



RHODES UNIVERSITY
Where leaders learn

FACTS & FIGURES 2023

A faded background image of a Rhodes University campus. It shows a large, light-colored building with a tiled roof, surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. A paved path leads towards the building. The overall tone is bright and academic.

Rhodes University **VISION**

Rhodes University's vision is to be an outstanding, nationally, and internationally respected academic institution, which proudly affirms its African identity and commitment to democratic ideals, academic freedom, rigorous scholarship, sound moral values and social responsibility.

VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR SIZWE MABIZELA

IS PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Prof Mabizela enjoys a solid standing as a Mathematician and his professional global contribution to the discipline of Mathematics is considerable. He has, amongst others, been an FRD/NRF rated Researcher for 13 years.

In his illustrious academic career, he has held the positions of Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University of Cape Town; Visiting Professor of Mathematics at the University of Zimbabwe; Professor and Head of Department of Mathematics (Pure and Applied) at Rhodes University; and Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic and Student Affairs at Rhodes University.

Prof Mabizela enjoys the support and confidence of the University Council, Senate and Executive Management to strengthen the University's position as a distinct and distinctive institution that provides outstanding education to young people of our country and beyond.

He is a firm believer that Rhodes University as a research-intensive University plays a crucial role in generating and disseminating knowledge which advances human understanding and wisdom as well as build and sustain a better society for all.

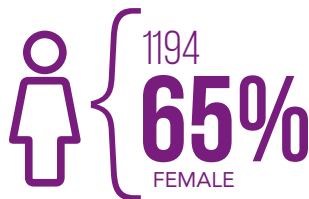


GRADUATION



1850
GRADUATES

6 GRADUATION
CEREMONIES



POSTGRADUATE **39%** 726

68 MASTERS
23 PhD

75% COMPLETED
QUALIFICATIONS
IN RECORD TIME


ENROLMENT



8348
STUDENTS

Rhodes University is still, by far the
smallest university in South Africa

28% POSTGRADUATES

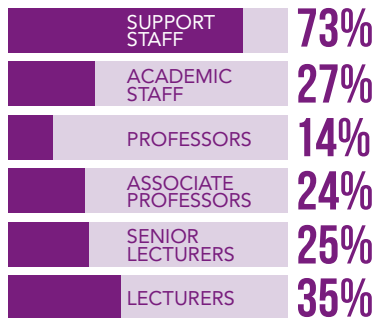
11% INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

39 COUNTRIES



3300
STUDENTS STAY IN
UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES

13 HALLS including the
Gavin Reilly Postgraduate Village
which has self-catering facilities
54 RESIDENCES
9000 MEALS SERVED
ON A DAILY BASIS

STAFF
1328
**PERMANENT
STAFF**



1:15 The University has the most favorable academic **staff to student ratio** of 1:15, among South African universities



2023/4

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

INSTITUTE FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

PHASES ONE AND TWO
RENOVATIONS TO THE
CHEM-PHARM BUILDING

CANTERBURY HOUSE UPGRADE
AND HOBSON HALL KITCHEN
RENOVATIONS

THIRD INCOMMER CABLE
(HIGH VOLTAGE CABLE)

LIGHTING PROJECTS

Sports Fields lights
Prince Alfred St, Blue Route lights upgrade
Campus High Mast lights

STEVE BIKO UNION UPGRADE PROJECTS

Replacement of the roof
Business Hub
Oppidan bus shelter

LOAD SHEDDING MITIGATION

Redistribution and extension of existing
generation capacity
Lecture venues – installation of inverters
and backup batteries

2020/25 ENROLMENT PLAN

8714 → 9500
IN 2020 BY 2025

As a research-intensive university, Rhodes University, intends to maintain its relatively high proportion of **postgraduate students at about 30% of the total student headcount.**

The university also plans to maintain its **highest proportion of student body in the liberal arts and humanities (43% in 2025) followed by Science which will account for 25%.**

In pursuit of improved human capacity and in particular development of women the gender composition in the enrolment plan is left at **59% female and 41% male.**

ACADEMIC OFFERING

6

FACULTIES

COMMERCE
HUMANITIES
SCIENCE
EDUCATION
LAW
PHARMACY

42

DEPARTMENTS

47

DEGREES

14

POSTGRADUATE
DIPLOMAS

2

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2

CERTIFICATES

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

14

SARCHi CHAIRS

and enjoys the associated hosting
of a **15th chair** within its associated
institute SAIAB (South African
Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity)



**A HIGH
PROPORTION
OF NRF RATED
RESEARCHERS**

60%

ACADEMIC
STAFF HAVE PhD
QUALIFICATIONS

105

RATED RESEARCHERS

and continues to produce research
publications at a higher rate than
the national average as published
by the Department of Higher
Education, Science and Technology



2010

2021

125 → 228

FUNDING PROGRAMMES

190 → 2097

POSTGRADUATE AWARDS

**FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMMES INCREASED
FROM R31.7m IN 2010 TO**

R76.8m

IN 2021



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS
ONE OF THE KEY PILLARS OF THE
UNIVERSITY AND IT IS DIVIDED
INTO NINE BROAD CATEGORIES:**

Engaged teaching and learning

Engaged research

Social innovation

**Contributing to sustainable human
and community development**

**Co-creating knowledge
for social impact**

**Enhancing the NEXUS between
teaching, learning and research**

Promoting active citizenry

**Amplifying the student experience
and their development**

Each of the categories listed above has several initiatives which are championed by the university students in collaboration with the broader community of Makhanda.

One of the most successful initiatives to date is Pathways to the Future (VC's Education Initiative).

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

**SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN
BACHELOR PASSES AT FOUR NO
FEE-PAYING SCHOOLS WHICH ARE
PART OF THE VC'S INITIATIVE**

**FROM 179 IN 2015 TO
305 IN 2022**

2015 2022
62% → 85%

**CITY WIDE IMPROVEMENT
IN MATRIC PASS RATE**

**INCREASE IN ADMISSION OF
DESERVING LOCAL STUDENTS FROM
TOWNSHIP SCHOOL INTO THE
UNIVERSITY FROM 11 IN 2012 TO**

138 IN 2022

The birth and scaling of a bridging programme for Makhanda youth.

Provides a platform that encourages research on volunteerism and community engagement.

Building a community of good teaching practice in basic education.



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