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The Institute for Environmental Biotechnology, Rhodes University (EBRU) targets research in environmental biotechnology at the interface between the fundamental and applied sciences. In doing so it undertakes the innovation and development of bioprocess solutions to environmental problems, and focuses on the diffusion and transfer of environmental technology from laboratory to full-scale industrial application. This activity targets excellence in the capacity building and contributing to the development of the associated academic and applied disciplines. Historically innovation and development of environmental bioprocesses related to water treatment was the main focus area. More recently, the scope of research and bioprocess development has been widened to include contemporary fields such as alternative energy and bio-fuels. As part of our human resource development programme the institute offers intensive Masters' and Doctoral research. The various research programmes are focused on the development of human resource capacity and link the application of biotechnology to industrial and municipal related environmental degradation, and clean energy generation.

Environmental biotechnology may be defined as the development, use and regulation of biological systems and their derivatives and processes for the sustainable socio-economic benefits in environmental protection, remediation and energy generation. It is a knowledge-intensive, research-driven field which addresses a broad spectrum of environmental sector needs in the major areas of soil, air, and water, and in co-product (waste) valorisation. EBRU is a self-

funded institute and is located in Belmont Valley, Grahamstown about 6 km from the main campus and is equipped with analytical, molecular microbial ecology, microbiology and bioprocess laboratories. Integrated Ponding Systems, anaerobic digesters and mine water treatment pilot plants are also to be found here.

EBRU welcomes applications from interested candidates wanting to undertake post-graduate research work in various aspects of environmental biotechnology. Opportunities are available for MSc and PhD candidates in industrial and municipal wastewater bioremediation and beneficiation, land rehabilitation, algal biotechnology, atmospheric carbon sequestration biotechnology, and renewable energy. The entrance requirements for research MSc and PhD degrees are provided in the General Rules section of the Rhodes University calendar. Candidates with an Honour's degree in the Natural and/or Life Sciences are welcome to apply for the MSc positions, while PhD candidates are required to already be in possession of a relevant postgraduate qualification at time of application. Applications are also welcome from candidates interested in a Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Institute. For further information, please visit the Institute's website (<http://www.ru.ac.za/static/institutes/ebru/>).

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The Institute was established in July 1964 during the University's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, at the suggestion of Professor Guy Butler. The mission of the ISEA is to "sponsor research, collect information, provide liaison with South African and overseas scholarship and organize conferences and courses of training for teachers and others interested in language". Since its inception, the Institute has given rise to three independent organizations:

- The National English Literary Museum
- The Dictionary Unit for South African English
- The Molteno Language and Literacy Institute

The first two are separate, nationally funded institutions, while the Molteno Language and

Literacy Institute, the largest and most successful language-learning programme in primary education in Southern Africa, is now an independent project of Rhodes University.

Today the ISEA fulfils the aims of its founders in large-scale research and development projects in English education, in the publication of journals devoted to the English language in South Africa, and by providing a research base for scholars working in the field covered by the Institute.

The **Secondary Schools Language Project (SSLP)** conducts research to improve the quality of English education principally in the Eastern Cape, in all learning areas. The ISEA offers a BEd course for English Language Teachers in cooperation with the Faculty of Education and a BA (Hons) module in collaboration with the African Languages Department. Current SSLP research comprises investigations into the impact of the ISEA's BEd programme, into the quality of writing and reading pedagogy in South Africa, into visual literacy in rural areas, and into contrasts between textbooks aimed at English (FAL) and Xhosa (L1) learners. **Other research** under way in the ISEA includes the history of Shakespeare in South Africa; an international collaborative investigation into "The Southern Hemisphere Spread of Shakespeare", involving scholars from Australia, the UK, South Africa and New Zealand; a study of South African language policy; research into the nature of the humanities; and work on the novels of JM Coetzee.

The ISEA offers a **Masters in Creative Writing** which specialises in cross-genre, multilingual, innovative and experimental fiction, poetry, non-fiction, and hybrids in English, isiXhosa, Afrikaans and combinations or variations thereof. The programme is delivered and administered in English but supervision is available in Afrikaans, English or isiXhosa, and creative work may be offered in these languages as well.

Only the full-time programme is offered in 2015. The two-year part-time programme will be available in 2016. Candidates require an Honours degree in any discipline or the equivalent (e.g. a 4-year B. Journ degree) plus a 20-page portfolio of writing. A full course outline is available from <http://www.ru.ac.za/isea/macw/> or from [isea@ru.ac.za](mailto:isea@ru.ac.za)

The ISEA mounts an extra-curricular **Creative Writing Programme** each year during the first semester, which is open to staff, students and members of the public. Contact [isea@ru.ac.za](mailto:isea@ru.ac.za)

The Institute runs **Wordfest**, a multilingual, multicultural celebration of language and literature held annually during the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. The event includes lectures, book launches, poetry performances and readings, exhibitions, short courses, its own newspaper, live interviews and word-based shows.

### Publications

Periodicals published by the ISEA include *English in Africa* (from 1974), a scholarly journal devoted to African writing in English, *New Coin Poetry* (from 1964), and *Shakespeare in Southern Africa* (from 1987). In addition, the ISEA publishes research reports, scholarly monographs, anthologies and collections of poetry.

The ISEA is a research institute within the University subsidised largely by private donations and endowments, and it retains complete independence in its research.

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The Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) was established in Rhodes University in 1954. Strongly grounded in the Eastern Cape since its inception, the ISER soon developed a diverse portfolio of research initiatives involving its own staff and staff members of other Rhodes academic departments. Throughout its existence, engagement by academics from a range of departments within the university in the work of the ISER contributed not only to the content and quality of ISER's research work, but also enriched teaching within those academics' home departments.

Scholars associated with the ISER in the early period of its establishment produced a series of scholarly volumes comprising the Keiskammahok Rural Survey (1947-1952) and the Border Regional Survey (1956-1964) amongst others. Although the former documented changes in Keiskammahok since the establishment of the apartheid regime in 1948, the ISER, in its early years, generally did not systematically engage with the consequences of apartheid for the well-being of the black majority, and did not challenge the status quo of repressive, white minority rule. This approach gradually changed in later years, when the ISER came to engage more actively with the social conditions and development problems of the Eastern Cape through empirical research and public policy engagement.