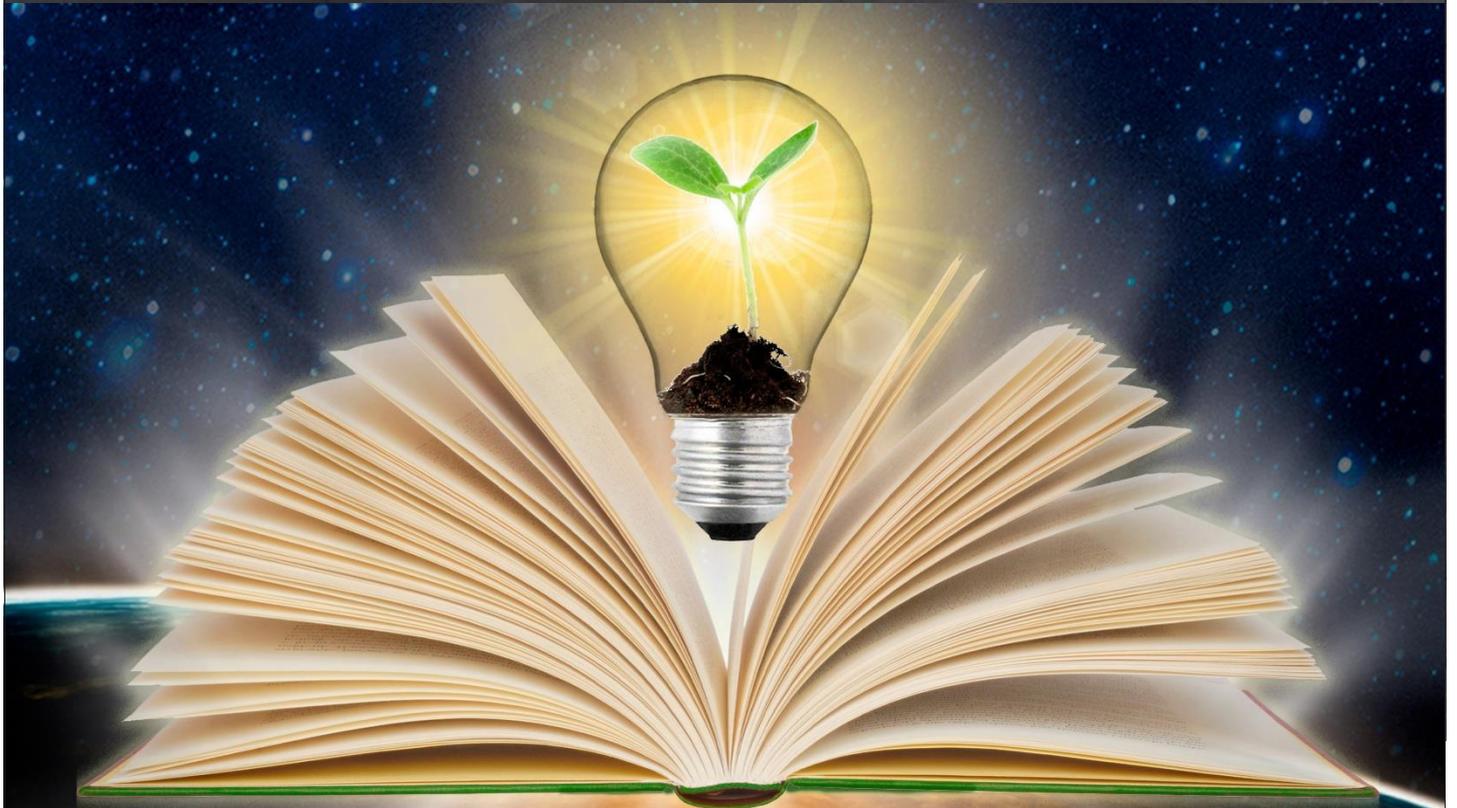


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FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE AND STUDENTS IN TRANSITION



CALL FOR PAPERS

**6TH ANNUAL SANRC FYE
CONFERENCE 2020**

20-22 MAY 2020

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South Africa's First-Year Experience (FYE): Exploring the Boundaries of our Knowledge in the 21st Century

The imperatives of higher education in the 21st century demand that institutions of higher education embrace a culture of continuous innovation by developing and improving new pedagogies, curricula and technologies to support student success. The importance of embracing the 21st century higher education agenda is underscored by Fullan and Scott's identification of a core set of critical 21st century deep learning skills, or the 6 C's, i.e. character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking (Fullan and Scott, 2014). The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is also creating conditions of sweeping change which affect the futures of students. As such, higher education institutions are now compelled to recalibrate themselves with a different and more creative mindset that serves the needs of contemporary students.

Toward this end, the conference considers the following questions: How future-focused are we in our pursuit of first-year support and student success? Are we experimenting enough? Are we as creative as we should be with regard to our FYE programmes and the ways in which we receive, teach and train our students? This conference presents all higher education professionals with the important opportunity to rethink the ways in which universities have traditionally been operating in the context of the First-Year Experience.

SANRC FYE Conference 2020 provides a unique opportunity for FYE scholars and practitioners to discuss and debate the implications of the 4IR for the FYE. All higher education professionals involved in various aspects of the FYE, such as student affairs, mental health, student information, libraries, are urged to attend this important conference and contribute to the debates and discussions taking place at the conference. The conference will consider if South Africa's FYE community can go beyond conventional knowledge in order to arrive at ways of being and doing that will best serve the needs and interests of our students.

We ask:

- How do we understand innovation and creativity in our work as FYE professionals?
- Do FYE programmes and initiatives draw sufficiently on available digital technologies?
- What are the conditions that may promote or hinder innovation and creativity in the FYE?
- How are our pedagogies informed by the 4IR?
- To what extent do we incorporate ethical and cultural concerns into our FYE work and programmes?
- Do FYE programmes and initiatives draw sufficiently on the variable talents, experiences and insights of students and staff?
- Are we too firmly stuck in the ivory tower/do we reach out enough and engage with stakeholders outside the university?

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

- Transformation through Technology
- Merging the FYE with 4IR
- Understanding Good FYE Practice
- Support Systems for First-Year Students in a Context of Transition
- FYE In the Classroom: Developing Teaching Skills for First-Year Students
- Advancing FYE Theory



We accept abstract submissions in the following formats:

- Full Academic Papers
- Reflective Practitioner Papers
- Work-in-Progress Reports or Proposals for Future Research
- Interactive Poster Sessions

Sessions will be structured in the following ways:

- Traditional Paper Sessions (30 min duration)
- Interactive Poster Sessions (30 min duration)
- Panel Sessions (60 min duration, includes 15 min long presentations by 3 presenters in themed sessions chaired by senior convenors)
- Speed Sessions (a new format; includes concise summary of paper in 5 min slots; 4 presentations per 30 min session. This session format is ideal for graduate students or those wishing to test their new research)
- Interactive Workshop Sessions (60 min duration)

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 written in Arial Font, size 11. Abstracts should also be limited to 250-300 words. In the case of poster sessions, posters should be preferably A0 sized and include details such as the Title, Details of Presenter (s), Introductions, Aim/Key Objectives or 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. We have three rounds for abstract submissions. Round 1 opens 09 September 2019.

Round 1	Deadline for Round 1 abstract submissions	02 October 2019
	Notification of acceptance	16 October 2019
Round 2	Deadline for Round 2 abstract submissions	06 December 2019
	Notification of acceptance	28 February 2020
Round 3	Deadline for Round 3 abstract submissions	16 March 2020
	Notification of acceptance	30 April 2020

Registration

Online registration will open on the SANRC website from 13 January 2020. The cut-off date for early bird registration is 27 February 2020. Please note the following with regard to registration: We need your registration! Without your registration, we will unfortunately be unable to use your abstracts for the conference. Also, remember the abstract acceptance requires you to register for the conference. Co-presenters, please remember that you have to register too.

Full Conference Registration	R 5800.00
Early Bird Registration	R 5500.00
Registration for NGOs	R 5000.00

We would like to request that you submit your abstracts in a Word format on email. Kindly see the attached template for submissions and email your abstracts to sanrcadmin@uj.ac.za. Kindly note that if you would like to unsubscribe from this list, please send an email to celinem@uj.ac.za.