

23% of our students are international students from some 50 countries around the world. The value and benefits of international students and also staff for South African students and staff, for Rhodes and for South Africa and Africa are immense.

It makes Rhodes a cosmopolitan and vibrant place and enriches our institutional culture. For staff and students, it contributes to advancing learning and scholarship, increases communication and respect between people of different cultures, nationalities, languages and religions, and builds an appreciation for difference and diversity. International students and staff help to strengthen Rhodes' academic provision and quality, develop our teaching, research and community engagement capabilities, enhance the production of knowledge, and enrich institutional knowledge and academic, student, and social cultures. South Africa and Africa benefit as students and academics acquire opportunities for intellectual development, and knowledge and professional expertise and skills that are needed for economic and social development and for also facilitating international relations.