

**Invitation for conference attendance,
writing for publication and optimization of Catalytic Niche Area workshops at the
7th International Public Health Conference
11–13 November 2025, Gallagher Conference Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg**

The College of Graduate Studies (CGS) is pleased to announce that it has secured funding to support the participation of Master's and Doctoral (M&D) students (from all disciplines) at the **7th International Public Health Conference**, taking place from **11–13 November 2025** at the Gallagher Conference Centre in Midrand, Johannesburg. More information: <https://7thannualinternationalpublichealthconference.org/>

This prestigious conference brings together health professionals, researchers, policymakers, and key stakeholders from across Africa and beyond to showcase successes, discuss challenges, and chart a path forward for building resilient health systems capable of achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). By providing a platform for knowledge exchange and networking, the event will catalyse collaborative efforts to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes across the continent. As part of UNISA's strategic commitment to optimising catalytic niche areas, CGS will fund the registration fees for M&D students to attend this important event. This initiative forms part of our mandate to capacitate postgraduate students, in writing for publication, amplify emerging scholarly voices, and promote research excellence through exposure to international platforms.

We therefore invite M&D students from various disciplines for consideration. Please note the following:

- CGS will cover registration fees only. Students will be responsible for arranging and covering their own travel and accommodation.
- M&D students must at least have passed their proposals or in the process finalizing their proposals.
- The conference will offer CGS-facilitated round table discussions for students covering a range of topics, including but not limited to,
 - Abstract writing
 - Scientific writing
 - Optimization of the catalytic niche areas
 - Other higher order research competencies required in postgraduate studies

This is an excellent opportunity for postgraduate students to gain international exposure, network with leading health scholars and practitioners, and situate their research within broader continental debates on health and development.

Interest in conference attendance:

Students are requested to submit their interest to attend the conference to Dr Amile Mavundla at mavunak@unisa.ac.za or Prof Gisela Van Rensburg at gisela.vanrensburg@outlook.com by **17 October 2025**.

Submission should include, students full name, student number, college as well as abstract for your study. Please indicate the nature of attendance which can be all or either of the following:

- **Conference attendance**
- **CGS-facilitated workshops**
- **Student round table discussions.**

We look forward to your submissions and to showcasing UNISA's next generation of scholars at this important continental event.

