



National PhD Conference 2023

Call for Papers

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ESSA in collaboration with Economic Research South Africa (ERSA) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) will host its first official National PhD Conference. The conference will run for **two days** and will take place during the week of **6 to 10 February 2023**. We are pleased to announce that the **University of Fort Hare** has accepted our offer to host the conference, which will take place at their East London campus. We encourage PhD candidates from all economics programmes at universities across South Africa to apply.

Submission of Extended Abstract

Applicants are invited to submit an extended abstract based on a completed or near-completed paper from their PhD thesis (which has not been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal). Work across all fields of economics are invited. The **extended abstract (maximum of 1,000 words)** should provide a clear indication of the research question and method used in the paper. Preliminary results may be included if available. Extended abstracts should be submitted via email to the ESSA Executive Secretary at execsecretary@essa.org.za by the **25th of November 2022**.

The conference scientific committee will evaluate all submissions with the help of nominated discussants. A **maximum of 25 applicants** will be invited to present their papers at the conference. Successful applicants will be required to submit their full papers by the **9th of January 2023**.

Conference Format

The conference will be hosted in an in-person only format to allow for maximum tacit knowledge transfer. Various researchers and practitioners from across academia, government and the private sector will be invited to act as discussants and comment on the research presented. We envision this to be a truly remarkable learning and networking experience for all involved. The two-day event will include a gala dinner function and ample opportunity to discuss your work in a less intimidating environment!

Successful applicants will have all their basic expenditures including travel and accommodation covered.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely

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ESSA President