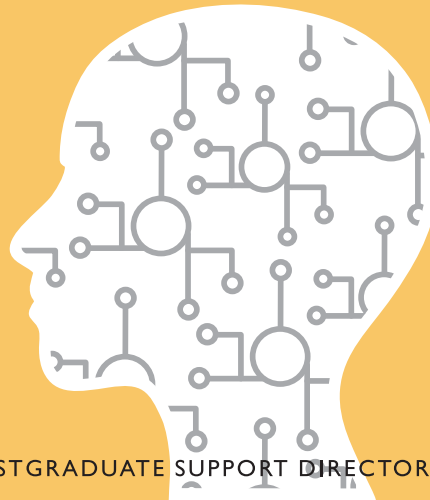
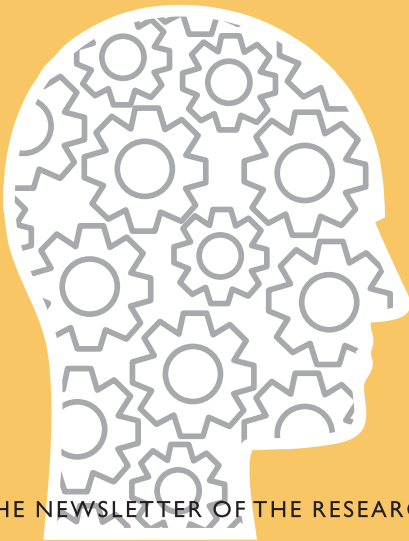
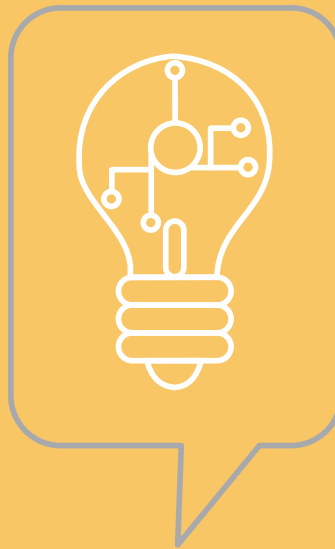
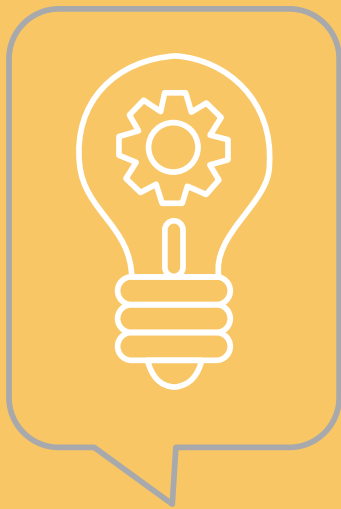


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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF RESEARCH TALKS

I am excited to hear of this initiative to put our R&I activities in a biannual production. Over the years, the university has grown significantly in the area of R&I and it is high time a publication of this nature mirrored the growth and development we have witnessed in the past years.

This issue presents information from our grants section, research capacity development, research and information management section, alongside information on events which have been successfully organised within the parvenu of R&I. At the same time, upcoming events are listed. We do hope that the DUT community will take part in the events to come.

I must commend the Research and Postgraduate Support Directorate for devising this idea which will allow us to consistently showcase happenings regarding R&I.

Professor Sibusiso Moyo

Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
Research, Innovation and Engagement



INTRODUCTORY NOTE - RESEARCH & POSTGRADUATE SUPPORT

As with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Engagement, I salute this idea to bring the university's research activities to the fore. As part of the mandate of the RPS Directorate, we are consistently tasked with the responsibility of creating awareness about the university regarding R&I. There is of course no doubt that the institution has skyrocketed research-wise, given the rise in the numbers of research-minded academics in the past few years.

With this newsletter initiative, we will be able to celebrate remarkable strides from our academics and researchers as the university continues to encourage progress in R&I.

In the next edition of the newsletter, we would hope to report on fresh information which will account for progress in terms of R&I at the university. My hearty congratulations to the team which came up with this initiative.

Professor Kevin Duffy

Acting Director:
Research and Postgraduate Support





EDITOR'S NOTE

I am pleased to present the inaugural edition of *Research & Innovation Talks* - a digital newsletter which focuses on Research and Innovation (R&I) affairs at Durban University of Technology through its Research and Postgraduate Support (RPS) Directorate. The newsletter will be published biannually.

Research & Innovation Talks reflects various noteworthy areas in DUT's striving to continue its growth in R&I. It intends to offer news of research-related events, postgraduate activities, publications, grant information and important news for the DUT community at large. This publication presents a superb opportunity to promote our achievements, stories and announcements which are research-related for DUT.

I would like to express my appreciation to those people who have contributed to this first issue. Enjoy the read and please contact me should you have relevant information/recommendations for future issues.

Kunle Oparinde, PhD
Editor: *Research & Innovation Talks*



RESEARCH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (RCD)

The first issue of *Research & Innovation Talks* introduces you to a platform that showcases Research and Innovation at the University.

As a leading UoT in KZN, the DUT's Research and Innovation agenda is aligned with national norms and imperatives. This newsletter will be used to communicate with DUT stakeholders and researchers on the Research and Innovation activities of the university.

Importantly, it will also be utilized to create awareness about the Research Capacity Development programme which aims to develop the next generation of researchers at the university. Examples of such programmes are reported below.

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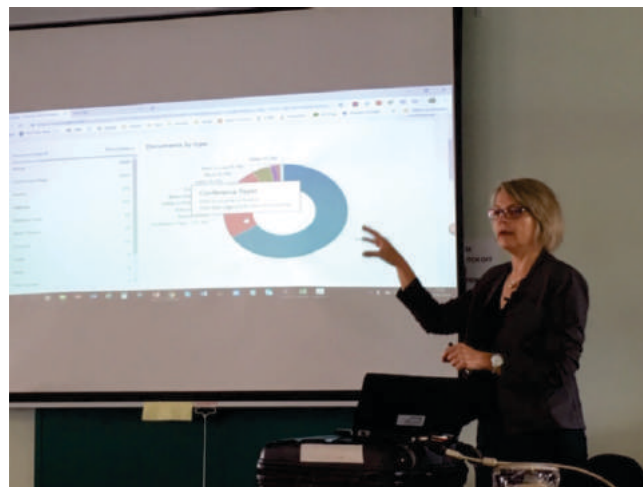
SOUTH AFRICAN SWEDEN UNIVERSITY FORUM (SASUF) WORKSHOP

The SASUF workshop was held in May with the aim of understanding the Burden of Diseases for Maternal and Child Health in KwaZulu-Natal.

The objectives of the workshop were to develop a collaborative research, education and training programme between the participating institutions to investigate the burden of diseases, and also to enhance the monitoring and evaluation of the target indicators of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 and 4; with specific reference to maternal and child health, and to promote internationalisation.



SCIVAL AND SCOPUS WORKSHOPS



During April, the RCD Office, in collaboration with the university library organised two workshops.

The first was on how to use SciVal to analyse research performance. Information from the workshop will assist the university in visualising research performance, benchmarking relative to peer institutions, developing strategic partnerships and identifying and analysing new and emerging research trends.

With the Scopus workshop, there were discussions on smart strategies to find and reference the best literature; staying up to date in one's field, determining the quality of a journal and using metrics to evaluate the impact of research.



NEWS

RPS announces Call for the 4th Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation Conference 2019

The RPS Directorate has announced a call for the annual Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation Conference scheduled to take place between the 17th and 20th of September at the Hilton Hotel in Durban.

Submissions are welcomed from diverse disciplines and academics. The theme of this year's conference is Global Trends and Challenges in Research and Innovation. For more information on the conference, kindly visit

<https://www.dut.ac.za/postgradcon/>.

RPS Launches a New In-House Journal

The RCD Office under the auspices of the RPS Directorate has recently launched a new in-house journal titled the African Journal of Inter/Multidisciplinary Studies (AJIMS). Its aim is to explore how various academic foci could be appropriated to address socially related issues.

The journal, which is open access, is now live on the Open Journal System (OJS) with the first issue expected to be published in June 2019. Please visit journals.dut.ac.za for more details.

Annual 3 Minutes Thesis Competition

The RPS Directorate welcomes abstract submissions from DUT doctoral candidates to partake in the annual 3 Minutes Thesis Competition which will be hosted by University of the Free State (UFS) in October 2019.

The winner and the first runner-up from DUT will represent the institution at the national competition at UFS. For more information, please contact vanesh@dut.ac.za

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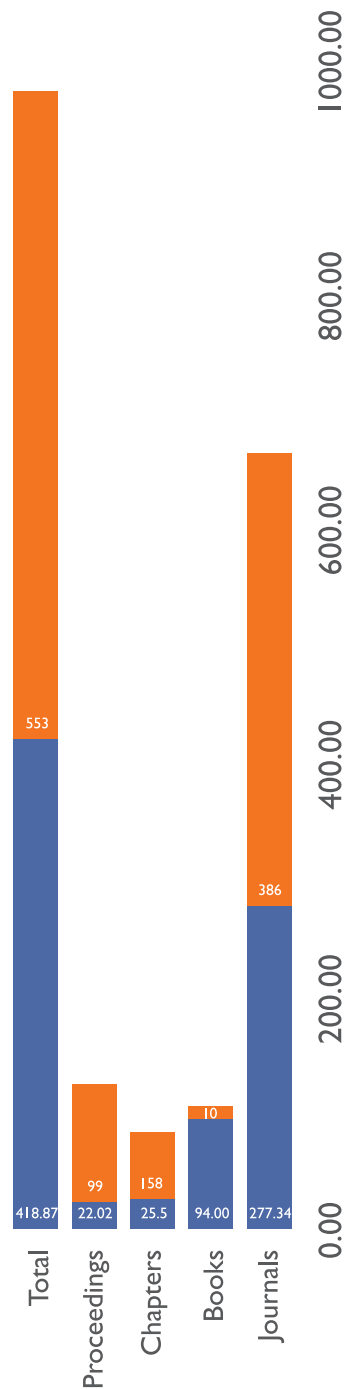
RESEARCH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (RIM)

At RIM, we oversee the institutional report to Department of Higher Education and Training on DUT's research publications. We also report research information to both internal and external stakeholders. Thus far, the office has completed the reporting of institutional research outputs to DHET as per the annual closing date of 15 May.

A project (ELEMENTS) managed by the RIM office to bring a system for the administration and management of research publications is complete for the institutional roll of the new reporting cycle for 2019 publications.

As of 1 June 2019, all research publications will be logged via ELEMENTS. Workshops and training are available to encourage adoption of the system by DUT researchers. The DUT's RIM office is the first to have explored Symplectic Elements as an administration system, and we are currently in talks with three other institutions seeking to join so we can form a consortium and receive optimal benefits from the system and service provider.

Ms Philisiwe Charity
RIM Coordinator



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POSTGRADUATE DASHBOARD

The year 2019 has been a fast one; one blinked and the first half of the year was gone. It's hard to believe that this is the end of the first semester and the second is to begin shortly. Reflecting on the few months which have passed, we have encountered some difficulties and some successes in various areas of our academic life.

The Postgraduate Association serves as an extended hand to the RPS directorate. Because a postgraduate journey can be a lonely and sometimes difficult one, we seldom host activities which are both mentally and physically stimulating.

On this note, we have lined up some Peace Workshops for postgraduate students for which details will be provided soon. We wish to engage the DUT community on the culture of peace and walk away from the culture of violence which brings disrepute to our respectable university. This is but one of the many activities we host for postgraduate students. Other activities will be communicated once we have fuller details.

Ms Lebo Ramakatsa

President: Postgraduate Association



TIP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- Remember that it is essential to provide sound reasons for the methods you have chosen beyond any reasonable doubt.

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