



## COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES 2021 DOCTORAL AND MASTERS RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP

UNISA's College of Human Sciences invites all Doctoral and Masters students registered for the research proposal module to attend a virtual (Teams) workshop.

### DAY ONE

Date : 26 May 2021  
Time : 09:00 – 12:00

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### DAY TWO

Date : 27 May 2021  
Time : 09:00 – 12:00

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Any further Enquiries and RSVP please send them to Ms. Tintswalo Baloyi, Office for Research and Graduate Studies,  
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### Research Sessions:

#### The research proposal (RP)

- What is the RP and what are some of the challenges writing the proposal?
- Context of research
- Introduction to components of the RP
- Student activity: Writing a draft problem statement

#### Review of literature

- Sources
- When is it enough?
- Citations
- Referencing
- Student activity: An example of how to interweave reading, note taking, arguments and discussions

#### Theoretical and conceptual frameworks

- Making sure that key concepts in your discipline are questioned, problematized and explored
- Making sure that your study's main ideas, aims and questions are underpinned and enabled by particular theories and theorists
- Ensuring that your research methodologies serve as vehicles to explore theoretically underpinned questions
- Student activity: Which theories/theorists am I already familiar with?

#### Writing for academic purposes

- The importance of critical thinking involved in
- What constitutes 'good' writing?
- Getting started and keeping going: How to deal with blocks
- Student activity: A critical writing exercise

#### Research design: Quantitative data collection and analysis

- Broad overview
- Introduction to quantitative methods

#### Research design: Qualitative data collection and analysis

- Introduction to qualitative methods

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26 May 2021**

SESSION	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
	<b>Word of welcome</b>	
09:00-09:20	<b>Office for Graduate Studies, CHS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Introduction to process, and procedures</li> <li>✓ Research proposal module</li> <li>✓ What it means to write a dissertation or thesis</li> <li>✓ Using your time in a fruitful and planned way</li> <li>✓ Learner support: online mentoring, ICT, academic literacy programme and bursaries</li> <li>✓ Code of conduct</li> </ul>	Prof MJS Madise
09:20-10:00	<b>The Research proposal (RP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ What is the RP – challenges</li> <li>✓ Context of Research</li> <li>✓ Introduction to components of the RP</li> <li>✓ Student activity: Writing a draft problem statement</li> </ul>	Prof V Mtshiselwa
10:00-10:40	<b>Review of Literature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sources</li> <li>✓ When is it enough?</li> <li>✓ Citations</li> <li>✓ Referencing</li> <li>✓ Student activity: An example of how to interweave reading, note-taking, arguments and discussions</li> </ul>	Dr F Kobo
10:40-11:20	<b>Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Making sure that key concepts in your discipline are questioned, problematised, explored</li> <li>✓ Making sure that your study's main ideas, aims and questions are underpinned and enabled by particular theories and theorists</li> <li>✓ Ensuring that your research methodologies serve as vehicles to explore theoretically underpinned questions</li> <li>✓ Student activity: Which theories/theorists am I already familiar with?</li> </ul>	Dr M Lento
11:20-12:00	<b>Writing for academic purposes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The importance of critical thinking</li> <li>✓ What constitutes 'good' writing?</li> <li>✓ Getting on and keeping going: How to deal with blocks</li> <li>✓ Student activity: A critical writing exercise</li> </ul>	Prof I Hlongwane
	<b>27 May 2021</b>	
09:00-09:40	<b>Research design, data collection and analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Broad overview</li> <li>✓ Introduction to quantitative methods</li> </ul>	Prof K Khan
09:40-10:20	<b>Research design, data collection and analysis (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Introduction to qualitative methods</li> </ul>	Ms A Satar
10:20-11:00	<b>Academic accountability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Research ethics</li> <li>✓ Plagiarism</li> </ul>	Prof M Matlakala
11:00-11:30	<b>Library</b>	Mr T Ndhlovu
11:30-11:50	<b>College of Graduate Studies</b>	Mr S Malefo
11:50-12:00	<b>Closing and word of thanks</b>	Prof MJS Madise