



# THE COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

INAUGURAL DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM – 4 & 5 NOVEMBER, 2025  
(Garden Court Hotel, Kitwe)

***THEME: Knowledge creation for African realities to support local industrialization and sustainable development***

The Copperbelt University School of Graduate Studies Doctoral Colloquium Programme Committee is calling for abstract submissions from all doctoral students at the Copperbelt University to be presented at the Doctoral Colloquium to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Garden Court Hotel, Kitwe. The theme of the colloquium is Knowledge creation for African realities to support local industrialization and sustainable development

#### Objectives:

- Provide a formal academic platform for the evaluation of doctoral research progress
- Critically assess the methodological rigor, originality, and scholarly contribution of each candidate's work
- Facilitate constructive feedback from faculty, peers, and examiners to enhance dissertation quality and coherence
- Ensure alignment with institutional standards and readiness for final submission and examination
- Promote intellectual exchange and foster a culture of research excellence within the doctoral community

#### Call for Abstracts

With an exciting theme and clearly defined objectives for the upcoming Doctoral Colloquium, we would like to invite abstracts for the following Streams:

1. Business	6. Medicine
2. Humanities And Social Sciences	7. Built Environment
3. Mathematics And Natural Sciences	8. Peace And Conflict
4. Information And Communication Technology	9. Engineering
5. Mining And Mineral Sciences	10. Environmental and Natural Resource Management

#### Presentations

The colloquium will feature **two distinct formats** of doctoral research presentation:

- **Oral Presentations:** Selected candidates will deliver structured, time-bound presentations before a panel of academic reviewers. These sessions will include formal feedback and scholarly discussion.

- **Poster Presentations:** Some candidates will present their research through visual posters displayed in designated exhibition areas. This format encourages interactive engagement, peer review, and informal dialogue.

Both formats will run concurrently across the two days, grouped by discipline and thematic relevance to ensure focused academic exchange.

#### Submission Guidelines

- Students should read the abstract format guidelines before submitting the abstracts. The guidelines can be accessed via the following Download link: [Click Here To Download](#)
- A **300-500-word abstract** (without the author's name but including the student's SIN) must be submitted as a Microsoft Word file. This file should be uploaded via the following link: <https://forms.gle/foKu25S2aGTKy3Yx8>
- All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by Expert Reviewers to ensure academic rigor, professional contribution, and relevance to the colloquium sub-themes.
- Authors will receive feedback indicating whether their abstract has been accepted for **oral** or **poster** presentation

Upon acceptance, authors must submit a **full colloquium paper written in 6–8 pages** (MS Word format) by **30 October 2024**, following the prescribed formatting guidelines

#### Important Dates

*Kindly note these important dates for the submission of abstracts and papers:-*

**10 October 2025: Final date** for submission of abstract

**17 October 2025 - Feedback on Abstracts --** Authors will be informed whether their abstracts have been accepted for oral or poster presentation.

**30 October 2025 Latest date** for submission of full colloquium paper. The MS Word colloquium paper, written in **6-8 pages** according to the format provided, should be received **via the following link:** <https://forms.gle/i87K6pRTSC2FnduL7>

**30 October 2025 Latest date** for submission of presentation PPT slides and Posters. The submissions should be received via the following link (submission details for posters will be provided separately): <https://forms.gle/JWdz6yCbA8wQWryb6>

#### Proceedings and Publications

The summary of each paper presented will be printed in a bound Conference Proceedings called **“INAUGURAL DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM”**, a link will be provided to each participant to download the full papers and PPTs. The full papers will also be published on the Colloquium Website to facilitate Internet search and cross-referencing.

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