Call for Papers: 2025 Unisa Western Cape Academic Development Symposium

Rethinking Teaching, Learning and Student Support: Exploring Opportunities for Innovation and Shaping Future-Ready Graduates in the Age of AI and 5IR

We invite educators, researchers, practitioners, managers, policymakers, communities, and students from across South Africa to contribute and participate in the 2025 Academic Development symposium hosted by the Unisa Western Cape Region. This is your opportunity to network and share your insights and innovative practices related to the theme in the field of higher education, further education, and training. We welcome emerging and aspiring researchers to submit abstracts.

Submission Categories

We invite academic and support staff, student affairs professionals, curriculum designers, and higher education practitioners to contribute to this year's conversation in the context of a rapidly evolving technological environment.

Share your experiences, practices, and research on:
- Innovative teaching and learning practices in the age of AI and 5IR.
- Student support and care in a digitally evolving environment.
- Staff support and care in a digitally evolving environment.
- Enhancing graduate attributes and employability.
- Addressing academic integrity and access.
- Collaborative solutions for skills shortages and institutional adaptability.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts

- Abstract: Submit an abstract of no more than 250 words.
- Title: Include a concise and descriptive title.
- Biography: Provide a brief biography of the presenter(s) of no more than 200 words, including a head and shoulder photograph (in colour).
- Your presentation can either be a research paper or an experience-based paper.
- Please consult your acceptance letter and/or the final programme for the specific presentation time. The assigned presenter (author or co-author) must

be present at the designated symposium space during the given time to engage in discussions about the presented work.

Submission Process

- Prepare Your Abstract: Ensure your abstract aligns with the submission guidelines.
- Submit to ctntut@unisa.ac.za

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: **15 July 2025**
Notification of Acceptance: **15 August 2025**

Contact Information

For enquiries regarding the submission process or requirements, please contact us at ctntut@unisa.ac.za

Our team is available to assist you with any questions you may have.