

Programme

Research and Innovation Week

25 - 29 May 2026

Muckleneuk and Science Campuses

College of Education
Thursday, 29 May 2026@ 08:30
Senate Hall (Muckleneuk Campus)
Programme Director: Professor Hlamulo Mbhiza

Time	Session	Facilitator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome CoffeeParticipants sign in, networking, light refreshments	Participants sign in, networking, light refreshments
09:00 – 09:20	Opening Remarks & Welcome TEXT	Prof Botshabeng Monyai, Head: Office of Graduate Studies and Research Prof Mpine Makoe:Dean of College of Education
09:00 – 09:30	Poem	Prof Hlabathi Maapola-Thobejane
09:30 – 10:00	- Flagship CNA Showcase Energy, 4IR, Social Justice 3–5 flagship projects - Digitalisation Siminaar Pilot ideas	Prof Piera Biccard , Prof Van den Berg, Geesje
10:00-10:30	From Proposal to Award: Expert Guidance for Research Funding	Prof Hasina Ebrahim Prof Moeketsi Letseka
10:30-11:00	Break	Coffee/tea, light snacks
11:00-11:05	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr Margaret Chauke
11:05-11:45	Keynote Address: "Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Bridging the Gap"	Prof Seake Harry Rampa, Tshwane University of Technology (TUT)
11:45-12:00	Funding Awards Journey: Steps, Strategies, and Success Stories	Prof Mpho-Entle Modise
12:00-12:30	Excellence in Postdoctoral Research: Innovations for Tomorrow	Dr Gibson Makamure Dr ArineKuyler Dr Emile Gouse
12:30-12:45	Empowering the Future: Climate Education and Sustainable Energy	Prof Sikhulile Msezane,
12:45-13:15	Awarding Certificates of Appreciation	Prof Botshabeng Monyai
13:15	Lunch	Senate Hall Foyer

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