plan to Publish

This entirely online course runs throughout February and March and takes a co-author team of student and supervisor through the process of developing an article from their research to submitting it to a journal.

Supervisors should register by emailing cpgs@ru.ac.za

You can take a look at the course here:

<http://ruconnected.ru.ac.za/course/view.php?id=6243>

P2P

This course is offered every year to Rhodes University supervisors (and those who wish to become postgraduate supervisors). The course has now been offered more than 50 times at more than 20 universities.

Find out more here: postgradsupervision.com

Stay in touch to find out about dates and how to book your spot.

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Postgraduate Orientation Programme - 2018

4pm – 6pm Thursday 15 Feb	Welcome to your Postgraduate Studies VC, DVCs, and Deans welcome students. Snacks will be served Please RSVP for catering purposes using this link: https://goo.gl/forms/36xfG2M0M2a8QFpu1
4pm – 6pm Thursday 22 Feb	Planning your studies What is the difference between an Honours, a Masters and a PhD? How long do they take? How am I meant to spend my time? Managing your supervisor How to get the most from your relationship, expectations and roles, learning agreements and MOUs
4pm – 6pm Thursday 1 Mar	Intro to Working with Qualitative Data Making sense of words and pictures, selecting analytical frames, addressing issues of quality.

4pm – 6pm Thursday 8 Mar	Intro to Working with Quantitative Data Introduction to data coding, how to read coefficients from papers, using different data collection and analysis techniques, using different software
4pm – 6pm Thursday 12 Apr	Using the Library for PG research My Library Record; Online Renewals; Off Campus Access; Inter Library Loans; Searching all resources; Searching Research Databases; RefWorks, Zotero & Menderley; Open Access publishing; creating search alerts; Citation and journal analysis; Rhodes Digital Commons; Academic networking, and more
4pm – 6pm Thursday 19 Apr	From Timbuktu to Transdisciplinarity What is the nature of truth in my studies? Where do disciplines come from? Why do the Humanities and Natural Sciences seem so different from each other?
4pm – 6pm Thursday 3 May	Ethics Principles in Practice What key principles guide our approach to undertaking ethical research? How do these principles translate into research design and ethical research practices?
9am – 3pm Lunch provided Thursday 10 May	Academic Writing – All Day workshop Getting started, finding your own voice, disciplinary writing norms, referencing, editing. Hands-on workshop. Please RSVP for catering purposes using this link: https://goo.gl/forms/rQ1GxuGFDH8LBgwf1
9am – 3pm Lunch provided Saturday 12 May	Academic Writing – All Day workshop (Repeat) Getting started, finding your own voice, disciplinary writing norms, referencing, editing. Hands-on workshop. Please RSVP for catering purposes using this link: https://goo.gl/forms/rQ1GxuGFDH8LBgwf1
4pm – 6pm Thursday 17 May	Writing a conference abstract Learn about conference abstracts by preparing a submission for the PG conference taking place on 26 & 27 July Presenting at an academic conference Learn how to give a great academic presentation that wows audiences, blows their minds, wins their hearts and changes their worldview forever. It's a great opportunity to prepare for the PG Conference on 26 & 27 July
4pm – 6pm Thursday 24 May	What supervisors wish you knew Experienced supervisors share their stories – come along to hear their insights

Stay in touch!

More details about these and other activities offered by the CPGS can be found here:



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cpgsRU/>

Website: <http://www.ru.ac.za/postgraduategateway/>



Mailing List: pgstudiescenter@lists.ru.ac.za Drop us an email and ask to be added to the mailing list.