



## **SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

### **PHD RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 2026**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The PhD generally requires candidates to undertake advanced academic research. To obtain a PhD, one must demonstrate a high level of research capability and make a significant original contribution that advances theory and in some cases practice. This significant original contribution must meet peer review and be worthy of publication. The PhD is a terminal or apex qualification that should advance the frontiers of knowledge in a well-defined disciplinary or multidisciplinary area. To obtain PhD, graduates must demonstrate the following knowledge and skills (HEQC, 2018):

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

- a) Broad, well informed, and current knowledge of the field or discipline
- b) Expert, specialized, and in-depth current knowledge specific area of research
- c) Insight into the interconnectedness of one's topic of research with other cognate fields
- d) Ethical awareness in research and professional conduct
- e) An original contribution to the field

#### **SKILLS**

- a) Evaluation, selection, and application of appropriate research approaches, methodologies, and processes in pursuit of a research objective
- b) Reflection and autonomy
- c) Communication skills, including relevant information and digital literacy skills
- d) Critical and analytical thinking for problem solving

#### **The goals of this residential school are therefore:**

- a) To understand research philosophies, designs, methodologies, and techniques required to undertake advanced research
- b) To undertake advanced scholarly research on complex issues
- c) To effectively develop the skills to write a research proposal at the Doctoral level
- d) To effectively participate in both academic and professional activities

## PHD RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL - STAGE ONE - TIMETABLE

**16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**MODE OF LEARNING: ONLINE**

*(Link available on the e-learning platform)*

WEEK ONE (16th to 20th february 2026)				
Day/Date	09:00-12:00		13:00-14:00	14:00 – 17:00
<b>Monday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> February	CRITICAL THINKING <b>DR JONES KALYONGWE</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>	WHAT IS A PHD? UNDERSTANDING THEORY AND THEORETICAL CONTRIBUTIONS <b>PROF MLENGA JERE</b>
Day/Date	09:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-14:00	14:00 – 17:00
<b>Tuesday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> February	“MY DOCTORAL JOURNEY” ➤ <b>DR MICHEAL SEFU</b> ➤	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	SCIENTIFIC WRITING <b>PROF JASON MWANZA</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> February	PUBLISHING JOURNAL ARTICLES OUT OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH <b>PROF DOUGLAS CHIGUVI</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	USAGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN DOCTORAL RESEARCH <b>DR MICHEAL TWAPE</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> February	QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH: AN OVERVIEW <b>PROF RICHARD MUTEMWA</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS <b>PROF VICTOR KATOMA</b>
<b>Friday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> February	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH: AN OVERVIEW <b>DR KAPAMBWE LUMBWE</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS <b>PROF GILBERT KALONDE</b>

WEEK TWO 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026)				
Day/Date	09:00-12:00	12:00-12:45	13:00-14:00	14:00 – 17:00
<b>Monday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	CONDUCTING A LITERATURE REVIEW <b>DR CHRISTINE MUSHIBWE</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	MIXED METHODS RESEARCH: AN OVERVIEW <b>PROF JASON MWANZA</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> February	ETHICS IN DOCTORAL RESEARCH <b>PROF JASON MWANZA</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING <b>PROF GRACE KAHENYA</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> February	PERSPECTIVES ON THE STUDENT-SUPERVISOR RELATIONSHIP <b>DR NATHAN MUSONDA</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	<b>LUNCH</b>	WHAT EXAMINERS LOOK FOR WHEN EXAMINING THE THESIS <b>DR NATHAN MUSONDA</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> February	STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: 'YOUR RESEARCH IDEA' <b>PANELISTS</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>	STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: 'YOUR RESEARCH IDEA' <b>PANELISTS</b>
<b>Friday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> February	STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: 'YOUR RESEARCH IDEA' <b>PANELISTS</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>	STUDENT PRESENTATIONS: 'YOUR RESEARCH IDEA' <b>PANELISTS</b>

**NOTE:** In preparation for the 'Student Presentation Sessions' scheduled on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, please upload your power point presentation on the e-learning portal by 20<sup>th</sup> of February (Friday), 17:00 hours. The presentation schedule will be shared with you on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2026. Participation in this activity is mandatory for all Stage 1(one) PhD students.