



## **What is the Training of Research Psychologists for? Situating the Training and Practice of Research Psychologists in Africa.**

### **Dear Participant**

My name is Kutloano Mailula; I am studying towards a PhD in Psychology at the University of Johannesburg under the supervision of Dr Sipho Dlamini, a senior lecturer in the Department of Psychology. We invite you to participate in a study entitled: **What is the Training of Research Psychologists for? Situating the Training and Practice of Research Psychologists in Africa.**

The purpose of the research is to investigate the training of research psychologists in the context of South Africa. This will be done through semi-structured interviews with research psychology graduates, course coordinators, and lecturers of the programme in the department of psychology.

You are being invited to take part in the research as a result of your position as a lecturer or course coordinator of the Masters in research psychology training programme. Therefore, you are deemed suitable to provide the relevant information required to answer the research questions associated with this research topic. If you agree to participate, this will be through an interview with the researcher, which will take approximately 60 minutes. This will be at a location of your choice, ideally at a central place where you and the researcher will have access. This will be discussed prior to the scheduled day of the interview. Alternatively, an online interview will be scheduled if it is more feasible.

You may withdraw at any time or not answer any question if you do not want to, and there are no disadvantages or penalties if you do not choose to participate or withdraw from the study. There will be no personal costs to you if you participate in this research, and you will not receive any direct benefits from participation. In addition, no negative consequences have been identified for taking part in the research.

Your identity will not be documented, and there will be no possibility of linking your responses to you. Your responses will be assigned a unique code or pseudonym, and this identifier will be used in all data records, publications, and various research reporting channels, including conference proceedings. The research findings will be accessible to the public through the University of Johannesburg's library. While certain



sections of the study may be utilized in conferences, articles, or book publications, and absolute anonymity will be maintained.

Your answers may be reviewed by people responsible for ensuring that research is done properly, including the transcriber, external coder, and Research Ethics Review Committee members. Otherwise, records that identify you will be available only to people working on the study unless you permit other people to see the records.

All the recordings will be stored in a password-protected pc for a period of five years for future research or academic purposes. Future use of the stored data will be subject to further Research Ethics Review and approval if applicable. Hard copies will be shredded and electronic copies will be permanently deleted from the computer's hard drive through a relevant software program.

If you would like to be informed of the final research findings, please contact the researcher via email [kutloanommalenake@gmail.com](mailto:kutloanommalenake@gmail.com). Should you require any further information or want to contact me about any aspect of this study, you can use the above-mentioned email.

Should you have concerns about how the research has been conducted, you may contact Dr Siphod Dlamini at this email address: [siphod@uj.ac.za](mailto:siphod@uj.ac.za). Alternatively, contact the research ethics chairperson of the University of Johannesburg via this email: [nmorojele@uj.ac.za](mailto:nmorojele@uj.ac.za).

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and for participating in this study.