



RHODES UNIVERSITY

Where leaders learn

RHODES UNIVERSITY FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

2021-2026

Rhodes University has identified seven legacy projects as the 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.

NANOTECHNOLOGY BUILDING

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 - 55 million (\$3 165 000 - \$3 800 000)** for this project.



POST-GRADUATE CENTRE BUILDING



Rhodes University has carved a respectable niche in higher education research in South Africa and the continent. Our proportion of post-graduate students has consistently been above the national average. Research is also our strategic trajectory to build an even stronger and attractive research-intensive international institution, the only one outside of a metropolitan area in South Africa. The main project in this area is the construction of a customised, modern Post-Graduate centre. We are hoping to raise **R55 - 64 million (\$3 800 000 - £4 500 000)** for this project.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND CULTURE

Projects within this 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 (£1 300 000)**.



STUDENTS ACCESS AND SUCCESS (ISIVIVANE)

Isivivane 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 (\$24 600. 00)** 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 as well as the building of free reserves



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, micro-biology, microbial genomics, ecological assessment and ecotoxicology.

The IWR 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 (VC EDUCATION INITIATIVE) AND MAKHANDA CIRCLE OF UNITY

The University's investment in the local Grahamstown community manifests in strategic initiatives that are conceptualised and implemented in collaborative partnerships. Pathways is a project to enhance the capacity of the historically disadvantaged schools in the city. Grahamstown's oldest community organisation and reputed education NGO GADRA and the newly formed multi-stakeholder Makhanda Circle of Unity (MCoU) 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 mentorships.
2. Strengthening a wide civil society cooperation for open, transparent and accountable governance of the city.