

# WRC 101 YOUTH WORKSHOP PROGRAMME FOR WATER RESEARCHERS

**Date:** 14 June 2022

**Time:** 10h00 – 11h30

**Registration link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DQmEzqTkSYgz-JqBqTeMLQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DQmEzqTkSYgz-JqBqTeMLQ)

## Background

The Water Research Commission (WRC) conducts WRC 101 Workshops as part of its' strategic plan to promote transformation and redress of water research and development within the sector. As such, the WRC strives to continuously increase the number of Postdoc, PhD and Masters students on its projects and also focuses on providing support to historically disadvantaged institutions through mentorship. Emphasis is further placed on building capacity in the science community both in South Africa and Africa by increasing the number of female and youth project leaders on its funded projects and, with the knowledge generated from the research, aims to promote socio-economic development by providing solutions aimed at reducing poverty and inequality in communities. The purpose of these sessions is to familiarise new and upcoming project leaders across all universities and institutes in South Africa with the process for research proposal submission and related fund and project management issues.

The objectives of the WRC 101 workshops are as follows:

- To create awareness about WRC funding priorities and budgets.
- To create awareness around the WRC proposal cycle, proposal evaluation and project management processes.
- Assist researchers with knowledge on preparations of proposals that comply with WRC requirements, with tips to improve the chances of success.
- Share knowledge on how to manage the technical, administrative and financial aspects of a WRC project.
- To familiarise prospective proposers with the Business Management System (BMS) which has been operating for over a year as well as the proposal and contract management requirements.
- To encourage researchers to register on the Blue Directory.

**Programme Director:** Water Research Commission / Host University

TIME	ITEM	OFFICIAL
10:00 - 10:05	Opening and Housekeeping Items	Programme Director, Water Research Commission
10:05 - 10:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	University of Fort Hare Representative
PART ONE		
10:10 - 10:30	The WRC's Drive to Provide Future Skilled Human Capital within the Water Sector	Dr Shafick Adams, WRC Group Executive (Water Research Commission)
	Opportunities for Students/Young Project Leaders within the R&D Portfolio	
PART TWO		
10:30 - 10:50	Research and Development at the WRC: The Call for Proposals	Mr Wandile Nomquphu, Research Manager: Water Resources and Ecosystems (Water Research Commission)
10:50 - 11:00	The WRC Online Proposal Submission System	Mr Wandile Nomquphu, Research Manager: Water Resources and Ecosystems (Water Research Commission)
PART THREE		
11:00 - 11:20	A WRC Research Project Showcase – Practical	University of Fort Hare Representative
11:15 - 11:25	Q&A Session	WRC Group Executive / WRC Research Manager
11:25 - 11:30	Final Remarks	WRC Group Executive / University of Fort Hare Representative