

POSTGRADUATE WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

5 – 7 February 2025

WELCOME CEREMONY (All Postgraduate Students) Wednesday, 5 February 2025	
08:00– 09:30	Registration & Arrival Please be seated in the Great Hall by 09h45
10:00 – 10:15	Opening Address Mr Jerome September Programme Director & Dean of Students Affairs
10:15 – 10:30	Address by the Postgraduate Association (PGA) Mr Silas Seabi, Chairperson
10:30 – 10:45	Keynote Address Prof. Lynn Morris, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Innovation
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Procession leaves the stage</i> Powering next-generation knowledge from the Global South <i>This is Wits! (A video presentation)</i>
11:00 – 11.45	Postgraduate Research and Development Office Prof. Brett Bowman, Programme Director & Head PGRDO Graduate Online, Learning and Development (GOLD) Prof. Jude Igumbor, Academic Programme Director GOLD (<i>GOLD Video presentation</i>) Wits Doctoral Academy (WDA) Prof. Jill Bradbury, Academic Programme Director, Wits Doctoral Academy (WDA)
11:45 – 12:45	Panel Discussion: <i>In the age of AI will humans still be needed to generate new knowledge?</i> Introducing the Wits Machine Intelligence and Neural Development Institute (MIND) Institute (<i>Video presentations</i>) Chair: Prof. Emmanuel Ojo, Deputy Head of School, Wits School of Education Dr Oluwarotimi Randle, HoD Digital Arts

Great Hall
(in person only)

	Prof. Yahya Choonara, Director: Wits Advanced Drug Delivery Platform (WADDP) Research Unit Prof. Sumaya Laher, School of Human and Community Development & WESAF Programme Coordinator Q&A	
12:45– 13:45	LUNCH BREAK	
13:45 – 14:15	The library and you: PG research support frameworks Dr Daisy Selematsela, Chief Librarian	
14:15 – 14:45	Student Life Component Mr Tshegofatso Mogaladi, Deputy Dean of Students	Great Hall (in person only)
14:45 – 15:15	Scholarships and Research funding literacy Dr Yolanda Davids, Deputy Director: Research Office	
15:15 – 15:45	Research with impact and Innovation at Wits Mr Letlotlo Phohole, Senior Programme Manager, Wits Innovation Centre (WIC) <i>(WIC Video presentation)</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	Closing Address Prof. Nicole De Wet-Billings, Senior Director: Academic Affairs (QAPO)	
COCKTAILS ON CONCOURSE 5 February 2025		
16:00 – 18:00	Networking opportunity with refreshments	Solomon House Concourse
CARTA – Wits Workshops (Masters by Research and PhDs) Thursday, 6 February 2025		
09:00 – 17:00	• Questions and methods • Interdisciplinary • Refining essential research skills • Complex thinking and generating knowledge for the 21st century	School of Public Health Building

FACULTY AND SCHOOLS INFORMATION SESSIONS

Friday, 7 February 2025

9:00 – 12:00

Address by Faculty Deans and Faculty information sessions

Commerce, Law & Management

Master's by research and PhD students only.

In person, Chalsty Auditorium, West Campus

Engineering and Built Environment – All PG students.

In person, WAB3, ARM Building, West Campus

Health Science – All PG students. In person, Marie Curie Lecture Theatre, Medical School, Parktown

Humanities – All PG students. In person, Graduate Studies Seminar Room, SWE Building, East Campus

Science – MSc Dissertation, MSc CWRR and PhD students only. In person, Gate House LG05 – Computer laboratory, East Campus

Faculty specific venues
(in person only)

WITS DOCTORAL ACADEMY (WDA) EXCURSION

(WDA students ONLY)

Friday, 7 February 2025

12:15 – 13:30

Wits Doctoral Academy: Welcome and Introductions
Lunch

Wits Bus departs from the Wits Origins Centre to Newtown

Humanities
Graduate
Centre, SW
Engineering

14:00 – 20:00

WDA Public Engagement: 'City Experience'

- Workers' Museum, Newtown
- Walk-about in Newtown
- Nikki's Oasis: Music & Drinks, Market Theatre Precinct

In person
Newtown

POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL

Friday, 7 February 2025

15:00 – 18:00

- Sip and Paint Networking Session

Origins Centre,
The Gallery