

Dear M and PhD Graduand,

**16 September 2025**

On behalf of Rhodes University, congratulations on your academic achievement. Completing a Master's or Doctoral degree is a remarkable milestone, and we are proud to honour you at our upcoming postgraduate graduation ceremony.

Our Graduation Ceremony will be held at the **1820 Settlers' National Monument** on **Friday, 10 October 2025**. Please take note of the following important details regarding the arrangements:

### **ATTENDANCE**

Graduands attending are required to RSVP by no later than **Tuesday, 30 September 2025**.

The preferred method to inform the University of your intention to attend/not attend the graduation ceremony is to complete our online graduation reply card at <https://ross.ru.ac.za>. Students who no longer have access to ROSS can return a paper copy reply card to [registrar@ru.ac.za](mailto:registrar@ru.ac.za), which can be downloaded from the Rhodes University website at: <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/>

### **GUEST SEATING**

The maximum number of guests per Masters graduand is three (3). For Doctoral graduands, the maximum number is four (4) persons.

### **TICKET COLLECTIONS**

Tickets may be collected from Eden Grove (Student Bureau) from **Tuesday, 7 October 2025**, between 08h30 and 16h00, or an hour before the ceremony at the Box Office at the Monument. Please produce a suitable ID (2025 student card, identity document or passport) when collecting tickets and ensure that you collect your tickets timeously to allow your guests to be seated on time.

### **GRADUATION CELEBRATORY EVENT**

The celebratory event will be held at the Monument straight after the ceremony. To be permitted entry, you and your guests must produce the tickets as received. **Please note that graduates must wear academic dress.**

### **GRADUATION GATEWAY**

Please monitor the graduation gateway for information and updates. The Graduation information booklet containing further information is available at <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/>

## **ADDRESS UPDATE FORM FOR ALUMNI DATABASE**

Please complete the address update form on the link below to stay in touch with the Alumni Relations Office for invites to reunions and other key affinity events for networking and to get important updates from the University ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/186UvgZN9n\\_tGNqoNjeHLh2eMDpb-FAaSwkBSFpELeQU/edit?ts=64e85720](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/186UvgZN9n_tGNqoNjeHLh2eMDpb-FAaSwkBSFpELeQU/edit?ts=64e85720) ).

Earning a Rhodes University degree is a testament to your commitment, perseverance, and a mark of excellence that will carry you forward as you step into your next chapter. You are joining a community of leaders shaping the future, and we cannot wait to see the impact you will make.

We look forward to meeting you at the ceremony.

Regards

Professor MG Karels  
ACTING REGISTRAR