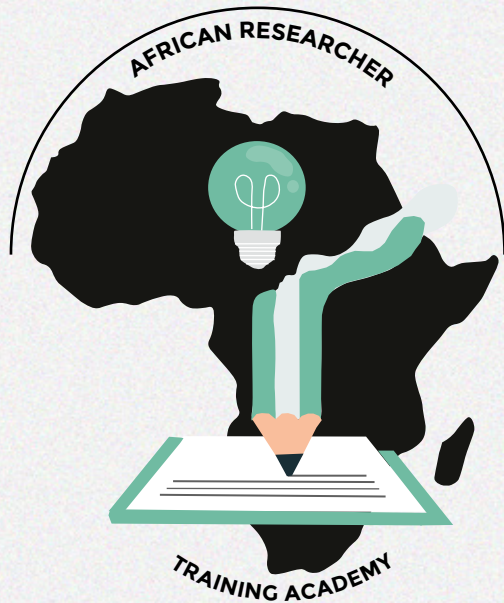


✦ PROGRAMME ✦

Seventh Annual Emerging African Researcher Training Academy 2026



African Research Voices in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Dates: 27-31 July 2026 || **Time:** 09:00 – 16:00 daily || **Where:** Virtual via ZOOM

DAY 1: 27 JULY 2026

TRACK A				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
08:45–09:00		Introduction to the Academy	Dr Bongiwe Mncwango	Dr Jaqueline Harvey
09:00–09:30		OPENING 1. Opening Remarks 2. Welcome Message (HSRC) 3. Messages from Partners: University of Pretoria, Sol Plaatje University and University of Zululand	• Prof Sharlene Swartz – Divisional Executive, Equitable Education and Economies (EEE) HSRC • Prof Gerda van Dijk – Director of the School of Public Management and Administration, UP • Prof Olihile Sebolai – Director: Research, SPU • Prof Nokukhanya Jili-Mbanjwa – Director: Research and Innovation Office, UNIZULU	
09:30–11:00	Module 1	Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks	Prof Amasa Ndofirepi (SPU)	Dr Alude Mahali
11:00–11:15	TEA	15 MINS TEA AND STRETCH BREAK		
11:15–12:30	Module 2	Defining the Research Problem	Shirin Motala, Lindiwe Malumbazo, and Lesego Monyai	Dr Thembinkosi Twalo
12:30–13:30	Module 3	Research Components and Processes	Dr Wilfred Lunga	Dr Yoliswa Ntsepe
13:30–14:15	LUNCH	45 MINS LUNCH		
14:15–16:00	Module 4	Research Ethics and Integrity	Dr Mathias Alubafi and Marilyn Couch	Dr Nomcebo Ubisi

DAY 2: 28 JULY 2026

TRACK A					TRACK B				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)	Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
09:00–10:30	Module 5	Literature Review	Dr Jaqueline Harvey	Lesego Monyai	09:00–10:30	Module 8	Grant Raising and Proposal Writing	Shirin Motala, Dr Bongiwe Mncwango, Dr Stewart Ngandu and Nkateko Chauke	Dr Bongiwe Mncwango
10:30–11:00	TEA				10:30–11:00	TEA			
11:00–13:00	Module 6	Literature Search, Referencing and Finding Secondary Data	Jacqueline Maseloane, Shingirirai Muzondo and Dr Glenn Tshweu	Dr Sara Naicker	11:00–13:00	Module 8 cont.	Grant Raising and Proposal Writing cont.	Shirin Motala, Dr Bongiwe Mncwango, Dr Stewart Ngandu and Nkateko Chauke	Dr Bongiwe Mncwango
13:00–14:00	LUNCH				13:00–14:00	LUNCH			
14:00–16:00	Module 7	Conducting Systematic and Evidence Reviews	Dr Mary Mangai (UP) and Dr Mbuzeleni Hlongwa	Dr Gadija Khan	14:00–16:00	Module 9	Applying Theory in Research	Dr Stewart Ngandu	Dr Jaqueline Harvey

DAY 3: 29 JULY 2026

TRACK A					TRACK B				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)	Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
09:00–10:30	Module 10	Quantitative Research Foundations	Dr Saahier Parker and Dr Vandudzai Mbanda	Zaakhir Asmal	09:00–10:30				
10:30–11:00	TEA				10:30–11:00	TEA			
11:00–13:00	Module 10 cont.	Quantitative Research Foundations cont.	Dr Saahier Parker and Dr Vandudzai Mbanda	Zaakhir Asmal	11:00–13:00				
13:00–14:00	LUNCH				13:00–14:00	LUNCH			
14:00–16:00	Module 11	Quantitative Research Using SPSS	Dr Ronel Sewpaul	Goitseone Maseko	14:00–16:00	Module 12	Quantitative Research Using STATA	Dr Benjamin Roberts and Dr Steven Gordon	Dr Inbarani Naidoo

TRACK C				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
09:00–10:30	Module 13	Developing your Scholarly Voice	Dr Joleen Steyn Kotze	Darryn Whisgary
10:30 - 11:00	TEA			
11:00–13:30	Module 14	Visual Methodologies	Dr Il-haam Petersen and Dr Nicole van Rheede	Dr Boitumelo Matlala
13:00–14:00	LUNCH			
14:00–16:00	Module 15	Data visualisation: <i>Innovations in Research Presentation</i>	Sylvia Hannan and Nonkululeko Dlamini	Mabontle Mzolo

DAY 4: 30 JULY 2026

TRACK A					TRACK B				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)	Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
09:00–10:30	Module 16	Qualitative Research Foundations	Dr Candice Groenewald and Dr Angelique Wildschut	Dr Sibusisiwe Mchani	09:00–10:30	Module 18	Postgraduate Supervision	Dr Odilile Ayodele and Dr Candice Moore	Prof. Amasa Ndofirepi (SPU)
10:30–11:00	TEA				10:30–11:00	TEA			
11:00–13:00	Module 16 cont.	Qualitative Research Foundations	Dr Candice Groenewald and Dr Angelique Wildschut	Dr Sibusisiwe Mchani	11:00–13:00	Module 19	Career Path Development	Prof. Thierry Luescher (UCT)	Dr Thandeka Mdletshe
13:00–14:00	LUNCH				13:00–14:00	LUNCH			
14:00–16:00	Module 17	Smart Qualitative Data Analysis using ATLAS.ti and Qinsights	Dr Lorenza Fluks and Dr Susanne Friese	Dr Thembinkosi Twalo	14:00–16:00	Module 20	Leveraging Secondary Data Sources for Social Research	Dr Yasser Buchana	Dr Amy Kahn

DAY 5: 31 JULY 2026

TRACK A					TRACK B				
Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)	Time	Module	Session title	Presenter(s)	Session facilitator(s)
09:00–10:30	Module 21	Artificial Intelligence (AI): Use in Research and the Ethical Implications	Dr Stellah Lubinga (UP)	Dr Petonella Saal	09:00–10:30	Module 24	Leadership in Research	Prof. Sharlene Swartz	Darryn Whisgary
10:30–11:00	TEA				10:30–11:00	TEA			
11:00–13:00	Module 22 cont.	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Research: Research Tools	Dr Paul Plantinga and Tyebakazi Madiba	Dr Petonella Saal	11:00–13:00	Module 25	Unlocking Research Potential: The Value of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Dr Tholang Mokhele and Dr Emmanuel Fundisi	Dr Bongiwe Mncwango
13:00–14:00	LUNCH				13:00–14:00	LUNCH			
14:00–16:00	Module 23	Academic Writing	Dr Joleen Steyn Kotze	Dr Kukhanyile Mali					