UFS campus facilities

- SA-YSSP participants will have full access to physical and electronic library resources, including dedicated librarians and private working space.
- Each PhD candidate will be provided with an access card and all participants will have network and wireless internet access.
- Video conferencing facilities will be available for participant interaction.
- Participants will take part in cultural excursions, which will include an orientation tour of Bloemfontein.

Accommodation

PhD candidates will be housed at Unilofts (http://www.unilofts.co.za) for the duration of their three month stay, with two students sharing an apartment.

Medical

The UFS has an on-site clinic and 24-hour emergency services are available. It is recommended that all participants have medical cover for the duration of the program.

Fitness

An on-campus gym, swimming pool and a selection of sport fields are available for the participants’ use during the program.

Shopping

On-campus shopping is limited to restaurants, basic groceries, banking facilities and stationary. A large shopping mall (including cinemas, clothing stores and large grocery stores) is within walking distance from campus.

Public transport

Bloemfontein has no public transport system. Participants will either stay on campus or within walking distance from campus. Taxi and shuttle operators will be available at participants’ own expense.

Safety

Although the UFS campus has 24-hour security and access cards restrict access to legitimate students and staff, general rules of safety do apply: Do not leave bags unattended, be vigilant and preferably do not walk alone off-campus at night. Emergency contact numbers will be provided with access cards.

More about Bloemfontein

The following websites contain more on Bloemfontein tourism, weather and general information.

http://www.bloemfonteintourism.co.za/

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