



Research Capacity Development Postgraduate School

The Department of Finance and Investment Management, in collaboration with the Research Capacity Development Unit at the Postgraduate School, invites all Postgraduate students to join our workshop:

Empowering Students: Financial Literacy Workshop and how to source extra income

Postgraduate students are often faced with the added stress of managing their expenses on a tight budget. Therefore, this workshop aims at providing tips on budgeting, smart money management, saving and investing, handling debt as well as how to source extra income as a postgraduate student.

DATE: 09 April 2024

TIME: 11:00 - 13:00

FACILITATORS: Ms Melany Lotter, Ms Mary-Ann Ebigo and Dr Shandr  Pillay

PLATFORM: Microsoft Teams - [Click here](#)

- If you have any queries about the workshop, please send an email to rcdenquiries@uj.ac.za
- To view our other activities, visit our website: <https://www.uj.ac.za/postgraduate-school/research-capacity-development/>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



MS Melany Lotter is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Finance and Investment Management. She is passionate about financial planning, particularly estate and retirement planning, but also financial literacy. She holds a master's degree in financial planning law (LLM) and is a Certified Financial Planner® is currently reading towards a PhD (Finance) at the University of Johannesburg. She lectures postgraduate students on financial planning, creates new financial planning and financial literacy programmes, supervises postgraduate students, and does research. She is a moderator and assessor for several institutions' financial planning qualifications and exams. She has presented at conferences and published articles on estate and retirement planning and financial literacy.



Ms Mary-Ann Ebigo is a dynamic individual who enjoys working with driven, motivated, ambitious, goal-orientated and optimistic individuals. Her greatest mission in life is to leave everyone she meets with a little more hope in achieving their greatest dream, than they have initially before they cross paths. Mary-ann completed her Honours in Financial Planning degree in 2018 whilst simultaneously working full-time at a Liberty subsidiary as an intern. The following year she was appointed as an Associate Paraplanner at the same firm. In 2021 she was registered as a CFP® (Certified Financial Planner) and in 2023 she completed her Masters in research. The dissertation topic focus was on Black Tax and how financial literacy and financial planning can be used as mechanisms to alleviate the financial pressures experienced by the contributor. She currently works as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Finance and Investment Management and a First-Year Seminar Coordinator for the BCom Finance programmes. Her passion for uplifting the community lies in facilitating engaging discussions that help instil lifelong financial skills.



Dr Shandr  Pillay is the Postgraduate Experience Coordinator for Masters & Doctoral Research students at the Research Capacity Development unit based at the University of Johannesburg's Postgraduate School. Prior to that, Shandr  was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, based at the University of Cape Town (2022 - 2023). She holds a PhD in Clinical Sciences and Immunology from the University of Cape Town. Her main area of research focuses on the identification, functional validation, and therapeutic targeting of host factors and pathways that play a role in tuberculosis disease progression and host immunity, both in murine and human model systems. Ultimately, with the aim of developing an effective host-directed drug therapy against tuberculosis. She has presented and received awards at various national and international conferences, as well as published in several international journals.

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