



WRITING DYAD APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2026

The Centre for Graduate Support is calling for applications for writing dyads by Faculties, Schools or Departments. The CGS will not accept individual applications from students; Faculties, Schools or Departments must submit the applications. All applications must indicate names of supervisor(s) and postgraduate students.

Purpose

The purpose of writing dyads is for supervisors and their postgraduate students within UFS Faculties, Schools or Departments to undertake two to three consecutive days of writing their research work for their degrees (dissertation/thesis chapters). The writing should be aimed at submission for examination. **Preference will be given to master's and doctoral students already writing their chapters, and not those writing proposals/protocols.**

Who can apply?

- Departments
- Schools
- Faculties

How to apply?

Submit all applications to MakatiP@ufs.ac.za. Please write Writing Dyad Application on the subject line.

The deadline to submit applications is **27 March 2026**.

The application should include:

- A cover letter.
- An application form with the supervisors' names and list of the postgraduate students (master's and doctoral) who have chapters, research reports, dissertations or theses that they want to complete with the aim of submitting for examination. **Also include a progress report if any of these students have previously attended CGS-funded dyads.**
- A letter of endorsement from the HoD or Dean.
- A comprehensive itemised budget, including quotations and the total amount required.

Date of writing dyad: Must be hosted during the period of April – July 2026. The writing dyad should be a maximum of three consecutive days (maximum of two nights).

Expectations:

- Completed chapters, dissertations or theses at the end of the writing dyad.
- A progress report from each Department, School or Faculty within three months after the writing dyad.
- Students should acknowledge the CGS for providing funding.

Important to note:

- Should the applicants change the dates or arrangements, a new application must be submitted.
- Submissions with applicants listed in other applications will not be considered.
- The CGS will process the costs.
- Departments will be liable for all payments if they proceed with the writing intervention before authorisation(s) (in the form of an issued PO) from the CGS.
- Applicants are not allowed to apply for funding more than once to complete the same writing project.
- Any Department, School or Faculty that does not submit progress reports may suffer one or both of the following two consequences:
 - Pay a portion of the costs incurred for the writing intervention.
 - Be excluded from future calls for writing intervention.
- Please inform the CGS should there be any issues or problems.

Enquiries: Contact Dr Pamela Makati at MakatiP@ufs.ac.za or call 051 401 3174 for more information.