

5th Annual International Conference

on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) in Higher Education

8 – 9 October 2020 Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

Host: Central University of Technology, Free state

Conference Theme:

Promoting new pedagogies and teaching practices in higher education

Call for papers

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) invites the submission of papers for its 5^{th} Annual SoTL conference on 8 - 9 October 2020.

Conference focus

The large numbers of students entering Higher Education and their state of readiness and preparedness for this level compels universities to revisit their pedagogies and practices in order to accommodate students from different educational backgrounds. Since the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is about reflection and improving one's practice, the proposed Theme for the 5th 2020 Annual SoTL conference at CUT is:

Promoting new pedagogies and teaching practices in higher education.

The aim of this conference is to stimulate debate on higher education policies regarding access and success and explore opportunities and challenges related to teaching and learning in Higher Education. This conference presents such an opportunity, as it will enable delegates and presenters to explore scholarly work in an open and collegial arena.

2. Conference sub-themes

- Teaching across disciplines and different learning environments
- Innovative approaches in dealing with diversity in large classes.
- Using differentiated instruction to improve teaching and learning.
- Promoting student learning in inclusive learning environments.
- Using educational technology to promote teaching and learning

3. Paper submissions

Papers are invited on any of the identified subthemes. Papers may be of empirical, theoretical, or philosophical nature on any of the subthemes.

4. Submission information

We welcome extended abstract of not more than 500 words. Submissions must be sent electronically to the email address supplied below. All abstracts will be internally peer reviewed. The extended abstracts should include the authors' name and affiliations, contact details of the author/s email address. The following elements of the paper should be indicated in the abstract. Aim/purpose/objective of the paper, thrust/focus of paper, methodology if necessary, or theoretical and conceptual frames, preliminary findings and conclusion.

5. Evaluation of papers

 Reviewers for the SoTL conference will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline (see dates below) to ensure that the proposed abstract is relevant to the Conference.

- The authors of abstracts will receive a notification of their reviewed abstracts and recommended amendments if necessary.
- Full papers will be double-blind peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific Conference Committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate, and the paper is appropriately referenced.
- The SoTL Conference does not have peer reviewed conference proceedings. Abstracts that are accepted will be published in the conference programme provided that at least one author registers and presents the paper at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration).

6. TIME FRAME FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS:

15 June 2020	Abstracts submission opened
31 July 2020	Closing date for abstracts
31 July to 31 August 2020	Review period
1 September 2020	Notification of acceptance of abstracts

7. Presentation Format

Paper Presentation (Both face-to-face and virtual)	20 minutes presentations for scholar papers with 10 minutes for discussion (2 presenters per one-hour session	
Posters	A2 posters (Displayed throughout the conference with presenters in attendance periodically	

8. Registration Dates

Conference registration opens	4 June 2020	
Early-bird registration	4 June – 30 July 2020	
Regular registration	31 July to 28 August 2020	
Late registration	31 August 2020 – 31 September 2020	

Registration Fees

Delegate Type	Early-bird registration	Regular registration	Late registration
CUT delegates (SoTL members)	ZAR 00.00	ZAR 00.00	ZAR 00.00
External delegates	ZAR 1 500.00	ZAR 1 750.00	ZAR 2 500.00

Note: In order to qualify for the early-bird registration rate, proof of payment must reach our office (<u>smatoti@cut.ac.za</u> and <u>dmopeli@cut.ac.za</u>) via e-mail on or before 30 July 2020.

Payment Information

ADDRESS TO: SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

BANK NAME: STANDARD BANK

ACCOUNT NAME: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FREE STATE

BRANCH: BRANDWAG

BRANCH CODE: 055534

ACCOUNT NO.: 240453751

SWIFT CODE: SBZAZAJJ

Invoices

Invoices are available on request. When registering online, please specify that you require an invoice to be issued. Please note that once an invoice is issued, the invoices is liable for payment regardless of attendance.

Accommodation

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