



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**



**Makerere University and  
Stellenbosch University African Doctoral Academy  
5<sup>th</sup> Joint Doctoral School**

# **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**COURSE:**

**Postgraduate Supervision**

*An overview of postgraduate supervision practices in South African Universities and Makerere University*

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**COURSE DATES:**

**21-24 May 2018**

**VENUE:**

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

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**WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

**Postgraduate supervisors:  
Participants should be actively supervising at the Master's and / or Doctoral levels**

**Maximum Number of Participants:**

**40**

**Closing Date for Applications:**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 5:00 pm.  
Admission is on first come first serve basis and eligibility.**

Please forward written applications indicating whether you are an active supervisor at Masters or / and Doctoral level, your Gender, University, College, School, Department, telephone and e-mail contact address electronically to: [conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug](mailto:conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug) or deliver a hard copy to the Division of Research, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP), Lincoln House, Flat B5.

Employees of the Partner Public Universities are encouraged to apply. Break tea and Lunch will be provided during the course. However, please note that you will be expected to cover your own transport and accommodation costs.

Selected applicants will be informed through e-mail by the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

### **Course Description:**

The four-day workshop focuses on three main aspects of doctoral education. Firstly, the postgraduate global education and research context is discussed in relation to supervisors managing the challenges of the “real world” including capacity development, global competitiveness, predatory journals and conferences and the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial revolution. Secondly, local and global doctoral education strategies and processes are analysed and discussed. Thirdly, factors related to the successful completion of the postgraduate process and the supervisor’s role are considered. The content of the workshop is based on current and relevant scholarship on Postgraduate Supervision as well as the experiences of the presenter. The facilitator of this short course is an experienced supervisor and nationally rated, internationally published and respected researcher in the field of education.

### **Course Format:**

The course is presented over four days by Professor Sarah Howie, Director at the Africa Centre for Scholarship at Stellenbosch University. The sessions will be supplemented by input from faculty members at Makerere University to offer a local and relevant perspective.

### **Course Outcomes:**

After completion of the course, the participants will have insight into

- The postgraduate supervision in the global research context
- Approaches to and models for postgraduate supervision

- Allocating and matching candidates and supervisors
- Roles and responsibilities of postgraduate supervisors
- Policies and procedures related to postgraduate supervision
- Research integrity in postgraduate research
- How to deal with the research proposal and writing
- Conceptualisation of postgraduate research
- Postgraduate writing and feedback
- The structure and formulation of manuscripts and research conclusions
- Evaluation of the thesis, examination criteria, submission and examination processes
- Disseminating research

The course material will consist of presentation slides and academic readings, including the open source publication on *Doctoral Education in South Africa: Policy, Discourse and Data* by Cloete, Mouton, & Sheppard (2015). <http://www.idea-phd.net/images/Doctoral-Education-in-South-Africa-WEB-3.pdf> (Creative Commons License 4.0 International License)

#### **Presenter 1:**

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**Prof Sarah Howie** is the newly appointed Director of the Africa Centre for Scholarship at Stellenbosch University, a Centre housing pre-doctoral and doctoral training for prospective and registered students and staff across Africa amongst others.

She holds degrees from the universities of Stellenbosch, Cape Town, Witwatersrand and her PhD from the University for Twente in the Netherlands. For 16 years, she lectured and supervised postgraduate students in the Faculty of Education at the University of Pretoria, South Africa where she was the Director of the Centre for Evaluation and Assessment (CEA) in the Faculty of Education. She has supervised almost 40 (mainly doctoral) postgraduate students to completion. She also conceptualised, led and managed over 70 research projects (several international and large-scale) for the past 25 years both at the University of Pretoria and also at the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa.

She has been involved in research training in Africa and internationally working for the South African-Netherlands Development Programme project in South Africa, the SANTRUST programme in South Africa and Ethiopia and for the World Bank and OECD in Albania, Ethiopia, Thailand, Zambia. She gave many invited workshops regularly for students and staff on research training and development across South Africa. She was responsible for designing the curriculum for the pre-doctoral programme for the South African-Netherlands Development Programme (SANPAD) and for SANTRUST utilised across South Africa and in Ethiopia. She has been an external examiner for theses and dissertations and has published extensively internationally.

Amongst the committees and Boards she sits on, she is the Deputy Chair of the South African Qualifications Framework and is on the Admissions Committee of Universities South Africa. She is a member of four international journals' editorial boards

She has been a nationally rated researcher for the past 12 years and was inducted into the Academy of Science for South Africa in 2006. She is a past winner of the National Science and Technology Forum's Most Innovative Research award for 2002 (awarded in 2003). She was also recognised by the University of Pretoria as an Exceptional Young Achiever in 2003; for her research leadership in 2008; won the Dean's award for Innovative Research in the Faculty of Education for 2003 and again for excellence in doctoral supervision in 2011.

**Presenter 2:**

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**Prof David Owiny** is the Deputy Director for Training at the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University.