

ADVANCING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2026

FOR EMERGING AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

A comprehensive one-year Advancing Scholarship Programme (ASP) aimed at emerging researchers. The Advancing Scholarship Programme (ASP) is designed to support the development of emerging and postdoctoral researchers, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to excel in their research careers. This initiative offers a holistic development experience across four key domains:

Knowledge and intellectual abilities | Personal effectiveness | Research governance and organisation and engagement, influence | Impact.

Participants will benefit from peer networking and practical discussions. The programme includes 16 virtual sessions and a capstone project, culminating in a CHEC certificate of completion. With a focus on advancing research skills, career readiness, and personal development, the programme promises a transformative journey for emerging and postdoctoral researchers.

Postdocs and emerging researchers are encouraged to develop in areas crucial for their personal and professional growth, enhancing their readiness for the next steps in their careers.

Purpose: To support emerging, doctoral and postdoctoral researchers in honing their research skills, career readiness, and personal development through a structured programme aligned with the research and development framework.

Cost: R8000 per domain.

Mode of delivery: Virtual
CHEC certificate of successful completion presented.

Programme structure: The Programme is divided into four domains.

Registration date: 2 March 2026

CHEC Capstone

Final presentation: A capstone presentation showcasing research progress and personal development achievements.

Rationale: The capstone project is the culminating experience in CLE and leads to the CHEC Certificate of successful completion of a Programme.

Purpose: To allow participants to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their acquired knowledge and experiences through application to a real-life setting

The capstone can be either research-based or applications-based:

- A research paper.
- A case analysis.
- Development of a strategic or operations plan for an entity.
- A community project

CHEC CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMME AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CAPSTONE PROJECT

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Four domains		Workshops (4 hours each) R8000 per domain	Dates and times All times 9:00-13:00 SAST, unless marked differently
Orientation		All	Mar 16, 2026
Domain 1: Knowledge and Intellectual Abilities			
Workshops	1.1 Emerging technologies in research	Prof Eugene Cloete	Mar 16, 2026
	1.2 Conceptualising the research	Prof René Pellissier	Mar 17, 2026
	1.3 Critical thinking and problem solving	Prof René Pellissier	Mar 18, 2026
Domain 2: Personal Effectiveness			
Workshops	2.1 Personal leadership	Prof Eugene Cloete	Apr 13, 2026
	2.2 Resilience and stress management Career planning and goal setting	Ms Amanda Glaeser	Apr 14, 2026
	2.3 Digital transformation	Prof Liz Archer	Apr 15, 2026
Domain 3: Research Governance and Organisation			
Workshops	3.1 Research as a project	Prof René Pellissier	May 11, 2026
	3.2 Ethical considerations in research	Dr Henriette vd Berg	May 12, 2026
	3.3 Grant writing		May 13, 2026
Domain 4: Engagement, Influence and Impact			
Workshops	4.1 Research for impact	Prof René Pellissier	Jun 22, 2026
	4.2 Research writing	Prof Fernando de Sousa (Portugal)	Jun 23, 2026
	4.3 Effective communication and public speaking	Prof Sibusiso Moyo	Jun 24, 2026
Capstone project			Dec 3, 2026

HERE IS WHAT SOME PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO SAY:

What we learnt

- Practical insights from established academics and application to research.
- Personal development and confidence-building, addressing imposter syndrome.
- Group interactions and engagement in small break-away groups.
- Teaching effective methodologies like project management and advanced research techniques.
- Use of AI and its effectiveness to help researchers work smarter.
- Appreciation for engaging and varied presenters that facilitated networking opportunities.

Skills and knowledge we can apply

- Time management and project management.
- AI technologies and correct prompting for effective research.
- Effective communication and public speaking skills.
- Ownership of work and being open to alternative perspectives.
- Networking skills and keeping up to date with research through literature.
- Conducting research for impact using structured steps and strategies.

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