

THESIS COMPLETION ANNOUNCEMENT

Theme: Thesis Training Write-Shop: Unlocking Thesis Completion for Masters & Doctoral Scholars

A Four-Week Intensive Virtual Programme | Commencing April 2026

Overview

Writing a university thesis is more than an exercise of data collection and analysis; it is a psychological and technical marathon that students are often expected to run without formal training in “proper form.” In sub-Saharan Africa, high supervisor-to-student ratios frequently create gaps in scholarly mentorship and coaching, leading to delayed completion of thesis books.

To address this challenge, the African Crop Science Journal, in partnership with Scholarly Works Associates, announce a **Virtual Thesis Writeshop**. This program is designed to bridge the mentorship gap by imparting the technical precision and psychological resilience required to transition from raw data to a submission-ready draft. The goal is to demystify the writing process, providing graduate students with the hands-on skills and practical tools needed to finalize their theses with confidence.

Training Objectives

By the end of this intensive programme, participants will:

- **Apply Advanced Skills:** Produce a precise, concise, and professional research thesis.
 - **Overcome Writer’s Block:** Use strategic drafting techniques to meet strict deadlines.
 - **Self-Mentor:** Navigate high-ratio supervisory environments independently.
 - **Tailor Content:** Align technical writing with specific graduate requirements.
 - **Accelerate Drafting:** Complete a significant portion of the thesis during the workshop.
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Organising Institutions

The **African Crop Science Journal (ACSJ)**, based at Makerere University, has championed African agricultural research since 1993. In partnership with **Scholarly Works Associates**, we provide expertise in bridging the gap between raw research and high-impact publication, technical reports and graduate research theses completion. With a proven track record of training scholars across sub-Saharan Africa; particularly within the RUFORUM network; our expertise lies in empowering your scientists with skills to transform drafts into peer-reviewed manuscripts and enhance the graduate students' capacity to complete their theses books.

Lead Facilitators include: Prof. John Stephen Tenywa: Editor-in-Chief, ACSJ (Makerere University Rtd.); and Prof. Paul Micheal Nampala: Science Editor, ACSJ (Bugema University).

Write-shop Methodology

The write-shop focuses on impact (production of theses) through interaction and exposure to different time saving formal hands-on strategies. Your data are the “centre of gravity” of the writing process. The process will be predominantly hand-on, targeting production of end in-sight-completion of thesis drafts. Expert presentation, personalized exercises and live discussions of common theses writing challenges will also characterize the process.

Minimum requirements:

- Master's or PhD students who have **completed data collection and analysis**
 - Must have data illustrations (tables/graphs) ready for the writing process
 - Proficiency in English and a commitment to rigorous writing
 - Time blocked for full concentration
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Important to note:

- **Limited Slots:** Strictly limited to **40 participants** to ensure personalised mentorship.
 - **Fee:** USD 20 per participant per day (Net of transfer charges) | **Total:** 20 training days
 - **Expression of Interest:** Now - March 21, 2026.
 - **Application Deadline:** Before March 28, 2026.
 - **Writeshop Commencement:** April 15, 2026.
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Training programme highlights

Will be highly flexible to accommodate the needs of trainees and their idiosyncracancies.

| Week | Theme | Activity |
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| 1 | Foundations items | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overcoming the fear of the first draft• Shortcuts to structured writing• Ingredients for achieving high competence in the workplace• Determinants of the dimensions (size) of the thesis• Distinctions between project report, degree thesis, journal manuscript Primary components of a degree thesis book |
| 2 | From proposal to results | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study objectives as drivers of the writing process• Organizing illustrations and creating a “research storyline flow”• Core components and structure of a degree thesis |
| 3 | Construction of components | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative styles and approaches: Hands on sessions |
| 4. | Finalizing the draft | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual and one-on-one with facilitators• References and citation management (using Zotero/ Mendeley, etc.)• Threading up thesis components - ensuring logical flow/grammar (editing options) Individual and one-on-one with facilitators |
| 5 | Completion & peer review | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-on-one sessions, peer feedback, and post-write-shop action plans |

Contact Information

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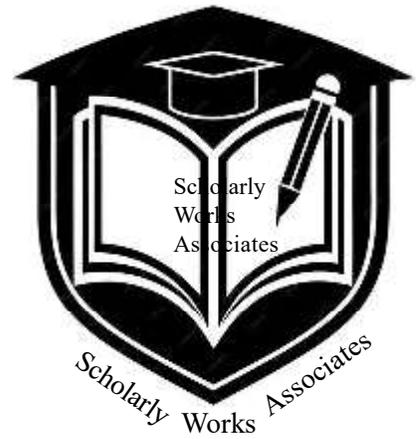
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Application form

| Item | Response | Additional comment |
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| Participant name | | |
| Gender | | |
| Telephone | | |
| Email | | |
| Host University | | |
| Holder of MSc. or MA or MPhil. | | |
| Present degree discipline | | |
| Draft thesis title | | |
| Years spent on the programme | | |