

THE UNIVERSITY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OFFICE

Cordially invites you to

PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR MASTERS AND PHD STUDENTS

 K-rith Tower Building, K1 & K2,
Medical School



Date: 24 – 26 March 2026

Time: 9h00 - 16h00

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Prepare to embark on a transformative journey in academic excellence! Our workshop, tailored exclusively for postgraduate students - Masters and PhD, delves deep into the essential pillars of successful proposal writing. Led by seasoned academics, this immersive experience will guide you through the intricate processes of conceptualising a research problem, navigating ethics and plagiarism concerns, crafting a robust literature review, and mastering the art of academic writing.

In our dynamic sessions, you'll learn to refine your research ideas into clear and compelling proposals, ensuring alignment with ethical standards and avoiding the pitfalls of plagiarism. We'll explore the nuances of constructing a comprehensive literature review, equipping you with the skills to synthesize existing knowledge and identify gaps in the field. Through practical exercises and personalised guidance, you'll hone your academic writing skills, mastering clarity, coherence, and conciseness in your scholarly work.

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DR NONTOKOZO DEPHNEY MATUME

Dr Nontokoze Dephney Matume is a microbiologist/molecular geneticist and academic in the School of Agriculture and Science (Biological Sciences discipline) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

She has experience in postgraduate teaching, supervision, and capacity development, with a strong focus on research methodology, proposal writing, and scientific communication. Dr Matume has conducted and facilitated workshops for Honours, Masters, and PhD students, as well as emerging researchers, covering proposal development, academic writing, data analysis and interpretation, Next Generation Sequencing, as well as funding applications. Her research expertise includes molecular genetics, bioinformatics, pharmacogenomics, infectious diseases (HIV and HPV), host-viral interplay, and antimicrobial resistance, particularly within African populations. She is passionate about mentoring early-career researchers and equipping postgraduate students with practical, structured skills to develop competitive research proposals and publish high-quality scientific work.

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