

Message from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Saleem Badat

Rhodes University has an outstanding record of commitment to academic excellence and strives to produce high quality graduates who are equipped to make a significant contribution to economic and social development, and an equitable, just and democratic society.

We are entrusted with cultivating the most intellectually talented women and men of our society. The University's academics, administrators and support staff work hard to create a stimulating and enabling environment that develops the students' intellect, and supports them to graduate as knowledgeable and skilled professionals, critical intellectuals, and caring and compassionate citizens. This is demonstrated by the fact that Rhodes has the best undergraduate pass and graduation rates in South Africa and outstanding postgraduate success rates. Given that the University also has the lowest academic staff to student ratio of all South African universities means that students are assured of easy access to academics and are able to enjoy close supervision for their projects and research, even at undergraduate level.

We are also entrusted with producing knowledge that can foster understanding of our natural and social worlds, and also inform the interventions and policies that are required to advance social development. The seriousness with which we take this responsibility is evidenced by the fact that we have the best research output per academic staff member.

Rhodes University has a vital contribution to make to the development of our country and continent and of new generations of students and scholars. By making a bequest to Rhodes, you can help the University fulfil its responsibilities and commitments, and also help ensure that it will continue to be an institution *Where Leaders Learn!*