

The University Capacity Development Programme Office

Cordially invites you to

Proposal Writing Workshops

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A well-structured research proposal is the foundation of a successful postgraduate journey, shaping the trajectory of academic inquiry and ensuring scholarly rigor. The Proposal Writing Workshop is designed to equip Master's and PhD students with the essential skills needed to conceptualise, develop, and articulate a compelling research proposal.

This immersive workshop, led by experienced academics, will guide participants through the key pillars of proposal writing, including defining a research problem, addressing ethical considerations and plagiarism, conducting a thorough literature review, and mastering academic writing. Through interactive sessions and hands-on exercises, students will refine their research ideas, learn to synthesise existing knowledge and develop the skills needed to communicate their research effectively

Workshop 1

Proposal Writing Workshop



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Facilitator: Professor Nkambule



Professor Nkambule is the current Dean of Research in the College of health sciences. He is a Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) registered Medical Biological Scientist. Professor Bongani Nkambule has held a senior research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institutes of Health/National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Framingham Heart Study, USA. In his research career spanning just over 8 years he has published 115 peer-reviewed publications with an h-index of 31. Prof Nkambule was awarded the 2019 SLMMS Top performing Senior Lecturer award. He has received several research awards including the 2021, 2022, 2023 University of KwaZulu-Natal Top 10 Young Researcher Award. He also received the 2023 UKZN VC's Research award.

Date: 5 – 7 August 2025

Time: 09h00 – 16h00

Venue: Senate Chamber, Westville Campus

Workshop 2

Proposal Writing Workshop



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Facilitator: Professor Kuven Moodley



Professor Kuven Moodley is an Associate Professor in Chemical Engineering at UKZN, who has been successful in procuring grants from several different local agencies including the NRF, CSIR/DSI, and the WRC. He has served as a PI for projects supporting over 25 Masters and PhD students in the last 8 years. He has also served as an NRF, CSIR/DSI and WRC grant application reviewer, and on the NRF grant application selection and recommendation panels. As an NRF Y1-rated researcher, he understands the challenges of procuring research funding to support postgraduate studies for young researchers and hopes to share his experiences and lessons learned to mentor next generation researchers.

Date: 12 – 14 August 2025

Time: 09h00 – 16h00

Venue: Seminar 1, Edgewood Campus



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