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Introduction to the Library	Overview of library services, resources, and facilities, including access to collections, borrowing policies, and support services.	Sizwe	24th Feb 2026	(14h30-15h30)	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439008
Scholarly Integrity	Scholarly integrity, built on principles of honesty, transparency, and respect for intellectual property, forms the core of academic research. This session outlines the key components of scholarly integrity and emphasises its importance in maintaining the credibility and trustworthiness of academic work.	Wynand	25th Feb 2026	(14h30-15h30)	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16430656
E-books, thesis and dissertations	Explore effective strategies for locating, accessing, reading, and managing the vast collection of e-books, thesis and dissertations available through the Rhodes University Library's diverse platforms.	Lusanda	03 March 2026	(14h30-15h30)	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439405
Information Retrieval	This session provides a comprehensive guide to finding, accessing, and managing scholarly information academic research efficiency	Thandiwe	04 March 2026		Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439410

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Research Data Management						
Introduction to Research Data Management	This introductory session is designed to provide general background on how to manage research data effectively.		10th Mar 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439440
Data Management Planning (Part 1)	This session will introduce attendees to the Data Management Planning phase of the Research Data Management lifecycle through the use of game-based learning. This is an interactive session which will blend general research training methods with practical game-play sessions of an online game based on Research Data Management.	Samuel	11th Mar 2026	14h30-16h00	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439464
Data Management Planning (Part 2)	This session will provide an overview of the principles and concepts applicable to the Data Management Planning phase. It will also include a practical demonstration which will illustrate the manner in which specialised Data Management Planning software can be used in order to generate a Data Management Plan.	Samuel	12 March 2026	14h30-16h00	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439473
Management of sensitive research data (Part 1)	This is the first part of a two-part presentation which seeks to address the management of research data that are considered sensitive due to the presence of personal identifiers. It will address aspects such as data privacy, data anonymisation and data de-identification.	Samuel	16 March 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439486
Management of sensitive research data (Part 2)	This is the second part two-part presentation which seeks to address the management of research data that are considered sensitive due to the presence of personal identifiers. It will address aspects such as secure data storage and research data security plans.	Samuel	17 March 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439502
Secure Data Sharing	This session is designed to demonstrate the manner in which research data can be shared securely. Tools and documents which can be used in order to facilitate secure data sharing will be

showcased during the session. | Samuel | 18 March 2026 | 14h30-15h30 | Hybrid (In-person and Online) | https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439513 |
| **Data Publication** | This session is designed to demonstrate the different ways in which research data can be published. The session will also address the steps which need to be taken in order to prepare research data for publication. | Samuel | 30 March 2026 | 14h30-15h30 | Hybrid (In-person and Online) | https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439535 |
| **How to use the institutional research data repository** | This session is designed to demonstrate the manner in which the Rhodes University's Institutional Research Data | Samuel | 31 March 2026 | 14h30-15h30 | Hybrid (In-person and Online) | https://ru- |

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	Deep Dive into Databases (Specialised Content Discovery)					
Ebscohost	This session provides a comprehensive guide to the EBSCOhost platform, a gateway to a vast collection of multidisciplinary and subject-specific databases available through the Rhodes University Library	Thandiwe	1 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439912
Jstor	This session introduces **JSTOR**, an essential digital library providing access to a vast archive of scholarly journals, books, and primary sources, with a strong emphasis on the humanities and social sciences.	Lusanda	7 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439932
Emerald	This session focuses on **Emerald**, a leading platform for peer-reviewed research, particularly strong in the fields of management, business, and applied social sciences.	Lusanda	8 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439949
Sabinet	This session provides a focused introduction to Sabinet, a crucial platform for accessing a vast array of South African scholarly and governmental information.	Lusanda	14 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439976
Scopus and ScienceDirect	This is a two part-session. The first part introduces **Scopus**, the largest abstract and indexing database of peer-reviewed literature, offering a broader and often more interdisciplinary coverage than other citation databases. The second part of the session provides a practical guide to **ScienceDirect**, a leading full-text platform primarily for scientific, technical, and medical (STM) research.	Thandiwe	15 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16439990
Web of Science	This session delves into **Web of Science**, a premier multidisciplinary citation database renowned for its comprehensive coverage of highly influential research.	Thandiwe	21 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440098
Wiley	This session provides an overview of Wiley Online Library - a comprehensive, multidisciplinary database providing access to over 1,600 peer-reviewed journals, 22,000+ books, and various reference works in science, medicine, social science, and humanities.	Lusanda	22 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440144

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	Research Management and Advanced Methodology					
ORCID	Overview of ORCID, its benefits for researchers, and how to create and manage an ORCID ID.	Thobile	28 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440203
Zotero	Introduction to Zotero for citation management, including how to collect, organise, cite, and share research.	Thobile	29 April 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440210
Mendeley	Exploring Mendeley as a reference manager and academic social network, focusing on organising research and collaborating with others.	Thobile	4 May 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440235
RefWorks	Introduction to RefWorks for managing citations and creating bibliographies in various citation styles.	Thobile	5 May 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440238
Introduction to Literature, Systematic and Scoping Reviews	A foundational understanding of different approaches to synthesising existing scholarly literature, essential for robust academic inquiry.	Thandiwe	6 May 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440250

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Open Access						
Open Access Publishing	This session introduces the principles and models of Open Access publishing. Topics include the benefits of Open Access, different OA routes (Gold, Green, and Diamond), copyright considerations, and how Open Access supports research visibility, impact, and equity.	Thobile	12 May 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440263
DSpace	This session focuses specifically on using Dspace as the institutional repository platform. Participants will be guided through the submission process, community and collection structures, and key features of DSpace that support research dissemination, compliance, and long-term preservation.	Thobile	13 May 2026	14h30-15h30	Hybrid (In-person and Online)	https://ru-za.libcal.com/event/16440265

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