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**Research Topic:** The organisation of urban agriculture in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town

**Research stay:** September 1st till October 15th 2018



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Tinashe is currently pursuing his Master's degree within the field of human geography at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town (South Africa). He graduated with honors from the Midlands State University (Zimbabwe) in 2016 with a degree in Geography and Environmental Studies.

Tinashe is an environmentally conscious individual and hopes to establish a career which advocates for environmental sustainable solutions through research and activism.

When not studying, Tinashe enjoys practicing for marathons, going on hikes, and watching cricket.



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# Home Country

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country located in Southern Africa. The country covers an area of 390,757 km<sup>2</sup> housing approximately 16 million inhabitants.

Zimbabwe is a multicultural society with a number of languages which include Chewa, Ndebele, Shangani, Venda and Ndebele among others.

The country is characterised by a number of attractive landforms such as the Victoria Falls, Matopo Hills and Nyanga Mountains.





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# University



UNIVERSITY of the  
WESTERN CAPE



The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is a public university located just outside Cape Town, South Africa.

The university was founded in 1959 as a college for black students, with the aim of training teachers and civil servants for leadership of a separate black community. In 1982 the university officially rejected apartheid, 12 years before the government would finally bring the regime to an end. The university draws on its history for inspiration. It aims to inspire a more equal society through its teaching and research. There are seven faculties at UWC: arts, community and health sciences, dentistry, economic and management sciences, education, law and natural sciences.



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# Research Topic

My research focuses on the organization of urban agriculture in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town.

It specifically analyses the synergies between different stakeholders and urban farmers in enhancing urban agriculture practices. Therefore, it identifies the stakeholders involved within the urban agriculture sector as well as their roles and interaction.

The study will be carried out in Mitchells Plain, a township in Cape Town. Generally, Mitchells Plain is low-income neighbourhood characterised by poverty and crime. Therefore, urban agriculture is one of the stratagems adopted by its inhabitants to argument household nutrition.

The study findings will provide policymakers and urban farmers with useful data on best practices to enhance urban agriculture activities in the area.



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# Research Stay goals and expectations

My goal during this academic research stay is to examine urban gardening initiatives in Cologne and good practises which can also be adopted in Cape Town. I am particularly interested in the politics of urban gardening in global north cities such as Cologne. Consequently, I expect to meet prominent scholars on the subject as well as access more literature to examine how the issues are approached in Germany.

Moreover, this opportunity will allow me attend several workshops and conferences, for example, the Tropentag 2018 Conference in Ghent, Belgium. Such engagements will enhance my knowledge on urban agriculture, food security and urban spaces as I will be able to meet and interact with different researchers from partner universities.

Finally, this research stay allows me to focus on writing the final draft of my thesis.