Make a commitment to sustaining excellence

ust as those who went before you played their part in establishing the university, we rely on alumni, staff and supporters like you to help shape its future. Rhodes is growing ... and with

growth comes the ongoing need for additional and better facilities, capable of meeting the needs of tomorrow's students and developing them into the high impact leaders that successive

generations of Rhodians have become.

Your contribution to the Annual Fund can be channelled into whichever area of need is most important to you.

Bursaries

An investment in capital projects at Rhodes not only helps ensure that your University continues to be a place which you can be proud of – it gives you the satisfaction of knowing that the evidence of your generosity will live on for generations to come.

Capital Projects

An R85 million investment is the spectacular new four storey library which possesses every facility essential for cutting-edge academic and research endeavours. To date we have raised almost R70 million – we invite you to add your contribution towards the remaining R15 million.

Over the next decade, we hope to find support for new lecture facilities, laboratories, residences and equipment – all geared towards providing the necessary infrastructure to attract the top young minds in the country.

Many brilliant students, who did not interest, have been able to study at Rhodes University thanks to bursaries provided by people like you.

have the funds to follow their dreams of becoming leaders in their areas of

Sponsoring a bursary is both a meaningful way of giving something back in return for the opportunities you have enjoyed in life, and a way of positively influencing the future of our country - ensuring that tomorrow's leaders are equipped with the necessary skills to excel in which ever area, commerce, education, law, journalism, science and sociology. Donors who provide full bursaries often maintain contact with 'their' students and find this a very rewarding experience.

Why we give

Successive generations of Rhodians bear testimony to the power and essence of the Rhodes residential system. Not only does 'res' provide the perfect environment for academic nurturing – friendships forged over late night coffee in one of our halls often last a lifetime.

Residences

With the growth in student numbers – nearly 1 400 new undergraduates were enrolled this year which comes with an urgent need to build more residences. Our goal is to accommodate at least 55% of our students and all first years in 'res'. Supporting this project is a wonderful way for Old Rhodians to remember and celebrate the special times they themselves experienced in 'res'.



Research

Although ours is the smallest university in the country, Rhodes boasts the highest per capita research output of any South African university. Among the cutting edge research projects currently underway, is Professor Tebello Nyokong's award winning work in photodynamic therapy which looks at harnessing light for cancer therapy - recognition.

Nyokong's work in has received widespread

Professor Alan Whitfield's ecological research into sustainable use of estuarine resources and an astrophysics facility to support South Africa's bid to win the nternational vote to build the world's largest telescope.

Your support of our academics, postdoctoral scholars and senior postgraduates makes you a partner in their achievements.

Rhodes Sports Foundation

Contributing to the Rhodes Sports Foundation is an attractive opportunity for alumni who have a special interest in - or affinity for - sports.

Made possible by a generous donation from an Old Rhodian, Donovan Neale-May, and the Old Rhodian Golf Club – the Rhodes Sports Foundation assists with the upkeep of facilities and the provision of new equipment for over 30 different sporting disciplines available to students. The Fund also financially assists talented sportsmen and women representing the university at events in the Eastern Cape and throughout South Africa.

Endowment Fund

One of the most useful contributions you can make to Rhodes is to the Endowment Fund These unearmarked donations are grouped together and invested under the guidance of the Board of Governors of the University (all alumni), to provide an ongoing source of funds which can be channelled into areas of greatest need.

Because your donation is invested, rather than being used for a specific need, it keeps providing an income for years to come, ensuring that your generosity continues to have a positive impact on our future leaders.

General Funds

Rhodes University is a multi-faceted institution with many areas of need and your support need not be restricted to the areas outlined here. If there is a particular faculty, department or staff member of the University that you would like to support, please let us know. All general donations are used in strict accordance with your wishes.

Donovan Neale-May

hen you contribute to the Annual Fund, you join a

who have already made their commitment to Rhodes.

W circle of generous and far-sighted men and women,

A leading ambassador from Rhodes in the United States, and President of the Rhodes USA Trust, his generous donation of US\$100 000 during the university's centenary year was one of the largest

As a leading sportsman during his time at Rhodes, he has a particular interest that sports activities remain a vital part of the Rhodes University Education.

Lawrie Shuttleworth

Typhen old Rhodian Lawrie W Shuttleworth received The Annual Fund appeal letter he immediately confirmed his donation of R25 000. Lawrie who started his BCom studies way back in 1933 when the total enrolment at the University was only 400

had this to say: "My donation was simply a reaction to the request by the Vice-Chancellor to give something back to the University. I recently turned 95 and looking back on years past, I realised how different my life would have been without my three years at Rhodes."

"Many thousands of students must have benefitted from their time at Rhodes, perhaps not all of them to the same extent, but at this stage of my life my donation to Rhodes, to which I owe so much is fully justified."

Message from the Vice-Chancellor

It is for good reason that the Rhodes University slogan is "where leaders learn". Rhodes is the smallest university in South Africa. This year our student body will comprise of just over 7 000 students. A total of 1 400 students were selected from over 5 900 applications. Therefore, 1 in 4 applicants have been selected to attend Rhodes.

We have among the best research output per academic staff member of any university in South Africa. The spectacular new four-storey library doors opened last month. This is a R85 million investment and to date we have raised almost R70 million. I am confident that with your generosity we will raise the remaining R15 million. Later in the year, we will open a new building for environmental education, an area in which we are an international centre of excellence.

Residences are an important part of the student culture at Rhodes, but we are unable to accommodate every first year student. The availability of finance is the principal issue. It may be a little hard to believe but to build a single room now costs R 180 000. Currently, excavations are taking place for three new residences which will come on-stream next year, and hope to build a further four over the next two years.

Right now, Rhodes is the university of choice for many of the brightest and best young minds from here and abroad. But clearly, there is an urgent need to expand and improve facilities if Rhodes is to continue 'sustaining excellence'.

Your contribution towards the Annual Fund will help enhance facilities, support research activities and provide opportunities for less fortunate young people, eager to follow in your footsteps. It doesn't matter how large a contribution you are able to make. What is important is that you embrace the concept of partnership with Rhodes, and continue to work together with your fellow alumni, staff and other well-wishers to ensure Rhodes remains an institution of which we can all be proud.

Thank you for playing your part in 'sustaining excellence'.

Dr Saleem Badat Vice-Chancellor



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