



Invitation to the 5th Pan-African Science Education Research (PASER) Postgraduate Student Conference - 2026

THEME: *Sustainable Futures for Africa by Adapting to Changing Landscapes in Science Education*

Dear Colleagues in Science Education

PASER was formed in 2022 to provide an informal and fee-free forum for postgraduate students in AFRICA to share their research in SCIENCE EDUCATION. Thank you for expressing your interest in the PASER postgraduate student conference. Students who have completed their MEds and PhDs or almost completed PhDs may submit their short papers for presentation. There are limited spaces (12) and selection will be based on merit. Details of the conference and the process on submission of papers are outlined below. For more information visit PASER conference website: <https://paser-scied.org/>

Date: 24 July 2026 (9am-4.30 pm)

Fee: No fee

Submission Workflow and Membership Requirement

To ensure a fair and transparent blind review process, all prospective authors are required to follow the submission workflow outlined below:

1. PASER Membership Application

All participants must first register as PASER members via the official website. Upon successful registration, a unique PASER membership number will be automatically generated and sent to the applicant via email.

2. Use of Membership Number for Submission

This membership number will serve as the **primary identifier** for all submissions and must be used in place of author-identifying information during the review process.

3. Manuscript Anonymisation

To support double-blind peer review:

- Authors must **remove all identifying information** from the manuscript (names, affiliations, acknowledgements).
- The **PASER membership number must be included** on the submitted manuscript in place of author details.

4. Manuscript Submission

Once the manuscript has been anonymised and prepared according to the specifications below, it must be submitted via the PASER website:

<https://paser-scied.org/>

Students are required to submit a short paper with the following specifications in Science Education.

Word count: 1 650 words (excluding Abstract, but including References). The paper should be structured as follows:

1. Abstract (100-150 words) and keywords
2. Introduction
3. Literature review/conceptual framework
4. Theoretical framework
5. Methodology
6. Findings and Discussion
7. Conclusion

8. References Technical requirements:

1. 7th APA style of referencing; and

2. Font size 12 point; 1.5-line spacing.

Title page

Include a title page with the following:

- The name(s) of the author(s);
- The affiliation(s) of the author(s), i.e. institution, (department), city, (state), country; E-mail address of the corresponding author.

All papers should be submitted by Tuesday, 30 June 2026, through the PASER website: <https://paser-scied.org/>

Presentation includes a 15-minute online slot with 5 minutes of discussion.

Prof Nadaraj Govender (University of KwaZulu-Natal-2024 HOST) Prof
Kenneth Ngcoza and Prof Clement Simuja (Rhodes University-2023
and 2026 HOST)

Prof Umesh Ramnarain (University of Johannesburg-2022 and 2025 HOST)