

**Call for Nominations: Funded M&D Student Participation 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 selected Master's and Doctoral (M&D) students 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, particularly *Health Studies* and *Student Support*, CGS will fund the registration fees for selected M&D students to attend this important event. This initiative forms part of our mandate to capacitate postgraduate students, amplify emerging scholarly voices, and promote research excellence through exposure to international platforms.

We therefore invite supervisors and academic departments to nominate suitable M&D students 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. There is also an option for online attendance of part of the programme.
- Nominated M&D students must work in an area related to the Health catalytic niche area, expansively conceptualised, and they must at least have passed their proposals.
- Preference will be given to students who commit to submitting abstracts or posters for presentation at the conference. CGS will offer an abstract writing workshop and mentorship to nominated students to assist with abstract development.
- CGS has secured a slot on the programme for a UNISA Postgraduate Student Roundtable. Nominated students should be able and willing to share their work in progress at such a roundtable. Training and guidance will be provided by CGS.
- Nominated students should demonstrate strong academic progress, potential for scholarly contribution, and alignment with the themes of the conference.

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.

Submission of Nominations:

Departments and supervisors are requested to submit nominations (including a short motivation for each nominated student) to Prof Jessica Murray at murraj@unisa.ac.za by 9 October 2025. **Students may also nominate themselves.**

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

