

### Possible Rhodes Vision/Mission

Alive to its contexts and committed to social justice, academic excellence, academic freedom and public accountability, Rhodes University strives through

- ❖ Outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate education to cultivate knowledgeable and skilled graduates who are also critical and democratic citizens and ethical leaders committed to the service of society
- ❖ Creative scholarship and research to produce knowledge that advances understanding of our natural and social worlds, social well-being and human understanding and wisdom
- ❖ Community engagement to promote social and economic development based on respectful and mutually beneficial partnerships with diverse communities.

Rhodes' key characteristics (current and aspirational)

- ❖ A **university**
- ❖ Strong commitment to pursuing the **core purposes** of a university
- ❖ A primarily **contact** university
- ❖ A relatively **small** university
- ❖ A highly **residential** university
- ❖ Offers principally **formative undergraduate degree** programmes based on disciplines
- ❖ Offers select **undergraduate professional** programmes
- ❖ Offers a wide range of **postgraduate** (especially research-based) programmes
- ❖ Promotes **scholarship and research** of different kinds (fundamental, strategic, applied)
- ❖ Promotes **community engagement** and especially service-learning
- ❖ Seeks to become a **more** postgraduate and research-oriented university
- ❖ Seeks to produce **ethical leaders** and institutionalise the idea 'Where Leaders Learn'
- ❖ Seeks to become more **socially equitable** with respect to students and staff
- ❖ Seeks to build a more inclusive **institutional culture** that respects and promotes intellectual and social **diversity**