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RHODES UNIVERSITY FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

2021 - 2026

Rhodes University has identified legacy priority projects that it has earmarked for intensive, targeted fundraising in the next five years. These fit into three broad areas, namely:

**infrastructure development,
student experience, access and success, and
sustainability.**

Priority Projects



1. Institute for Nanotechnology Innovation
2. Centre for Postgraduate Studies
3. Student Culture and Experience
4. Student Access and Success (Isivivane Fund)
5. Institute for Water Research
6. Pathways to the Future (VC Education Initiative) and Makhanda Circle of Unit

Institute for Nanotechnology Innovation



Distinguished Professor Tebello Nyokong
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- Led by the multi-award-winning Distinguished Professor Tebello Nyokong, an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the project is about a construction of a building to house high-end research equipment, world-class researchers and to support cutting-edge research work. We are looking to raise **R45 – R55 million** for this project.





Centre for Postgraduate Studies



- Rhodes University has carved a respectable niche in higher education research in South Africa and the continent. Research is also our strategic trajectory to build an even stronger and attractive research international institution. The main project in this area is the construction of a customised, modern Postgraduate Centre. We are hoping to raise **R55 – R64 million** for this project.



POSTGRADUATE COMMONS



Student Culture and Experience



- Projects within these areas include building new facilities such as (Astroturf, running track), upgrading of sporting facilities towards building a wholesome experience for students. Sport is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Our University's location "at the centre" of the Eastern Cape Province holds numerous advantages for integrated regional sports and culture development. Our strong Community Engagement programme could mean greater potential value for the Sarah Baartman region for social cohesion, fighting substance abuse, and building healthy communities. We are hoping to raise **R19 000 000.**



This Facility was Officially Opened
by the MEC for
Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture
Honourable Business Tumpo
on 28 February 2018

Students Access and Success (Isivivane Fund)



- Isivivane Fund is a four-legged campaign launched to deal with the challenge of the 'missing middle' students who come from families who fall outside of the threshold of **R350,000** annual income set for government funding, but who cannot afford university fees. It also supports especially Honours Degree studies to build a pipeline for our senior post-graduate cohort.
- The campaign also aims to grow the university endowment for sustainability and maintenance of student residences.



Institute for Water Research



- South Africa, and the Eastern Cape, in particular, is short of water laboratories. This integrated service and research facility will offer state-of-the-art water technology including water chemistry analysis, microbiology, microbial genomics, ecological assessment, and eco-toxicology.
- The Institute for Water Research has all the necessary core skills, and relationships, to drive this university-wide collaborative enterprise. The Water-Lab will be a hub used by a wide range of participating RU teaching Departments including Zoology and Entomology, Microbiology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology. The Water-Lab will offer a wide range of services that will be available both commercially and to researchers and students. Ultimately the Water-Lab will generate income and be self-sustaining.
- The investment would focus on re-furbishing and consolidating customised laboratory spaces, high-tech analytical equipment, associated computing capacity, and laboratory staff.



Pathways to the Future and Makhanda Circle of Unity



- The University's investment in the local Makhanda community manifests in a strategic initiative that is conceptualised and implemented in collaborative partnerships. Pathways is a project to enhance the capacity of the historically disadvantaged schools in the city. Makhanda's oldest community organisation and reputed education NGO GADRA and the newly formed multi-stakeholder Makhanda Circle of Unity are two civic bodies that are at the forefront of the strategy to facilitate shared growth and development in our town. Their strategies cover two broad areas:
 1. Providing second chances to underprivileged senior grades learners in the townships. The project leverages the capacity of our formidable Community Engagement programme through mentorship.
 2. Strengthening wide civil society cooperation for open, transparent, and accountable governance of the city.



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