

CALL FOR PAPERS

SANRC FYE CONFERENCE 2018

23-25 MAY 2018

Toward the pursuit of excellence in national support to South Africa's first-year students: Critically examining all aspects of the FYE

The South African National Resource Centre for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition (SANRC) will be hosting its fourth annual FYE Conference on 23-25 May 2018 at the Garden Court Marine Parade in Durban.

Join us as we bring together South Africa's fast-growing FYE community to participate in collaborative and scholarly discussions about the FYE and how we as FYE scholars and practitioners can improve upon the support offered to South Africa's first-year students. Questions include the following: Do we know enough about the multi-faceted needs of first-year students? How best can we address the gaps in our knowledge with an authentic understanding of the first-year as it is experienced by students? Are first-year lecturers fully capacitated to meet the needs of first-year students? Can new learning models and technologies create a different learning dynamic for students? To what extent are we evaluating the various academic support programmes offered at South Africa's universities?

This conference is designed to thoughtfully consider whether we are giving our students the kinds of meaningful educational experiences which will help them thrive academically and transition successfully through the higher education system. It calls for deep introspection combined with academic rigour, both on an individual and institutional basis, as we critically reflect upon the 'true' meaning of support to first-year students.

Accordingly we invite you to submit abstracts for consideration to the SANRC in line with the following sub-themes:

- Teaching for first-year success
- Innovative first-year support initiatives
- Measurement and accountability in first-year support services: Are we getting it right?
- Orientation programmes as a key element of student support
- Engaging the student voice: Critical Perspectives from students
- International models of first-year support
- Theorising academic support
- The challenge of decolonisation in first-year support

We accept abstract submissions in the following formats:

- ❖ Full Critical Academic Paper
- ❖ Reflective Practitioner Paper
- ❖ Student Papers: Research done by students
- ❖ Work-in-Progress Reports or Proposals for Future Research
- ❖ Interactive Poster Sessions
- ❖ Interactive Workshop Sessions

Criteria for Submissions

All submissions should link to the overall conference theme as well as sub-themes. Abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process. Abstracts should be double spaced and written in Arial Font, size 11. Abstracts should also be limited to 350-400 words.

In the case of poster sessions, posters should be preferably A0 sized and include details such as Title, Details of Presenter, Introduction, Aim/Key Objectives of Research, Findings and Summary.

Submission Procedure

Please note the following dates carefully, particularly with regard to the need for early letters of acceptance in order to secure conference funding.

Round 1 Deadline for Abstract Submissions	30 September 2017
Notification of Acceptance	14 October 2017
Round 2 Deadline for Abstract Submissions	01 December 2017
Notification of Acceptance	28 February 2018
Round 3 Deadline for Abstract Submissions	15 March 2018
Notification of Acceptance	30 April 2018
Submission of Ppt conference presentations	10 May 2018

Please follow the link (*insert here*) to access the abstract submission form.

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