# Doctor of Philosophy in Biology Viva-voce Examination

**Faculty of Agriculture, Engineering and Natural Sciences**

**School of Science**

**Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Biochemistry**

**Title: Isolation and characterisation of fluoroacetate degrading bacteria from bovine rumen and development of a livestock probiotic for the biocontrol of *Dichapetalum cymosum* poisoning.**

**Candidate: Ms. Maria MN Amukwaya**
**Date: 27 November 2026**

**Time: 9:00**

**Venue: Join Zoom Meeting**
**https://zoom.us/j/96207887704?pwd=rez53EksP3Zr158U316JefhUyoJSkg.1**

**Meeting chat link**
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**Meeting ID: 962 0788 7704**
**Passcode: DB93144**

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome, introduction of VIVA VOCE Panel members and explanation of VIVA VOCE rules by the Chairperson of the Panel.

09:05 – 10:00 Presentation of thesis by student **Ms. Maria MN Amukwaya.**

10:00 – 10:30 Questions and answers on the thesis and the presentation.

10:30 – 10:50 VIVA VOCE Panel members deliberate on the outcome of the examination, fill in a VIVA VOCE results form.

10:50 Announcement of examination results.

About Viva Voce Examinations In addition to writing a thesis or dissertation, postgraduate students who are registered for Master's or Doctoral by Thesis or Dissertation only, shall appear for a viva voce examination (an oral examination). This examination normally occurs after the dissertation is finished but before it is submitted to the university and may comprise a presentation (often public) by the student and questions posed by a panel of specialists on the subject. The public can attend and is permitted to ask questions. Purpose – a viva voce examination is to: confirm that the thesis is a student's own work; confirm that the student understands what they have written; investigate the student's awareness of where their original work sits in relation to the wider research field, and provide a developmental opportunity for considering future publication and research options.