



Research SIG

Doctoral Dilemma Space 2025

From Stuck to Inspired!

Calling all doctoral candidates and supervisors

Are you feeling somewhat stuck in your PhD journey? Struggling to make sense of a theoretical concept, data analysis, or how to present your findings? You're not alone—and we're here to help!

Join us for the **SAAHE Doctoral Dilemma Space**, an energizing and supportive pre-conference event designed to help doctoral candidates navigate challenges and gain fresh perspectives. Sponsored by the **SAAHE Council**, this **interactive, no-cost** seminar is your opportunity to workshop your doctoral dilemma in a dynamic environment with fellow candidates and experienced supervisors.

Why attend?

- ✓ **Break through obstacles** – Get tailored insights to move forward in your research.
- ✓ **Engage in rich discussions** – Gain multiple perspectives from a diverse group of scholars.
- ✓ **Connect with peers and mentors** – Build valuable networks in the health professions education research community.

This is **not** about presenting polished findings—it's about embracing the messy, complex reality of doctoral research. Whether you're grappling with conceptualizing a key theoretical idea, analysing data, or framing your findings, this space is designed to **support, inspire, and guide you toward solutions**.

While **not required**, attending with your supervisor is encouraged to maximize the depth of discussion and support.

Event Details

When: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 (Lunch provided)

Where: The same place as the conference – University of the Free State Campus, Bloemfontein (exact venue TBC)

How to Apply

Your doctorate must be on a topic related to health professions education.

You'll need to submit a 300-word description of your doctoral dilemma. Your submission should:

- Provide context for your study.
- Describe the dilemma and why it is challenging.
- Explain when and how you identified this issue.
- Outline any insights from literature or research that could help.
- Specify what kind of feedback you hope to receive.

Apply here: [SAAHE Doctoral Dilemma Space 2025](#)

Application Deadline: Thursday, 17 April 2025

Please note that **this is after the Conference Abstract Deadline** of Tuesday, 18 March 2025

Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, 23 May 2025

Note:

Registration for this event does not include conference registration. While there is **no event fee**, **attendees are responsible for their travel and accommodation costs.**

You do not have to be a SAAHE member to take advantage of this opportunity. If you attend the conference, your membership fee for 1 year is included in the registration fee. If you are not going to attend the conference and would like to join SAAHE, please follow [this link](#).

Questions? Contact: francois.cilliers@uct.ac.za

Take this opportunity to move past your research roadblocks in a space designed for constructive dialogue and shared learning.