

Invitation to apply to a free VREF-Senghor online short course:
**Writing, Leading and Managing Research Proposals and Projects
in Transport Studies**

This free online course, supported by the VREF and hosted by Senghor University, provides the opportunity for you to engage with the technical and functional aspects of proposal writing, as well as the administration and management of research projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. You will imagine ways in which research projects in Transport Studies are conceived and managed through critical discussions, engagement with examples, and structured content. At the completion of the course, you should be able to: (1) articulate a deeper understanding of research proposal writing; (2) understand key aspects of leading and managing research projects; and (3) co-design a research project.

The course will appeal to you if you are an early career academic, on master's or PhD-level or in between these two levels, and are in transport studies and/or adjacent planning, engineering, environmental and social fields in Sub-Saharan Africa. Two ECTS credits will be awarded upon successful course completion.

The course will run from **18 September to 5 October 2023**. During this period there will be six 2-hour live sessions, at 5pm-7pm (CAT), in which you will engage with critical questions based on learning content with which you will be expected to engage before the session. Preparation for each live session will take up roughly two hours. During session time, you will interact with the facilitators and your fellow participants virtually, in writing on an online forum, or during scheduled video conference sessions (depending on the access to digital technologies indicated by the selected cohort). Two sessions are on the processes and tensions of writing proposals and managing research projects. A further two sessions are practically oriented and you will be engaging in collaborative writing on Google Docs, while receiving expert feedback from a facilitator. The last two sessions discuss your experiences while completing the writing assignments, identifying processes and tensions.

All course activities will be facilitated by an online learning platform that you can access through a web browser. The course is being designed to suit participants with lower bandwidth and technical requirements, as far as possible. Participants with disabilities are welcome. Because the course is designed around intensive participant interaction and the provision of in-depth, quality feedback, there will be a maximum of 16 participants. Selection will focus on ensuring the most diverse cohort.

If you are interested in applying, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/P8VsDK1nJe84ZzhC8>. Applications close on **11 August 2023 at 12 noon (CAT)**. Selected participants will be informed via email. Kindly assume that you have not been selected for the course if you have not received any notification by 18 August 2023.

Course facilitation team:

Dr Herrie Schalekamp (Mtracs Educational Institute, Urban Mobility Consultant)

Dr Ed Campbell (Mtracs Educational Institute, Learning Specialist)

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