



Southern African Association for Institutional Research

Dear SAAIR members and future members

Call for nominations for AIR-SAAIR scholarships for online courses of the Data & Decisions Academy

SAAIR has entered into a third phase partnership programme with the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) based in the United States of America to offer the **Online Courses of the Data and Decisions® Academy**. The Academy provides online professional development courses designed to develop the skills needed to support decision-making in higher education institutions. More information about the Data and Decisions® Academy is available at www.airweb.org/academy.

Invitational letters have been sent to all the Vice-Chancellors of South African Universities. For your information, please find an example of this letter attached herewith.

You are hereby invited to contact your line manager and/or VC to get nominated for a scholarship. The total tuition fee for the five courses is \$2500. The scholarship contributes \$400 to the tuition, leaving a total institutional commitment of \$2100 (US Dollar) or R24 417 (SA rand) per participant. For those participants who prefer to enrol only for two or more of the courses (but not necessarily all five), a fee of \$500 (ZAR 5870) is charged per individual course and the scholarship does not apply. The minimum number of courses that can be enrolled for are Courses 1 & 2. However, we strongly encourage institutions to make it possible for participants to enrol for all five courses.

The SAAIR/AIR Scholarship is specially aimed at early and mid-career institutional research practitioners, institutional planners, quality assurance officers, academic and administrative staff considering future roles in these areas, and others who collect and manage data for decision-making at all levels in the university.

Kindly send your letter of nomination to Ms Carin Strydom (admin@saair.net) before **31 May 2017**. The nomination form is attached below, at the bottom of this e-mail. Courses for the 2017 cohort will commence on Wednesday, 5 July 2017.

Five AIR Data and Decisions® Courses are on offer for the 2017 intake.

Each course consists of 25 hours of instruction, demonstrations, exercises, and assignments. Participants have 24/7 online access to all course materials and are supported online by mentors who provide feedback and assistance.

The following courses are offered:

1. Foundations of Data Management
2. Foundational Statistics for Decision Support
3. Designing IR Research
4. Introduction to Learning Outcomes
5. Overview of Survey Design

SAAIR and AIR are committed to building the institutional research capacity of higher education institutions throughout the countries of southern Africa. We look forward to being an integral part of your institution's plan for growing your own talent.

Sincerely,

Dr Juan-Claude Lemmens

President: SAAIR

Please click on the documents below to open :

[**Nomination Form 2017**](#)

[**Data & Decisions 2017 Invitational letter to VCs**](#)