

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Post-Graduate Research Support Programme 2018: Final

The purpose of the PG Research Support Programme is to provide a dialogic space for PG students to develop, share and test ideas; receive guidance from academics and peers; and build a network of supportive relationships. The Programme builds upon and complements (but does not replace) the student-supervisor relationship.

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Session	Date	Topic	Focus
1	24.2.2018	Becoming a PG student	PG Orientation: The Faculty and PG study The research process and milestones; university resources and support What is research? What are knowledge and knowledge production? First thoughts on your research topic
2	21.4.2018	Using literature and theory in your study	Overview of research paradigms Doing your literature review: evaluating the literature
		Concurrently: Ethical clearance workshop	For students who have completed their literature survey, this session will provide guidance through the ethical clearance application process.
3	26.5.2018	Using theory in your study	Theoretical frameworks; the role of theory; theories in educational research
4	23.6.2018	Using a research approach	Choosing a research approach: Research approaches (parallel sessions): case study; narrative; action research; phenomenology; mixed methods; survey; experimental design; conceptual and policy analyses.
5	21.7.2018	Collecting your data	Methods of data collection: interviews; observation; focus groups; online questionnaires; document analysis; participatory methods; statistical data
6	25.8.2018	Analysing your data	Methods of data analysis: qualitative and quantitative
7	22.9.2018	Ensuring the quality of your thesis	Quality in post-graduate study: quality of findings (validity; reliability; trustworthiness); quality of relationships (ethics); research standards.

8	20.10.2018	Writing up and finalising your thesis	Developing your thesis: lines of argument; coherence; linking chapters; final steps; examination process; dealing with feedback.
9	24.11.2018	Exploring your post-thesis futures	After the thesis: what's next? Career trajectories; doctoral and post-doctoral study; early career research support and development; research dissemination and publication.