

18 March 2026

**Subject: Letter of Support for ANSTT6 Bursary Application – Ms Tsholofelo Mokgele**

Dear ANSTT6 Bursary Committee,

I am writing to strongly support the bursary application of Ms Tsholofelo Mokgele, who has applied to attend and present her work at the upcoming Advanced Nuclear Science and Technology Techniques Workshop (ANSTT6).

Ms Mokgele is a PhD candidate working in the field of radiation and environmental radioactivity, with a particular focus on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) in the oil and gas industry. Her research investigates the accumulation of radioactive contaminants in black powder generated during pipeline operations such as pigging and filtration processes. Through gamma spectrometric analysis and radiological risk assessment, she can quantify activity concentrations and evaluate potential exposure risks to workers and the environment. This workshop aligns directly with her research interests, particularly in areas such as environmental measurements, nuclear experimental techniques, radiation and health physics, and data analysis.

Attending ANSTT6 will allow Ms Mokgele with the opportunity to present her findings, engage with experts in the field, and further develop her technical and professional skills. Exposure to this international platform will significantly enhance both her current research and future career trajectory in nuclear science.

Ms Mokgele is disciplined, and a promising young scientist who consistently demonstrates commitment to excellence and will make meaningful contributions to the workshop.

I strongly recommend her for the ANSTT6 bursary and believe that financial support will greatly assist her in fully benefiting from this important opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Kupa', with a horizontal line underneath.

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