



# grammarly

Grammarly is a cloud-based writing tool that uses artificial intelligence as well as natural language processing. Via deep learning algorithms, Grammarly offers grammar checking, spell checking, and similarity detection, and propose alternatives to improve writing clarity, concision, vocabulary, style, and tone.

Grammarly finds and corrects over 400 types of grammatical mistakes, detects similarity from 16 billion web pages and ProQuest's databases, improves word choice with context-enhanced vocabulary suggestions and is compatible with the UFS systems.

Although Grammarly is exceptionally user-friendly, the PGS developed a tutorial video to assist the UFS users. The video is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1fhKZ9Y\\_9I&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1fhKZ9Y_9I&t=2s)

Since 2018 UFS members of staff and postgraduate students have free access to Grammarly Premium. The Postgraduate School ran a pilot project to determine the viability of the use of the software. Survey data indicates an overwhelming appreciation for Grammarly's English language development ability.

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The licence was renewed in mid-2019, and **from 1 February 2020 the Grammarly administration is moving from the Postgraduate School (PGS) to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) department.** This move opened three additional ways that staff and students can register for Grammarly Premium.

Apart from the original method of student and staff registration and self-activation via [GrammarlyLicence@ufs.ac.za](mailto:GrammarlyLicence@ufs.ac.za) Students and staff can now opt for registration and activation at the ICT Service Desks at the Computer lab for students and the ICT department for staff. Since this option includes activation, applicants need to take their laptops with.

Staff members also have the telephonic registration and self-activation option by phoning the Service Desk at +27 51 401 2000.

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