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INTERNATIONALISATION AWARDS 2022

WHAT IS INTERNATIONALISATION?

Internationalisation at Rhodes University is the conscious, proactive and consistent effort to create an institutional learning environment inclusive of international, intercultural and global dimensions at every level of thinking and practice within the institution. Our ambition is to provide an environment and culture that facilitates academic staff development and practice that, in turn, fosters the development of graduates who are aware of the wider world and who have a sense of responsibility and commitment to making constructive contributions at the local, national, continental and global level in their chosen fields

INTERNATIONALISATION IS INTEGRAL THE VISION AND MISSION OF RHODES UNIVERSITY

The Rhodes University vision is “to be foremost in the generation and advancement of locally responsive and globally engaged knowledge that seeks to create a just and sustainable society”. The Mission “seeks to produce knowledge that advances the frontiers of science, human understanding and wisdom; cultivates knowledgeable and skilled graduates, innovative, critical problem solvers, caring and engaged citizens, responsible, courageous and ethical leaders; enables social and economic development and just transitions based on respectful and mutually beneficial partnerships with diverse communities”.

INTERNATIONALISATION IS INTEGRAL TO THE GOALS OF RHODES UNIVERSITY

An international component is integral to all the Goals as set out in the IDP, which are as follows:

Goal 1: Ensure quality scholarly teaching and learning to enable students to access powerful knowledge, engage in their learning and become critical problem solvers who are socially responsible citizens.

Goal 2: Promote access to Rhodes University to academically qualifying students and create academic conditions which enable them to thrive and succeed

Goal 3: Create an engaging and transformative student experience that promotes holistic development, growth and academic success

Goal 4: Maintain and strengthen Rhodes University's standing as a research-intensive university

Goal 5: Ensure financial and environmental sustainability practices through good governance, effective leadership and prudent resource management

Goal 6: Attract, develop, and retain quality staff.

Goal 7: Invest in appropriate physical infrastructure, equipment and digital technology

Goal 8: Position and promote Rhodes University as an institution for the public good

PURPOSE OF THE INTERNATIONALISATION AWARDS

The purpose of the Internationalisation Awards is to recognise the achievements of individual staff and collective groups who are working towards a **Comprehensive Internationalisation** in their departments, schools or institutes at Rhodes University. The award recognises those who promote Internationalisation at home/on campus, as well as abroad. Furthermore, beyond the individual achievements, the award showcases Rhodes University's comprehensive approach to internationalisation. Rhodes University is the first university in South Africa to acknowledge the efforts of our staff to enhance all university endeavours in research, teaching and learning and community engagement by incorporating internationalisation.

ANNUAL CYCLE OF INTERNATIONALISATION

The academic annual cycle varies across the globe. The final term in South Africa is the first term for many of our partner universities. For the purpose of this award, evidence of internationalisation activities, as per the criteria (listed below, for the five year period from **1st January 2017 up to and including 31st December 2022** will be accepted for the 2022 award.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

Nominees or applicants (individual or collective) should have been employed at Rhodes University since January 2017 (in a permanent or contract capacity) and must be a serving member of staff at the time of nomination or application.

NOMINATIONS

Staff members may nominate individual candidates or collectives, including themselves and their own collectives. A nominator must please ensure that the nominee submits an application with the evidence of meeting the criteria, as outlined below. This may be prepared by, with or independently of the nominee. Nominations, without an accompanying application with evidence, will not qualify for consideration.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should submit evidence showing that they have met **at least 10 of the following 20 criteria** categories.

Applicants are expected to:

1. Specify which of the ten criteria categories have been met;
2. Structure their submission according to the order of the criteria listed below,
3. Provide the documentary evidence to support each of those criteria.

Please note that within each of the ten criteria, there are multiple ways of evidencing that each one has been met:

	Internationalisation Criteria	Examples of the types of evidence that may be used (At least one piece of evidence is necessary per criterion).
1.	Endeavours to internationalise curriculum content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Course outline ● Specific lecture notes ● Weblink/s of online material ● Testimonies from students ● Copies of e-mail discussions regarding curriculum with CHERTL. ● Testimonies from tutors. ● Evidence of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).
2.	Uses the diversity of international students in class to broaden the perspectives brought to bear on any topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Examples of lecture notes, course material/curricula activities that broaden the scope to include field trips/courses/case studies and practical work, wherein international dimensions were included. ● Testimonies from students ● Testimonies from tutors ● Examples of tutorial questions ● Examples from e.g., field trips or practical work or online activity, where international students can directly use their perspectives to enrich the classroom engagement for all
3.	Motivates for the department, school or institute to host international visitors and applies for the resources to bring them to teach, research, develop curriculum, share promising practice or otherwise contribute to the aims of the department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name and dates of visiting Faculty/extract from Senate report ● E-mail correspondence following his/her arrival at Rhodes University ● Reports after his/her visit

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of notifications on Events List regarding seminars/colloquia, etc.
4.	Organises international conferences and symposia at RU or elsewhere.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of programmes ● Conference/symposia report
5.	Teaches on courses at institutions abroad.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of institution and dates ● Copies of e-mail inviting/confirming from host institutions ● Alternative evidence
6.	Holds a position at another university e.g., Guest Professor, Visiting Lecturer, Research Fellow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Documentation from the other university confirming the nature of your connection
7.	Encourages students to go on exchange or participate in online international formal learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Testimonies from students ● Copies of motivations/references on student exchange applications signed ● Copies of exchange agreements with institutions and/or funders ● Dated screen shots
8.	Successfully motivated for bi-lateral agreements with partner institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of e-mails, conversations ● Copies/screen shots of the agreements
9.	Engages in international research partnerships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of the front page of MOU's. ● Copies of e-mail correspondence ● Rhodes University publications that feature your work ● References to published work
10.	Is an active member of international networks in his/her field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership of professional societies, commissions and study or research groups ● Evidence of registration and participation in networks ● Conference programmes where you are listed ● Copies of e-mails from the organisation showing active engagement
11.	Presented at international conferences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conference programme ● Conference publications
12.	Published in international journals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title and publications
13.	Demonstrated commitment to Open Access (Berlin Declaration).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lodging material in RU eResearch Repository ● Publishing in Open Access Journals.
14.	Holds honorary positions in international organisations /networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting documentation

15.	Successfully motivated for the granting of RU honorary positions to international nominees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting documentation
16.	Encouraged students to participate in and attend “Internationalisation at Home” activities, displays, events, seminars, teach-ins, colloquia, summits organised by departments, schools or institutes, staff organisations, student societies or the International Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Testimonies from students ● Copies of e-mails circulated to students ● Photographic evidence of attendance at the event
17.	Participated in “Internationalisation at Home” activities, displays, events, seminars, teach-ins, colloquia, summits organised by departments, schools or institutes, staff organisations, student societies or the International Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Photographic evidence of attendance at the event ● Testimonies from organisers/other attendees
18.	Has undertaken to learn a South African language, if coming from outside South Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evidence of registration ● Testimony from teacher
19.	Has undertaken to learn an international language, if a South African citizen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evidence of registration ● Testimony from teacher
20.	Has completed a course on some dimension of internationalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evidence of registration

CLOSING DATE

Nominations and applications must reach the International Office internationaloffice@ru.ac.za by midnight **10th April 2023**.

SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel will consist of the DVC: Research and Development, a Dean; the Director: International Office and 2 other Directors or academics familiar with Internationalisation.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

An individual will be presented with a **certificate** and an **inscribed glass trophy**. The winner will be eligible to apply to the International Office for a grant of **R10 000-00** for Internationalisation activities at home or abroad.

COLLECTIVE AWARD

The winners in the Collective category will be presented with individual certificates and an inscribed **Floating Trophy**, which will be kept on display at Rhodes University. The winning collective will be eligible to apply for a grant of **R20 000-00** for Internationalisation activities at home or abroad, to be retained by the International Office until spending is required.

AWARDS EVENT

Awards will be presented at a dedicated evening event on **5th May 2023**, and will be the first celebratory event for Africa month.

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DIRECTOR: INTERNATIONALISATION
March 2023.