



COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

# First Announcement: Higher Education Conference

**CONFERENCE THEME:**

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The Council on Higher Education (CHE) is a statutory body established under the provisions of the Higher Education Act [Act 101 of 1997], as amended. Its legislated mandate includes arranging and coordinating conferences to provide platforms for intellectual engagement on topical issues that have a bearing on the development of higher education in South Africa. It is in this regard that the CHE is pleased to announce that it is organising a research conference which will take place from 01 to 03 March 2023 in Pretoria, South Africa. The actual venue of the conference will be confirmed by the time the second announcement will be released.

The theme of the conference is: ***Promoting access to, and success in postgraduate studies.***

The 2023 CHE conference aims to bring together leading academics, researchers, policymakers, students and government officials, among others, to engage and exchange and share their experiences, research findings and discuss topical issues germane to access to, and success in postgraduate studies. The targeted conference participants are individuals and groups affiliated with:

- Public and private higher education institutions;
- National and institutional-level student bodies;
- Professional bodies;
- Science councils and other research institutions;
- Agencies that fund students for postgraduate studies;
- Ministries and/or Departments of Higher Education;
- Ministries and/or Departments of Arts and Culture, Science and Innovation;
- Industries that sponsor postgraduate students or employ qualified postgraduates; and
- Non-governmental organisations operating within the higher education sector.

The structure of the conference will include plenary sessions, parallel paper presentation sessions, poster sessions, panel discussions, sessions for special interest groups, a conference cocktail/dinner and a field excursion



## Call for Abstracts

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) is pleased to invite high-quality abstracts to be presented at its research conference to be held in Pretoria from 01 to 03 March 2023. The conference will be held in person and broadcast virtually.

The CHE encourages interested researchers, academics, postgraduate students, government officials, industry professionals and funding agencies to submit abstracts for platform and/or poster presentations at the conference. The submitted abstracts should align to the conference theme: ***Promoting access to, and success in postgraduate studies***. The abstracts should specifically address issues outlined in the associated subthemes, which are as follows.


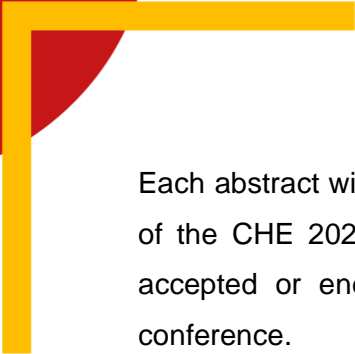
- Making an educational case for postgraduate studies
- Barriers to access to postgraduate studies
- Increasing participation rates for previously disadvantaged population groups
- Key success factors in postgraduate studies
- Funding models for postgraduate studies
- Assessment practices in postgraduate studies
- Lived experiences of postgraduate students
- Promoting success in postgraduate studies

Abstracts that speak to the overarching theme of the conference but do not necessarily fall within any of the subthemes above will be considered for a possible 'open track' conference session.

### **Abstracts submitted should adhere to the following requirements:**

- Not exceeding 400 words in length, including 5 keywords;
- Reflect titles, names of authors and their institutional or organisational affiliations;
- Bear email addresses of the corresponding authors;
- The abstract title should be concise, not more than 15 words, and clearly convey the subject of the abstract;
- The abstract should be typed using 11point Century Gothic or Arial font;
- Text lines should be justified and spaced consistently at one-and-half line spacing;  
and
- The abstracts should be submitted in a Microsoft Word Document.





Each abstract will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme and Publications Subcommittee of the CHE 2023 Research Conference Organising Committee and only those abstracts accepted or endorsed by the subcommittee will be scheduled for presentation at the conference.

The abstracts should be sent to the Scientific Programme and Publications Subcommittee of the CHE 2023 Research Conference Organising Committee through the following email address: [research@che.ac.za](mailto:research@che.ac.za) (cc [mohale.m@che.ac.za](mailto:mohale.m@che.ac.za); [boti.z@che.ac.za](mailto:boti.z@che.ac.za)). The deadline for the submission of abstracts is Friday 30 September 2022, and the Scientific Programme and Publications Subcommittee of the CHE 2023 Research Conference Organising Committee will confirm acceptance of abstracts by Monday 4 November 2022. Communication conveying messages of acceptance of abstracts will be sent only to those authors who would have registered for the conference. It is therefore recommended that authors register for the conference by the time they submit their abstracts.

### **Publication of Conference Papers**

Approved full papers presented at the conference will be published by the CHE. Authors will be allowed four months after the conference to revise their papers in line with the inputs received at the conference. The revised papers will further undergo a peer-review process before being published and only the papers that the peer reviewers will recommend will eventually be published.

### **Registration for the conference**

Each one of all those who intend to be part of the conference should complete and submit an official registration form which can be accessed by clicking here: [Registration](#). Registration for the conference will close on 10 February 2023.

### **Registration Fees**

Early Bird Registration: up to 30 November 2022

- Participants based in South Africa: R4 800 per head
- Participants based outside South Africa: 360 US Dollars per head

Registration after 30 November 2022

- Participants based in South Africa: R5 600 per head
- Participants based outside South Africa: 415 US Dollars per head





Details of payment methods appear on the registration form.

### **Registration fee waiver for presenters**

The requirement to pay registration fees will be waived for authors whose abstracts get accepted for presentation at the conference. This means that the presenters will need not pay the registration fees to attend and present at the conference. However, the fees will only be waived for one presenter per paper.

### **Multiple registrations from institutions**

Institutions that register and pay for more than 5 conference delegates will be offered a 10% discount on the total registration fee.

### **Inquiries**

Further information about the conference, including registration and payment queries, should be addressed to [research@che.ac.za](mailto:research@che.ac.za).

More details about the conference and information updates can also be accessed from the conference website.

