2027 JBVI - UCT Bootcamp South Africa

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Hosted by the University of Cape Town in South Africa, the **JBVI - UCT Bootcamp** is intended for entrepreneurship researchers in South Africa and neighbouring countries who want to explore new topics in entrepreneurship, innovative research methods, and conceptual modelling and theorising. In addition, each participant will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their research project and overall guidance around how they can both develop a publication strategy and embed impact early in their research projects.

Aims

- To discuss and explore the challenges and practicalities of designing and conducting innovative research in entrepreneurship.
- To support entrepreneurship researchers in South Africa and neighbouring countries to further develop their research strategies and portfolio, with a balanced emphasis on publication outputs and societal impact.
- To support entrepreneurship researchers in South Africa and neighbouring countries to network and build relationships with others in their field of research from different institutions across the region.
- As JBVI, we aim to learn from entrepreneurship researchers in South Africa and neighbouring countries, so that we can better incorporate their views and ways of doing social science into the daily practices of the journal.

Format

The Bootcamp is divided into two parts, and you will receive **a certificate of participation**.

Day 1

- Morning session: Introduction to JBVI and the development of research insights for publication. Mentors will introduce and discuss innovative papers published in JBVI.
- Afternoon session: Paper development workshop where participants will have the opportunity to work on and improve their own papers or projects guided by the mentors.

Day 2

- Mentors will discuss publication strategies and how to embed societal impact early into the research process.

Mentors

Prof. Pablo Muñoz, University of Leeds, UK. Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Business Venturing Insights
Prof. Ralph Hamann, University of Cape Town
Prof. Camille Meyer, University of Cape Town
Dr. Phumlani Nkontwana, Allan Gray Centre for Africa Entrepreneurship, Stellenbosch University

Coordination
Prof. Camille Meyer, University of Cape Town

Application
Complete the application form https://forms.gle/S7JWS4ubkQxG9Lkb6 including structured abstract of a research project or paper (1,000 words max) and a short bio (100 words max). Deadline **by 15th of November 2026.**

Papers/projects at any stage of development are welcome. You will receive a notification if a place is allocated to you **by 1st December 2026**. Please do not make any travel arrangements until you have received confirmation of a place.

Costs
The event is free for attendees. JBVI, Elsevier, and UCT will cover the full cost of the event, including attendance at sessions and mentoring. Participants are asked to cover the cost of any travel and additional accommodation as required.

Inquiries
If you have any questions, please contact jbvinsights@gmail.com.

Organisers

University of Cape Town (UCT) is one of the leading higher education institutions on the African continent and has a tradition of academic excellence that is respected worldwide. Three global rankings have placed UCT among the world's top 200 institutions, the only African university to have achieved this distinction. Its business school, the UCT Graduate School of Business (GSB), is one of Africa's premier management institutions that holds the quality endorsements and accreditations from the three leading global bodies of AACSB, AMBA, and EQUIS. The GSB offers transformative learning experiences that equip tomorrow's leaders to run sustainable organisations and find solutions to the challenges that we collectively face. A rich ecosystem of teaching, learning and research at the GSB is directed towards building a more economically prosperous, more equitable, more sustainable, and more integrated continent.

Journal of Business Venturing Insights (JBV Insights) publishes thought-provoking research, highlighting novel ideas at the forefront of current discussions of entrepreneurial phenomena. Such ideas are extremely valuable as they can stimulate further necessary research. *JBV Insights* offers a platform for multiple disciplinary works and unconventional and silent scholarly voices. The journal is open to different disciplines and perspectives and thus welcomes papers that bring into entrepreneurship research ideas from within and beyond management scholarship, including the broader social and natural sciences. *JBV Insights* is also open to innovative methods and forms of theorizing. Through many of its initiatives, *JBV Insights* additionally aims to enhance the conversation among scholars and practitioners by offering a forum to disseminate novel and relevant entrepreneurship research rapidly.
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