



VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Inspiring thought. Shaping talent.

FACULTY VISION and MISSION

Vision (FACS)

To be a faculty that leads in industry-aligned, digitally smart, quality Teaching and Learning, informed by research and driven by innovation and technology

Mission (FACS)

To empower students to become techno-entrepreneurial leaders and innovators who drive positive transformations in society, industry, and commerce while embracing environmental responsibility.

1. Postgraduate Student Orientation Month – April

Objectives

- Welcome new postgraduate students.
- Introduce institutional research policies, facilities, ethics, supervision, funding, and publishing support.
- Create awareness of academic expectations and timelines.
- Foster peer networking and early engagement with faculty research.

2. VUT Hackathon - May

Objectives

- To provide a collaborative platform for students, staff, and industry to design innovative digital solutions.
- To promote problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork in addressing real-world challenges.
- To strengthen partnerships between VUT, industry, and Technology Transfer & Innovation.
- To identify innovative ideas with potential for commercialization or incubation.
- To build students' practical skills in software development, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

3. Postgraduate & Faculty Research Awards Month – July

Objectives

- Recognize excellence in research, supervision, and innovation.
- Encourage publication, interdisciplinary collaboration, and project showcasing.
- Highlight student and faculty achievements to internal and external stakeholders.

4. Research and Innovation Month – September (Compulsory Participation)

Objectives

- Showcase ongoing research and Innovation at all levels.
- Facilitate research and innovation presentations from all postgraduate students and faculty.
- Strengthen interdisciplinary awareness and collaboration.
- Prepare final-year students for dissemination and publication.
- Showcase research centres in the faculty

5. Research Capacity Building – November

Objectives

- Enhance research supervision and mentoring capabilities among academic staff.
- Strengthen postgraduate research methodologies and proposal development.
- Empower early-career academics to initiate and sustain active research trajectories.
- Foster a community of practice for continuous research development.