



# African Forum for Research and Education in Health

**Join Us for The AFREhealth Webinar hosted by the Research Support Centre (RSC) Technical Working Group (TWG)**

## **Title: Strengthening Grant writing for Early Career Researchers**

Are you an early career researcher looking for funding to enhance your research career? Do you want to maximise your grant writing success rate? This webinar provides an overview of the nuts and bolts of grant writing. It also provides a platform for sharing best practices lessons and opportunities for strengthening grant writing skills for early career researchers.

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**Moderator:**

**Professor Exnevia Gomo, PhD, Immunologist, Research Support Center Director, University of Zimbabwe, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences**

### **Agenda**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Speaker Institution</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Grant writing overview: The nuts and bolts	Prof Moses Chimbari PhD	Pro-Vice Chancellor – Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe	30 Mins
Grant writing; Experiences of a female researcher	Dr. Agnes Kiragga, B.Stat, Msc, PhD	Head of statistics unit and senior research scientist at the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) Makerere University, College of Health Sciences, Uganda	10 Mins
Optimizing administrative support for researchers: A look at soft skills	Mr Antony Matsika, BBS, MBA, PhD student	Program Coordinator, University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Zimbabwe	10 Mins
Panel Discussion/Q & A from the Audience			10 Mins

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## SPEAKERS' PROFILES



Professor Moses. John Chimbari is the Great Zimbabwe University Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Research and Innovation. He holds a PhD from University of Copenhagen, Denmark and is a Full Professor with 20 years' experience in senior university leadership having served as Deputy Director and Director, Dean and possessing 30 years of conducting transdisciplinary research. Before joining Great Zimbabwe University, Professor Chimbari was a Public Health Research Professor in the School of Nursing and Public Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). Prior to that, Prof Chimbari was Deputy Director of the Botswana Okavango Research Institute, (2008-2012); Director of Research and Innovation, National University of Science and Technology (2006-2008) and Director of University Lake Kariba Research Station, University of Zimbabwe (2000-2006). Prof Chimbari has published over 160 articles in peer-reviewed journals on diverse public health aspects. He has graduated 26 PhD and 11 Masters Students. He has been featured as a UKZN Top 30 Researcher for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Prof Chimbari has a passion for capacity building and has for decades championed short courses targeting postgraduate students and early career academics. The courses include mentorship, proposal development, manuscript writing, thesis writing, and grant writing. Prof Chimbari has extensive experience in developing and managing large projects. In the past two decades he led projects funded by the International Development Research Centre – Canada (IDRC; 2002-2004; IDRC; 2010-2014), World Health Organization (WHO/IDRC; 2013-2017), and National Institute of Health Research TIBA (NIHR – UK; 2018 – current), British Academy (2018, 2020), UK Research Innovation-UKRI (2020) and EU (current). He is the President of Ecohealth International, chair of Africa Ecohealth Regional Chapter, co-Deputy Director of Tackling Infections to Benefit Africa (TIBA), Member of NIHR Global Health Community Engagement and Involvement Advisory Network and Member of the Planetary Health Alliance Task Team on Medical Students planetary health competencies. He also served on the advisory committee of Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA funded by the UK Department for International Development, Economic and Social Research Council, and the Natural Environment Research Council – 2011 to 2015).



Dr. Agnes Kiragga; **B. Stat, M. Sc, PhD**, is the head of statistics unit and senior research scientist at the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI), at the College of Health Science, Makerere University Kampala, Uganda. She is a doctoral-level statistician with vast experience in public health research and use of advanced statistical and data science tools to address health priorities in Africa. She is passionate about the use of data science to inform strategies for improved health and livelihood. Dr. Kiragga has participated and spear-headed several research projects in the Uganda and several African countries in the field of HIV and other infectious diseases including Tuberculosis and COVID-19, Sexual and Reproductive health, mental health, women's health, non-communicable diseases and has applied advanced data science tools to inform public health management. She is keen to promote the uptake of science and mathematics among African girls and women.



Mr. Antony Matsika, **BBS, MBA, PhD** student, is currently the Program Coordinator of the Health Education Partnership Initiative at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ). Mr. Matsika possesses 10 years of experience supporting capacity building programs at the UZ having been instrumental in the successful implementation of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) program from 2010 to 2015 and MEPI-Junior Faculty training program from 2016 to 2020. Prior to that he had worked for 14 years with international NGOs in various financial management capacities. Mr. Matsika's major role in supporting capacity building programs is to provide oversight on project management and operations focusing mainly on increasing research output through using such tools as mentoring, didactic training and cross-boundary collaborations. He has supported several fellows who are early career researchers in their quest to become independent and collaborative researchers. He has also supported several research teams comprising senior researchers from the UZ as well as international collaborators. He is a holder of Bachelor of Business Studies degree from the UZ and Master of Business Administration from Nottingham Trent University. In addition, he has several certificates in research and grants administration from National Institutes of Health, NCURA and SARIMA.