

## **The National Academic Development Landscape in South African Higher Education**

HE institutions across SA have been invited to take part in a national research project that seeks to map the current nature and scope of the Academic Development field. The National Academic Development Landscape (NADL) research project forms part of a project on Enhancing the field of AD, funded through the University Capacity Development Programme (UCDP). These projects are linked to the National Framework for Enhancing Academics as Teachers (DHET, 2018), which established the need to address a number of key issues:

- national patterns of student success
- existing fragmented staff capacity building initiatives
- transformation
- change agency
- perceptions of value
- development of AD

Although the framework is intended to “coordinate and improve collaboration amongst those working with the development of academics as educators” (Behari-Leak, 2019), it is clear that definitions of and approaches to AD work differ significantly in different contexts. The NADL project is intended to provide a theoretically- and empirically-informed basis from which to coordinate strategies for collaboration and national capacity-building policy and planning.

The project team wishes to enable a shared understanding of the AD field in SA HE by way of an online survey and follow-up regional focus-group discussions for key institutional AD stakeholders during 2022.

*Please could we ask you to complete the survey and encourage your colleagues to do the same?*

### **Project Information:**

[National Academic Development Landscape](#) (NADL) research project [Ethics #2022-5718-6865]

**Survey Link: AD Leadership survey (30 minutes):**

**LEADERSHIP  
SURVEY**

**Survey Link: AD Practitioner survey (30 minutes):**

**PRACTITIONER  
SURVEY**

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*Please note that we are awaiting final institutional approval from: SMU, UNISA & UP. You should receive an invitation to participate when approval is received.*