INFORMATION SHEET on The PROFESSIONALISM IN MENTORING programme for universities

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The PROFESSIONALISM IN MENTORING (PIM) is a UJ Senate approved short learning programme aimed at enhancing professional practices of mentors in academic fields.

Unique approach – developing mentoring as learning conversations – how to use interactions with mentees for purposes of knowledge building. It is particularly relevant to mentors involved in the UJ Accelerated Academic Mentoring Programme, as well as mentors in academic department in different Faculties.

FEATURES:

Online format: The course is offered over four months, with 6 hour contact sessions on 19 July 30 August, and 11 October. The course requires a selection of activity reports, two course assignments, and a final portfolio submission by 30 October 2018.

The course is offered on NQF level 8 and carries 20 credits.

Design and offering – the course is based on five years of international research, based at UJ on how professors mentor students. The design builds on existing experiences and insights of mentors, and challenging mentors to contribute to knowledge building and professionalizing mentoring in the Institution.

Course activities include writing of reading responses, analyzing videos, transcribing mentoring interactions, and doing conversation analysis. Unique emphasis on mentoring as “climbing the mountain” – helping Mentees learn in knowledge productive ways.

The Facilitators include staff from UJ, and Netherlands. The cost is R4500 per person, excluding the course book.

OUTCOMES AND CONTENT:

Knowhow and applied skills: mentoring for learning and knowledge outcomes; the use of learning conversations, i.e. interactions to support Mentees in their knowledge and development goals.

Content include approaches and models of mentoring; understanding interactional learning; what leadership in knowledge building is about; supporting learning; how to analyze mentoring conversations; giving feedback; space making in mentoring; empowering mentoring relationships; professional development of mentors.

Applications for enrolment for the course should be emailed to the coordinator: Prof Gert van der Westhuizen (gertvdw@uj.ac.za) 0722267709. Closing date is 6 July 20, 2018.