The Advancing Early Career Researchers and Scholars (AECRS) programme addresses the needs of emerging academic researchers in the South African higher education and research sector, aiming at support and capacity building. Following from previous studies on building a cohort of emerging academics nationally, and in-depth discussions with academic research leaders in all South African universities, the national landscape was mapped to determine interventions and resources needed for developing emerging researchers.

Based on recommendations emanating from these studies and as key components of the AECRS programme, Universities South Africa (USAf), funded by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), formed the Community of Practice for Postgraduate Education and Scholarship (CoP PGES). The programme also developed the Thuso Connect and Thuso Resources - online platforms for Postgraduate Education and Scholarship that supports the national higher education sector in postgraduate teaching and learning, training and support for supervisors, and enables collegial interaction between peers.

Joining us for this conversation are Professor Stephanie Burton and Professor Kolawole Samuel Adeyemo. Prof Burton is the former Vice-Principal for Research and Postgraduate Education at UP, and the interim President of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), immediate past President and a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa (RSSA) and a Research Fellow for Universities South Africa (USAf). Professor Kolawole Samuel Adeyemo is an Associate Professor and Director of Centre for the Advancement of Sustainable Higher Education Futures (CASHEF) at the University of Pretoria. This ENGAGE will take place on Monday, 29 July, 2024, 14:00-15:00.

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