



Transdisciplinary Doctoral Programme in Sustainability Studies

Learning beyond Disciplinary Boundaries

Complex global sustainability challenges relating, for example, to poverty, energy, water, waste, food security, biodiversity, urbanization, conflict, gender, values and identity cannot be understood and addressed using mono-disciplinary approaches. Sustainability is a transdisciplinary challenge. This new Doctoral Programme, offered by a renowned international university, will provide participants with a unique learning experience which will equip them to respond to challenges such as these through transdisciplinary modes of research. Engage with local and international experts and study with fellow doctoral students from across Africa and other continents.

Core Modules

This unique PhD programme begins with course work in January 2010, covering the following areas: • Transdisciplinary Theory • Complexity Theory • Transdisciplinary Methodology • Research Paradigms & Strategies • Sustainable Development & Sustainability.

Participating Faculties

Arts & Social Sciences • AgriSciences • Education • Engineering • Economic & Management Sciences • Health Sciences • Science • Theology.

Research Invitation

In order to be considered for admission to this programme, you are invited to submit, **by no later than 18 September 2009**, the following documents: • a two-page written essay, expressing your research interest in aspects of the challenges of sustainability and how you intend tackling your research in a transdisciplinary way • your past research experience • a bibliography of your readings in sustainability, transdisciplinarity and complexity.

Programme Duration & Qualification

Preference will be given to students who can do this three-year programme on a full-time basis, resulting in the doctoral qualification of the Faculty in which the student is registered.

Enquiries

For detailed information on the selection and admission process, funding, as well as the programme's transdisciplinary research framework, please consult the website at www.tsama.org.za or contact John van Breda, Stellenbosch University, at jrvb@sun.ac.za.