



As an African university, SU plays a significant role in preparing, training, and equipping students to become global citizens. We are confronted by increasingly complex issues such as food security, energy security, global economic challenges, the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

**OUR FACILITIES** 

## **ABOUT US**

This Training and Placement Centre within the Centre for the Advancement of Social Impact and Transformation was established to enable students to gain civic engagement experience



# THE SHORT COURSE COMPRISES OF THE FOLLOWING MODULES:-

- CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION
- AGILITY AND ADAPTABILITY
- COLLABORATION ACROSS NETWORKS AND LEADING BY INFLUENCE
- CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

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# TRANSFORMATIVE SOCIAL WORK



This rapidly changing landscape requires universities to be more agile in responding to critical challenges while preparing students to make a positive impact on society.

SU, according to its Vision 2040, wants to be Africa's "leading research university, globally recognised as excellent, inclusive, and innovative," and "where knowledge is advanced in the service of society".

Inspired by this Vision, the Centre for the Advancement of Social Impact and Transformation is reshaping initiatives within the university to:

- Respond to real-life challenges and encourage active citizenship
- skills needed to understand social challenges within a variety of
- share cutting-edge academic knowledge within a variety of organizations/community partners

# The short course comprises of the following modules:

### CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING



This module facilitates engaging the world in a critical way, through questioning the dominant narrative and evaluating personal assumptions and bias. Participants are provided with different lenses to evaluate whether information is factual when formulating a personal opinion.

#### AGILITY AND ADAPTABILITY



In a rapidly changing world, skills such as flexibility and adaptability are invaluable, especially as we find ourselves faced with growing societal issues and uncertainty across the globe. Through this module, you will be challenged to become cognisant of rigid thinking and the benefits of journeying beyond your comfort zones.

# COLLABORATION ACROSS NETWORKS AND LEADING BY INFLUENCE



This module discusses the concepts of collaboration and leadership. You'll be encouraged to lead by influence and to identify potential opportunities for collaboration.

#### **CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION**



Curiosity plays an important role in awakening our imagination. Through this module, you will be encouraged to explore and reimagine a more just world for all who live in it.

THIS SHORT COURSE INCLUDES AN EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT,
WHICH ENABLES STUDENTS TO APPLY THEIR SCHOLARLY
KNOWLEDGE TO REAL WORLD CHALLENGES.