

# PhD proposal defense

Date and time:

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Location / Venue:

Room 135

**1.Candidate:** Nicholas Mwilu Mutothya

**Title:** Continuous and discrete probability distributions emerging from pure birth process.

**Abstract:**

Many real life process evolve according to the rules of a pure birth process. The Probability that the population will reach a certain size by time  $t$  is obtained by solving a system of basic difference differential equations. Various methods are used to solve this system of equations.

They include; iteration method, generating function method, Laplace transforms method, generator matrix method and integral representation technique. Classical pure birth process are extended and their solutions obtained.

**2.Candidate:** Ochomba Nyangera Wycliff

**Title:** Mathematical model for influence of climate parameter on the spread of malaria in Kisii highlands.

**Abstract:**

A deterministic mathematical model of malaria shall be formulated using a systems of ODEs to investigate the impact of the disease dynamics and climate change.

**Candidate:** Wanyoike John Ngaii

**Title:** CONSTRUCTIONS OF SOME BALANCED ASYMMETRICAL FACTORIAL DESIGNS.

**Abstract:**

I propose to construct a balanced asymmetrical factorial designs using different methods that involve Hadamard matrices, orthogonal arrays, balanced arrays and transitive arrays. I also aim to find a unified method for calculating efficiency factors of main effects and interaction effects of balanced asymmetrical factorial designs while using the method of least squares.

