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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

BCom Honours candidate in Information Systems at the University of Fort Hare, graduated Cum Laude from a Bachelor of Commerce (Majoring in Business Management, Economics and Information Systems Minors). Exposure to SQL, Power BI and Excel through coursework and certifications, applied across a research fellowship (Best Technical Execution award), a corporate venture capital Externship at HP Tech Ventures, and two years tutoring university-level Information Systems modules. Progressed through three leadership roles in a university society, handling administration, stakeholder communication and financial reporting. Seeking an entry-level role where data, research and organisational skills add value.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Information Systems

Jan 2026 – Present

University of Fort Hare

Bachelor of Commerce ECP — Business Management; Minors: Information Systems, Economics

Jan 2022 – Dec 2025

University of Fort Hare | Result: Cum Laude

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Data & Reporting: SQL and basic database management, Power BI dashboards, Excel (data cleaning, reporting, modelling), data collection and quality assurance

Business & Analysis: requirements and documentation support, business/systems analysis fundamentals, research and structured problem-solving, Agile project management fundamentals

Delivery & Communication: stakeholder communication, report writing and progress tracking, administrative coordination, time management and independent work execution

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data for Social Good Fellow

Jun 2026 – Aug 2026

Research Code Respond

- Researched and helped build a digital solution to language barriers preventing refugees from accessing essential services, applying a data-driven, community-centred approach over a 12-week fellowship.
- Recognised with the fellowship's Best Technical Execution and Team Lead Recognition awards.

Data Entry Contractor

Mar 2026 – Aug 2026

Gambuu

- Ensured accurate, validated data entry and reporting against platform data-quality standards.
- Maintained a recurring cycle of structured progress updates to keep operations and stakeholders informed.

Module Tutor — Business Innovations and Entrepreneurship Department

Apr 2024 – May 2026

University of Fort Hare | Introduction to IS, Fundamentals of IS, Business & Systems Analysis, Databases, IS/IT Project Management

- Delivered tutoring, marking and invigilation support across five undergraduate Information Systems modules over two years, strengthening students' grasp of databases, systems analysis and project management.
- Supported module delivery and assisted students in applying productivity tools and IT concepts to real business contexts.

Corporate Venture Capital & Business Analytics Extern

Sep 2024 – Oct 2024

HP Tech Ventures, via Extern

- Analysed startup viability and conducted market research for a corporate venture capital team.
- Translated findings into data-backed investment insights through structured written reporting.

Data Analyst, Hackathon Team

Mar 2025 – Apr 2025

African Girls in Tech Bootcamp

- Cleaned and structured data and built Power BI reporting for a client-focused hackathon solution.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

General Secretary ← Campus Secretary ← Campus Treasurer

Apr 2024 – Jul 2026

Rethinking Economics for Africa (REFA), UFH Chapter

- Progressed through three office-bearer roles over two years, taking on increasing responsibility for administrative coordination and financial oversight.

- Owned documentation, meeting processes and stakeholder communication across society members and the executive committee.
- Prepared financial reports, monitored budgets and coordinated funding as Treasurer.

Finance Committee Member

Feb 2025 – Apr 2025

CSRC, University of Fort Hare

- Reviewed financial proposals and contributed to governance decisions on student funding allocations.

Affiliations: Member, Geekulcha Student Society (University of Fort Hare)

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- Digital Skills for Digital Jobs and Businesses Programme (NQF 5, MICTSETA) — IT Systems Development and Support: networking, programming principles, database management — EBL Institute of Business and Technology (Jul–Nov 2025)
- African Girls in Tech Bootcamp, Cohort 8.0 — Data Analytics: Excel, Power BI, SQL, Agile project management, professional communication — Africa Agility (Jan–May 2025)
- Digital Skills for Digital Jobs and Businesses Programme (NQF 5, MICTSETA) — Data Analytics: data collection & cleaning, SQL, Excel, Power BI — EBL Institute of Business and Technology (Jun–Nov 2024)
- Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate — data analysis, visualisation, Excel, SQL — Google, via Coursera (Jun–Dec 2024)

REFERENCES

Mr. Chuma Memela

Co-founder and Director, Gambuu

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Mr. Malungelo Mamba

Former Lecturer, University of Fort Hare

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