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Invitation to apply for participation in a YEBO! project workshop

on '*Research Visibility and Capacity*'

Cape Town, South Africa, 10th – 13th March 2020

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

YEBO! project

The YEBO! project is an international collaborative project involving 7 South African and 5 European universities. Participating universities in South Africa are the University of the Western Cape (UWC, Cape Town); Tshwane University of Technology (TUT, Pretoria); Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT, Cape Town); Central University of Technology (CUT, Bloemfontein); University of Pretoria (UP, Pretoria); University of Stellenbosch (US, Cape Town) and the University of Cape Town (UCT, Cape Town).

The European institutions are Technical University of Berlin (TUB, Germany); Vilniaus Gedimino Technikos Universitatas (VGTU, Lithuania); Uppsala University (UU, Sweden); Ghent University (UG, Belgium) and University of Montpellier (UM, France). There are also three European organisations involved: CIRAD (France); EUA and Coimbra Group.

The project focuses on internationalization of PhD studies, promotion of internationalization of PhD studies in South Africa and Europe, increasing the number of PhD students and staff trained in the internationalization of PhD studies as well as facilitation of access to information relating to funding, mobility and administrative procedures of PhD programmes.

For more details on the YEBO Project: <http://yebo.edu.umontpellier.fr/>

Workshop programme

9th March 2020 – Arrival

10th March 2020 – Day 1, Writing a (Mobility, Research) Grant Proposal

11th March 2020 – Day 2, Research Ethics and Integrity

12th March 2020 – Day 3, Publishing Internationally & Pitching Your Research

13th March 2020 – Day 4, Visibility of Research & the Researcher (e.g. broader impact, social media, career development)

Theme of the workshop

The main theme of this exclusive workshop is to capacitate the PhD candidates in improving their research visibility internationally. According to the South African Council for Higher

Education's doctoral standard, the doctorate provides training for an academic career. According to the standard, it requires a candidate to undertake research at the most advanced academic level and culminates with the submission, assessment and acceptance of a thesis. However, candidates may also present peer-reviewed academic articles and papers, and, in certain fields, creative work such as artefacts, compositions, public performances and public exhibitions in partial fulfilment of the research requirements.

To better prepare PhD candidates in improving their capacity to conduct research at an international level, the workshop seeks to focus on 4 main themes: 1) Writing a (Mobility, Research) Grant Proposal; 2) Research Ethics and Integrity ; 3) Publishing Internationally & Pitching Your Research; 4) Visibility of Research & the Researcher (e.g. broader impact, social media, career development).

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop, participants are expected to

- Be provided with best practice in writing successful applications to obtain a mobility or research grant.
- Be provided with the basic norms of maintaining research ethics and integrity.
- Be provided with basic skills to publish internationally and to pitch research in the form of a 3 minute pitch or a poster.
- Be provided with training with regard to marketing oneself and one's research (to the academic and non-academic world) and improving the candidate's employability.

Format

After the general presentation of the topic and the project on day one, the four main themes of the workshop will be covered over four days. Each of the topics will be approached in two ways: during the morning session there will be three to four presentations by experts (South African and EU Experts); during the afternoon session practical sessions with regard to each topic will be further explored in small group break-out sessions. The workshop will also include preparation of contributions for the final conference.

Participants (a total of up to 54 participants expected)

SA Students attending the training session commit themselves to participate in the YEBO Final Conference on 28-29 September 2020 in Pretoria showcasing the new competencies acquired in terms of research communication (i.e. poster presentation or 3 minute pitch).



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Specific assignments will be given to the students by the trainers to prepare their contribution to the Final Conference.

South Africa: each of the participating universities in South Africa can send a total of 7 PhD students. Preference will be given to PhD candidates who already are collaborating internationally and who would like to further develop their international profile.

Europe: each of the participating universities in Europe can send one or two participants to the workshop (e.g. facilitating sessions; networking purposes; as experts).

PhD candidates who are interested in the workshop should submit an application for participation, providing information on their:

- Academic profile
- Motivation to participate
- Expectations with regard to the workshop

Via the following Registration Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-llbjy9rZ4lNpbsojbrqUCaK-SHoD81e0nRhWFwchNE0IVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

The deadline to apply is **20 January 2020**.