Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies

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Why do this programme?

As the only programme of its kind presented in Africa (and one of only a few in the world), the Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies equips candidates with high-level competencies to react meaningfully to growing complexity in the organisational environment while taking into account the unique developmental challenges facing Africa and South Africa. These challenges typically include health deficits, education deficits, global participation and human security. This qualification will contribute to students’ ability to make important strategic long-term decisions in an environment that is becoming increasingly competitive, volatile and globalised.

Programme format

• Study while you work
• 3-day residential session (January)
• 20 X 5 hour sessions (February – October)
  Streamed via Internet

Structure and content

Applied philosophy
• Practical logic and critical skills
• Philosophy of history
• Study of complexity
• Ethics

Managing for change
• The link between strategic management and futures research
• Using futures studies to effect change and transformation
• The role of leadership in planning for the future
• Using futures studies to manage and mitigate risk
• Resilience theory

Principles of futures studies
• The key concepts of futures studies and their relevance
• History of futures thinking
How to apply

Go to http://ifr.applications.usb.ac.za/ and start the application process.

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