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Dr. Lesedi Matlala Selected for Prestigious PEX Fellowship 2024/2025



The CBE Leadership congratulates and proudly recognises that Dr Lesedi Senamele Matlala, a lecturer and researcher in the CBE School of Public Management, Governance, and Public Policy (SPMGPP), has been selected for the Public Engagement Exchange (PEX) Fellowship 2024/2025. This prestigious international fellowship provides a unique opportunity for professionals and academics to develop their leadership in public engagement through collaboration with academics, researchers, and public engagement professionals from South Africa and Germany.

The PEX Fellowship focuses on strengthening global collaboration to advance public engagement in research, enhancing the ways in which knowledge is shared and applied to solve societal challenges. Through international workshops, seminars, and peer learning, fellows will co-create innovative strategies to improve research communication, policy development, and global collaboration. This is critical in today's world, where research must increasingly address the complexities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and other global challenges.

Being part of the PEX Fellowship is a highly selective and demanding achievement. It requires fellows to actively participate in on-line workshops, leadership development activities, and co-crafting high-impact strategies that advance public engagement across sectors. The commitment involved in balancing such an intensive programme with other professional and academic responsibilities is significant, and highlights Dr. Matlala's dedication to professional development and his commitment to excellence.

The fellowship also strongly aligns with the values upheld by SPMGPP, including collaboration, innovation, and sustainable development. Dr. Matlala's selection for the fellowship reflects his long-standing commitment to enhancing policy governance, public engagement, and social justice. The values of the fellowship—inclusive, participatory, and transformative engagement strategies—perfectly align with the work of the School in striving to make a lasting impact through evidence-based research, policy advocacy, and community engagement. This opportunity will enhance Dr. Matlala's work and the broader impact of the School's mission to produce innovative, transformative, and inclusive public policy.