



FACTS + FIGURES 2024



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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



MEET PROF SIZWE MABIZELA

Prof Sizwe Mabizela is passionate about making a difference in the lives of young people.

He enjoys a solid standing as a Mathematician, with a considerable global contribution to the discipline. He has been an FRD/NRF-rated researcher for 13 years.



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UNIVERSITY VISION

Our **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**.



Mathematician
with global
contributions



Passionate about
empowering
young lives

13

Years FRD/NRF
Rated research
experience



**Associate Professor and Deputy Head of
Mathematics and Applied Mathematics**

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN



Visiting Professor of Mathematics

UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE



**Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
Academic and Student Affairs**

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**Professor and Head of the Department of
Mathematics (Pure and Applied)**

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Prof Mabizela has the support of the University Council, Senate, and Executive Management to strengthen RU's role as a unique institution providing outstanding education in SA and beyond.



He believes that RU, as a research-intensive institution, is crucial in generating and disseminating knowledge, advancing human understanding, and building a better society for all.

GRADUATION 2024



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

2035

GRADUATES



FEMALE (1 328)



MALE (707)



POSTGRADUATES (719)

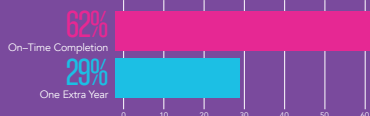
66 MASTERS' DEGREES

34 PhD's

9%

INTL. STUDENTS (202)

Completion Rate



ENROLMENT

8 418

TOTAL STUDENTS
RU is one of the smallest universities in South Africa



Postgraduates Female International Students



9 000 Meals served daily
55 House Wardens
1:18 Warden-to-student ratio

FEES 2024

Fee Type	Avg. Cost
Residence	R86,158
Tuition	R60,651

STUDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS



ACADEMIC OFFERING

6 FACULTIES



COMMERCE



EDUCATION



HUMANITIES



LAW



PHARMACY

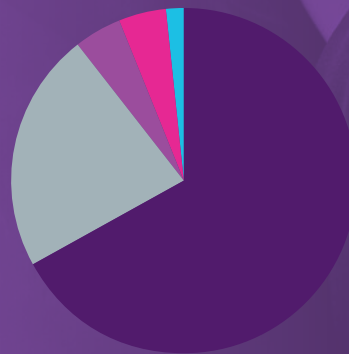


SCIENCE

35 RU Academic Departments



QUALIFICATIONS DISTRIBUTION



45 DEGREES (67%)
15 PGDIP'S (22%)
3 ADV. DIP'S (4.5%)
3 PGCE's (4.5%)
1 ADV. CERT. (1.5%)



120 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

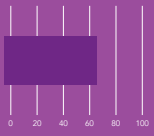
2024 marks RU's 120TH anniversary, celebrating a proud legacy of academic excellence, innovation, and community engagement

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

11 SARCHi CHAIRS

...and hosts a 12th Chair at its affiliated institute, **SAIAB** (South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity)

12th SARCHi CHAIR



60%
Academic Staff
have PhD
qualifications



110
NRF-rated
researchers

STAFF

TOTAL PERMANENT STAFF
1367



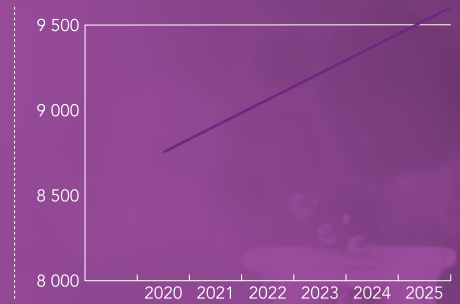
73% Support Staff
27% Academic Staff



1:15
RU boasts the
best academic
staff-to-student ratio

ENROLMENT PLAN 2020-25

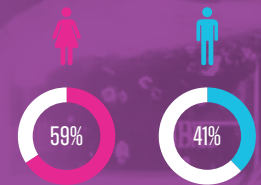
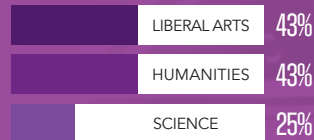
2020
8 714
9 500
2025



30%
Postgraduate Students

70%
Undergraduate Students

The University plans to maintain the highest proportion of its student body in the **Liberal Arts and Humanities (43%)**, followed by **Science**, which will account for 25%.



The enrolment plan aims for improved human capacity, with **59% female** and **41% male**, focusing on women's development.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2024-25

NEW PROJECTS

Institute for Nanotechnology Innovation (INI)

- New building completed

Chemistry and Pharmacy Building

- Phase one of renovations completed

LECTURE VENUES

General Lecture Theatre

- Interior upgrade

Eden Grove Red and Blue Lecture Theatres

- Installation of new air-conditioning and ventilation systems

OTHER UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

Ichthyology and Fisheries Science

- Replacement of the roof and repainting of external walls

Chapel of St Mary and All the Angels

- Replacement of the roof and ceiling

CHERTL

- Replacement of the roof

Steve Biko Union

- Replacement of the roof
- Business Hub
- Oppidan bus shelter
- Relocation of the Oppidan Common Room

SAIAB

- Installation of a fire pump house and bulk water tank
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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2024-25

RESIDENCE UPGRADES

RESIDENCE	UPGRADES
De Beers House Goldfields House Truro House Enoch Sontoga House Walker House Thomas Pringle House Adamson House	Complete upgrade (bathrooms, water, reticulation, ventilation, and general maintenance)
Phelps House	Upgrades to certain units for differently abled students
Canterbury House Hobson Hall	Extensive renovations

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement is one of the key pillars of the University, and it is divided into **FOUR** broad categories:

- 1 Engaged teaching and learning
- 2 Engaged research
- 3 Engaged citizenry
- 4 Social innovation and enterprise development

IMPACT

- 1 Contributing to sustainable human and community development
- 2 Co-creating knowledge for social impact
- 3 Enhancing the NEXUS between teaching, learning and research
- 4 Promoting active citizenry and the cultivation of humanity
- 5 Amplifying the student experience and their development
- 6 Education for life and living

EDUCATION PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

- 25%** Improvement in Matric pass rate since 2013
- 305** Quality Bachelor passes increased from 179 to 305 over 8 years
- 20%** Improvement in pupil retention in Makhanda education system
- 40%** Makhanda children can read for meaning, compared to only 19% nationwide
- 160** Admission of local township students to the University increased from 11 in 2012 to 160 in 2024

MASAKHE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Enterprise and Supplier Development Programme



41
SMMEs
Business branding and support



10
SBMs
Generous infrastructure and equipment support



13
SMMEs
Signage



18
Unemployed Youth
Trained and placed in internships



4
IT Labs
in Joza



7
SMMEs
Registered as suppliers



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