

FUTURE-PROOFING HIGHER EDUCATION

Ever since the establishment of the modern university, teaching and learning has been carried out in much the same way. Traditional face-to-face, talk and chalk approaches have not changed and even the introduction of 4IR, has not significantly influenced current practices. It has taken a global disruption like the Covid-19 pandemic to catapult higher education systems globally and locally into exploring a variety of platforms and radically new approaches to teaching and learning.

While the need for effective teaching and learning remains the same, it becomes a matter of urgency to unlock alternative development channels for enabling, advancing and supporting academics and a new generation of students at the chalk-face.

Universities South Africa (USAf) in collaboration with the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP SETA) aim to build innovative responses for the future (proofing) of the higher education system in the country. With support from the Department of Higher Education and Training, USAf through its sectoral capacity development programme, HELM, will design and implement a next generation digital transformation initiative.



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The ULDP aims to establish a diverse team of expertise who will be able to identify, innovate and develop the skills and capacity of staff and students in response to the new pedagogical realities and technology mediated learning needs of our universities. The prime objective of the programme is the development and professional advancement of university academic staff. Using a Master Trainer model it is anticipated that the ULDP will reach over 1,000 participants from all 26 public universities in the next two years. The ULDP intends to advance key thematic areas such as online teaching and learning, curriculum development and design, research and professional and personal development.

The programme itself will consist of two inter-related aspects: the Master Trainer Programme (MTP) and the Lecturer Development Programme (LDP). Curriculum design for both components is currently in progress. The ULDP design and delivery team will comprise local and international teaching and learning, digital transformation, ICT and OD expertise.

SELECTION PROCESS

The ULDP will be implemented from May 2021. The programme structure and content will be shared with all universities and their selected participants.

All universities will be invited to submit candidate names and registration forms for the ULDP.

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PROGRAMME (ULDP)



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