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Training Plan

PhD and MSc Students

MSc and PhD students are given the option to register for degrees at any of the network institutions, depending on the availability of an appropriate supervisor. Each student is co-supervised by an appropriate faculty member from one of the other network partners. Students are expected to spend periods of 25-50% of time in the laboratories of at least one other network partner. Secondment to other advanced South African laboratories and elsewhere in the world for periods of a few weeks to a few months is also actively pursued, and a portion of the budget is set aside for this purpose.

Short courses are run to introduce new techniques to students and faculty in the network, such as bioinformatics, protein X ray crystallography, proteomics. The South African institutions provide a significant supporting role in this initiative as well as making their facilities available to the other network partners.

Students are also expected to publish in accredited international journals, and to present their research findings at local and international conferences.

Student Training Schedule

Timetable		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	PhD	3	6	9	9	6	3
	MSc	3	6	6	6	6	3

It is anticipated that three new PhD students and three MSc students will enter the programme each year. In the first year three PhD students and three MSc students will be recruited and supported by the programme. Some of these MSc students will proceed to doing a PhD. It is envisaged that by the end of year six 12 students will have graduated from the PhD programme, and a further 18 students will have graduated with MSc degrees.

The network initially provides for 30-40% female participation, rising to 50% at the end of the Programme. To ensure long term sustainability, staff from participating departments who have MSc and BSc (Hons) qualifications will be enrolled for higher degree studies at the participating universities. This strategy will be expected to enhance the capacity and capability of the network institutions to continue with research studies beyond the life of the six year phase.