

Profile



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Position:

Postgraduate student

Organization:

University of Pretoria,
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Field of research:

Crop Science

Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

Cultivating Solutions for Urban Hunger



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Nqobile Khoza's research focuses on addressing hidden hunger in low-income urban households through innovative vertical bag vegetable farming systems. "I grew up in a rural area where we grew almost all our food. In some years, we would get a good harvest but in some, we would suffer great losses. I was keen on finding out what influences the success of a crop and how best to ensure we reduced losses," she says.

Her dedication to agronomy stems from a desire to mitigate agricultural challenges and educate others on crop production's lesser-discussed aspects, particularly micronutrient deficiencies.

Nqobile believes AWARD's Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science equipped her with essential leadership and negotiation skills, helping her navigate gender biases and confidently voice her ideas. With a vision to become a leading researcher, she aims to leverage her skills and experiences to drive impactful change in the agricultural sector.