



# 5TH ANNUAL GAUTENG ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

## Integrated Waste Management: Focus on townships and informal settlements

# Just Transition to a Circular Economy

# CALL FOR STUDENT ABSTRACTS



You are invited to submit your research informed by your postgraduate study for the student track of the 5th Gauteng Environmental Research Symposium (GERS V), which will take place on 26 October 2023 at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Please use this link to submit before 29 July 2023: <https://forms.gle/jn3PTZBmvx5X8kN39>

### Background

The Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (GDARDE) and the University of Johannesburg's Process, Energy & Environmental Technology Station (UJ PEETS), with the aim of engaging on the selected theme of the year, and sharing best practices on cutting edge **environmental research** issues that are relevant to the Gauteng Province.

### Student Symposium and GERS V Student Track

Postgraduate students and research fellows are invited to submit an abstract to be considered for the virtual **Student Symposium**, which will take place online on **04 October 2023**.

- Selected abstracts from these students will have the opportunity to present at the **GERS V on 26 October 2023** at the **University of Johannesburg**, to engage with professionals about their work.
- The overall winning student will receive **financial support to the maximum value of R10 000** (Ten Thousand Rand) to publish their full paper in a peer-reviewed, accredited journal.

### Eligible Submissions

- The research presented should form part of a postgraduate research qualification focusing on environmental research in **Gauteng Province**. Proof of registration for 2022/23 required for submission.
- Any topic within the broad field of **environmental research** is eligible for the student track of the Symposium, provided that the study area is in **Gauteng Province**. Topics will be organized into the following five themes:
  - 1) Just Transition and Sustainable Livelihoods
  - 2) Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency
  - 3) Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Management
  - 4) Biodiversity and the Natural Environment
  - 5) Environmental Governance and Policy
  - 6) Any Environmental Management research in Gauteng Province related to either air quality, water quality or waste management.

- Abstracts must be submitted online, according to the template at the submission [link](#)
- Research should have a clear title (max 150 characters) and an abstract (1000-2000 characters) that describes the general topic including the objective and conclusion of the research and, where possible, the methods and results. It should allow the reviewers to make an intelligent decision about its acceptance.
- Each applicant may submit only one abstract.
- Where work has multiple authors, registered students should be indicated.
- The official language of the Symposium is English. All abstracts, presentations and papers must be done in English.

### Important dates

**29 July 2023** | Abstracts must be submitted online before this date, using the [link](#) provided

**30 August 2023** | Accepted authors will be notified of the outcome of the review of abstracts

**21 September 2023** | Accepted abstracts will be required to submit a pre-recorded presentation before this date

**04 October 2023** | Presenters will be required to be available on this day to take questions in a virtual event

**26 October 2023** | Selected students will present their work at the GERS V at the University Johannesburg, South Africa

**March 2024** | Deadline for full papers to be submitted for publication

For queries, send your email to: [peets@uj.ac.za](mailto:peets@uj.ac.za) with subject heading: Student Abstracts – GERS V



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