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In this edition we:

- launch our updated *plan.it* research project management tool,
- draw your attention to scholarship opportunities for 2023,
- highlight upcoming workshops taking place in June and July,
- alert you to a super new website and group for PhD distance students,
- encourage you to apply for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Challenge.



We have updated our favourite project management tool, the *plan.it*, designed exclusively for SU postgraduate students. If you are completing a degree that entails research, the *plan.it* can be used in conjunction with the MoU you signed with your supervisor. It can assist you to plan your research journey by guiding you to fill in all the important research milestones and deadlines you need to meet to stay on track.

[View it here](#)

## Workshops & Training

See free Postgraduate Skills Development Programme workshops taking place in June and July 2022 below, and access a range of free e-resources on our website [here](#) and other SU online and in-person support services [here](#).



**ATLAS.ti for Qualitative Data Analysis**  
30 June, 1 & 4 July

ATLAS.ti can be used to systematically analyze interview transcripts, images, and other types of qualitative data. This beginner online workshop will provide an introduction on how to use ATLAS.ti computer software.

[Sign up here](#)



**MS Excel for Research Data Management**  
11-18 July

This intermediate skills online workshop will cover how to use MS Excel functions in your research effectively, such as turning data spreadsheets into charts, making use of templates, graphics, formulas and much more.

[Sign up here](#)

**Creating your Thesis or Dissertation online workshop**

Our last *Creating your Thesis or Dissertation* online workshop for the year is taking place 12-14 July 2022. Watch the video below to see why you don't want to miss out on this workshop!

### What will the workshop cover?



[Sign up here](#)



**How to Write for a Scholarly Journal workshop: 8 June**

A must-attend online workshop being hosted by the South African Journal of Science aimed at postgraduate students and early career researchers with little or no experience in writing and publishing journal articles!

[Read more](#)

## Funding

Make sure to check our Postgraduate Funding board regularly for updates on funding opportunities: [www.sun.ac.za/pgofunding](http://www.sun.ac.za/pgofunding).



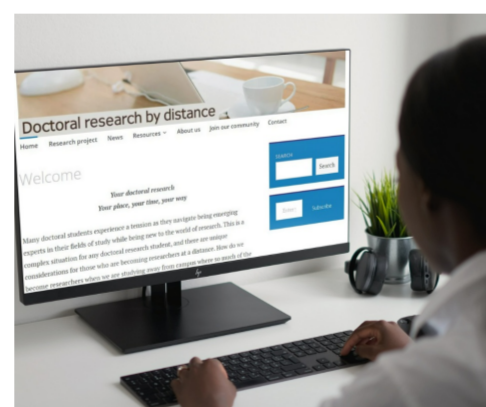
The NRF is an independent statutory body which funds multi-disciplinary research, and development projects to promote South African research interests nationally and internationally. Further information on the 2023 NRF Honours, Master's and doctoral scholarship application process, closing dates and the minimum requirements can be found via the link below.

[Read more](#)



The Labour Market Intelligence (LMI) research programme is seeking applications from Master's and doctoral students who wish to grow their research expertise in the area of labour market intelligence. Candidates must be accepted for a full-time Master's or PhD programme to undertake qualitative or quantitative research broadly in the area of the labour market and skills development. The degree should be based in economics, post-schooling education, sociology, or a similar discipline. Applications close on 31 July 2022.

[Read more](#)



**New international website for distance PhD students**

*Doctoral research by distance* is a new website aimed at engaging and supporting doctoral students studying at a distance. Put together by a team of academics (including an academic from SU's Centre for Higher and Adult Education), the new website already houses a few helpful free resources such as a support base self-reflection activity for distance doctoral researchers, and a Facebook support group, made up of doctoral students and supervisors across the world from various disciplines. Click [here](#) to join the group and track updates of the project on Twitter by searching #DistanceDoctorates.

[Read more](#)

## Future17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Challenge

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Are you interested in Sustainable Development?  
Would you like to help solve global sustainability challenges for international organisations?  
Do you want to acquire some transferable skills to increase your employability?

The Future17 SDG Short Course offers a unique opportunity to take part in a new global sustainability education programme across disciplines, and cultures. It will use the UN's SDGs as a framework to help find solutions for the global, interdisciplinary challenges we are facing, while building participants' key employability, critical thinking, and presentation skills. Participants will be tasked to use collaborative and innovative ways to approach challenges, working with the partner universities and mentors assigned by the different institutions in the programme.

Sign up for the Spring 2022 Future17 Challenge by 25 July 2022. Please direct your queries to Ms Corina du Toit [corina@sun.ac.za](mailto:corina@sun.ac.za). Information sessions will start during the second semester. The cost of the certified short course will be covered by the SDG/2063 Impact Hub.

[Apply here](#)

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