

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



A Guide for **POSTGRADUATE APPLICANTS**

2026/2027





AN EXCELLENT UNIVERSITY

The University of the Witwatersrand (Wits University) is a leading African university ranked in the top 1.5% of universities in the world. Wits had celebrated over 100 years of academic and research excellence, social justice, and the advancement of the public good. In our pursuit to impact humanity positively, our innovative technology-driven research aims to transform and prepare society for a collective and common digital future. Our research output has doubled in the past five years and offers new ways to impact society for good, as well as astounding 'moonshot moments' that give us hope and inspiration.

#WitsForGood

CONTENTS

WELCOME TO WITS4

WITS IN NUMBERS6

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT WITS10

POSTGRADUATE RESOURCES.....15

ABOUT WITS

A SNAPSHOT OF WITS.....18

RESEARCH

RESEARCH AT WITS.....21

OUR RESEARCH IMPACT24

5 FACULTIES AND THE PROGRAMMES ON OFFER

FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND
MANAGEMENT26

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT34

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES40

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES46

FACULTY OF SCIENCE62

APPLYING TO WITS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.....66

HOW TO APPLY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES.....67

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS69

CAMPUS HOUSING.....69

FEES AND FUNDING

FUNDING OPTIONS.....70

2026 RHODES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES 71

TUITION FEES BY FACULTY 74



Disclaimer

All the information was correct at the time of going to print and may be subject to change. In accordance with the University rules, policies, procedures and standing orders, all rights are reserved.

WELCOME TO WITS!

Internationally recognised for academic excellence, the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, remains one of the top universities in Africa, particularly for postgraduate students looking to further their studies and to make a positive impact on society.

At Wits, almost 40% of our student body is made up of postgraduate students. By 2026, we hope to have increased this to 45%. Wits produces high-calibre employable graduates. We stimulate debate and cultivate open-mindedness, critical thinking, creativity and ethics.

Located in the centre of Johannesburg, the economic heartbeat of Africa, Wits gives you the opportunity to produce innovative, impactful research that changes disciplinary thinking, influences policy and generates economic activity.

As a researcher at Wits, you will create new knowledge to address 21st Century challenges and inspire talented young students to shape our shared future. You may even help to inform policies on the sugar tax, national health insurance or the national minimum wage.

Perhaps you will collaborate with the best physicists in the world at CERN, or work with other leading researchers to find solutions to deep-level mining problems in Africa. Maybe you will work with the team that performed the world's first intentional liver transplant from a mother living with HIV to her HIV-negative child.

At Wits, you will find an environment that nurtures the freedom of expression, protects academic liberty, and encourages intellectual debate. We empower our staff

and postgraduate students to push the boundaries of knowledge and to tackle fundamental research questions.

“

We empower our staff and postgraduate students to push the boundaries of knowledge and to tackle fundamental research questions.

”

At Wits, we produce publications of the highest quality and work hard to sustain the interplay between teaching and research.

We are proud of the leaders who have emerged from Wits, and the roles that some of our students have assumed, both pre- and post-graduation.

We look forward to welcoming a new generation of postgraduates to Wits!





Wits. For Good



WITS IN NUMBERS

5 Faculties

33 Schools



3000 Courses



43999 Students in 2025



- Undergraduate - 26138
- Postgraduate - 17861 (40% of Wits students)

Student enrollment by Faculty



Commerce, Law and Management - **6512**



Engineering and the Built Environment - **2 550**



Health Sciences - **3 207**



Humanities - **3 535**



Science - **2 084**



4% International Students

20 202 Staff

7 351 Academics

1 909 Joint staff

LOCATED IN THE ECONOMIC HUB OF AFRICA



400+ buildings



7 campuses (including the Wits Rural Campus)



9 libraries



14 residences



Commercial companies
(Wits Health Consortium and Wits Enterprise)



1 short course company (WitsPlus)



Wits owns the **Sterkfontein Caves** in the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site and



the **Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre**, a private teaching hospital

Wits has offices in the
UK, USA, and Australia



DEVELOPING EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES

About **10 000** highly employable students graduate annually



Of those employed, **96%** find employment within six months of graduating

+200 000 graduates in 102 years

Ranked
98th in the world for
Alumni Employability
(CWUR)



Ranked **54th** in the world based on the number of Fortune Global 500 CEOs (Times Higher Education (THE) Alma Mater Index)



Ranked **21st in the world**
in the QS World University Rankings
2025 for Employment Outcomes

OUR 8 PRIORITY AREAS



Driving digital transformation



Catalysing innovation and entrepreneurship



Ensuring better health for all



Solving global challenges



Advancing society, governance and justice



Future-proofing our national treasures



Developing the next generation of leaders



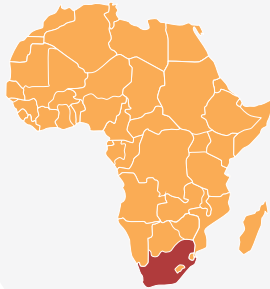
Energising broad-based alumni support

OUR IMPACT FOR GOOD

26

A-rated Academics

(recognised by peers internationally as global leaders in their fields)



22

**South African
Research Chairs**

96%

of Wits authored publications are in
international journals



4

**Department of
Science and Technology-
NRF Centres of Excellence**



**Specialised Wits research
entities = 68, made up of 12 large
institutes, 22 centres, 3 innovation
hubs, 26 research groups, and 5
research units**



**Wits trains the highest number of
clinical specialists in South Africa**



68

**specialised
research entities**



**Wits' research output
has increased by almost
a third in the last**





Dr Isaac Nape

Isaac Nape, a distinguished PhD graduate, has recently been honoured with the inaugural Optica Emerging Leader in Optics Chair, marking a significant milestone in his burgeoning career in quantum optics. This prestigious position, established by Wits University in collaboration with Optica, aims to spearhead advancements in experimental quantum optics and further research in structured light.

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT WITS

Become globally competitive and locally relevant with a postgraduate qualification from one of Africa's leading universities.

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE

The 21st century is a period of extraordinary change. New information is generated on an unprecedented scale and the world of work is changing rapidly. More careers are becoming multidisciplinary, requiring jobseekers continuously to adapt and learn new skills. Lifelong learning has become imperative.

In this changing job market, postgraduate study can open more doors and enrich your employment prospects, while satisfying your natural intellectual desire.

Not only does a postgraduate degree from Wits provide you with a greater understanding of your chosen field of study, it also equips you with other highly valued professional skills. These include critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills, and above all, the ability to be a lifelong learner.

10 REASONS TO BE A WITS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT

1. Wits is renowned for its high-calibre graduates, academic standing, and research capabilities.
2. Wits challenges you to develop original thinking, which is the cornerstone of intellectual growth.
3. Wits University has been ranked among the top 301-350 universities in the world according to the Times Higher World University rankings 2026. It also attained the highest research score among universities in Africa, based on its research output and its reputation for producing research that moves society forward.
4. According to the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, Wits is among the top 201-300 universities in the world in 13 subject areas – a proud achievement for an institution that celebrated its centenary in 2022.
5. Our focus on producing research with impact ensures that Wits students and staff operate at the leading edge of their disciplines.
6. Wits has mutually beneficial partnerships that promote research and enhance the postgraduate experience.
7. Nearly 40% of our student body is made up of postgraduate students.
8. We provide quality training to postgraduate students, while at the same time enriching the University's undergraduate teaching.
9. We stimulate debate and cultivate open-mindedness, critical thinking, creativity, ethics and a strong sense of social responsibility through teaching activities that promote meaningful learning.
10. According to the latest Global Employability Survey and Ranking, directors and recruiters consider Wits graduates to be some of the most employable in South Africa.

DID
YOU
KNOW?

Wits University was ranked within the top 1.5% of universities worldwide according to the QS World University Rankings (2026).

HONOURS PROGRAMMES

Kick-start your postgraduate career with an Honours degree from Wits

Build your current skills set. Increase your knowledge base. Hone your critical thinking skills. Show prospective employers that you have a higher capacity for independent learning and research.

This is all possible with an Honours degree from Wits.

Isn't an undergraduate degree enough to land me a job?

An undergraduate degree is important for laying the groundwork but a postgraduate qualification takes your knowledge and skills to the next level. With a more in-depth approach to your specialisation, you will gain an entirely new perspective on your industry and, with so many voices vying to be heard in the graduate job market, an Honours degree will help you stand above the rest and be noticed.

Wits offers a comprehensive choice of Honours programmes across five faculties, intellectually stimulating research areas, and excellent supervision and research support. We also offer funding for meritorious students and those in financial need.

Honours degrees run over a year of full-time study or two years on a part-time basis.

MASTERS AND PHD PROGRAMMES

Different students have different reasons for studying their Masters or PhD. Some do so in the hope that either qualification will improve their career prospects, since many employers view these qualifications as an indication of a person's character and capabilities. Other students enjoy the chance to pursue their undergraduate subject at a more advanced level. Whatever your motivation, Wits remains the perfect institution to give you what you're looking for.

FIND OUT MORE | www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate/



Wits is the top-ranked university in sub-Saharan Africa for innovation performance in the 2025 Global Innovation Index – a remarkable achievement. Our researchers and innovators are making their mark in the global arena – take **Dr Precious Matsoso** for example, who has just been named as one of Nature's 10, a list of people who shaped science in 2025 and Prof Benjamin Rosman who was named in the **'Thinkers'** category of the **TIME100 AI 2025** list.

POSTGRADUATE AFFAIRS OFFICE

WITS GOLD PROGRAMME

Our Graduate Online Training and Development (GOLD) platform provides postgraduate students with a range of resources to enhance their postgraduate degrees through access to asynchronous content on our LMS. This includes content on proposal writing, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, science communication, and preparation for the submission of the research report, dissertation or thesis.

Research events serve to highlight the cutting edge research and innovations by Wits students, giving students and staff the opportunity to see what other postgrads are doing in other faculties and encourage a blended interdisciplinary approach to research.

New Digital Dome: After major refurbishments, the old Johannesburg Planetarium has been transformed into the state-of-the-art **Wits Anglo American Digital Dome**. This is a place of infinite possibilities and will forever change how South Africans teach, research, and engage with science, technology, business, sport, the humanities and the arts, in a multidisciplinary facility.

The new Wits Anglo American Digital Dome offers a 360° immersive experience for visitors of all ages, with a variety of shows for young and old. It will also serve as a modern teaching venue and a collaborative research space where scientists and students can visualise their work – be it in big data, astrophysics, the digital arts, artificial medicine, microbiology, or precision medicine. The new Digital Dome opened to the public in February 2025.



Discover the Wits Anglo American Digital Dome

Step into the future with Joburg's new Wits Anglo American Digital Dome.

Get ready for a jaw-dropping 360° immersive experience where science, art, technology, and innovation collide. From cosmic journeys to wild migrations, every show will captivate and inspire.

A landmark for learning, exploration, and wonder — don't miss out!

Visit digitaldome.wits.ac.za
for more details.



www.wits.ac.za



POSTGRADUATE RESOURCES

At Wits, we understand that support and development are key to the success and well-being of our postgraduate students. This is why we offer a variety of services ranging from a Health and Wellness Centre, to a Postgraduate Students' Association that will support your academic and professional development.

Here are some of the services available to our postgraduate students:

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: SUPPORTING POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH. FOR GOOD

The primary function of this Office is to oversee and implement the University's Strategic Plan for Postgraduate Research Training. Aligned to the Wits 2033 strategy, and guided by a broad theory of change (see below), the goal is to 'Develop socially engaged postgraduate thinkers and innovators equipped to use knowledge for change in the country, in Africa, and across the world.' Cognisant of the fact that doing so requires the development of world-class research capacity and a strong and supportive research culture in our postgraduate students, our focus is on:

- Implementing programmes that facilitate interdisciplinarity, innovation, and an inclusive graduate culture
- Modernising information systems to enable evidence-based interventions
- Working with the Development and Fundraising Office (DFO) and Finance Aid and Scholarship Office (FASO) to increase the availability of, and access to, funding opportunities

The Office acts as a cross-faculty, cross-discipline centre for postgraduate researchers that improves the overall quality of the postgraduate experience across all five faculties through:

- Increasing the recruitment pool and success of our postgraduate students
- Encouraging and facilitating the publication of postgraduate research outputs

- Collaborating with Wits Libraries to enhance the visibility of our postgraduate research outputs
- Formulating policy on graduate studies
- Facilitating and hosting annual postgraduate research enrichment events
- Designing and implementing courses and research workshops
- Organising writing retreats
- Promoting postgraduate studies at Wits
- Increasing awareness of postgraduate research on campus

 www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate-research-and-development/

POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION (PGA)

The PGA is a student representative body for postgraduate students at Wits. Its mission is to:

- Promote and enhance the interests of postgraduate students
- Interact with the postgraduate student body and University management
- Uphold academic excellence and integrity
- Facilitate the allocation of relevant resources for postgraduate research
- Enhance access of resources to postgraduate students

 www.wits.ac.za/pga



RESEARCH SUPPORT

The University Research Office drives a number of initiatives that aim to grow future generations of scholars publishing research with impact.

Interventions include:

- **Mentoring/coaching** - One-on-one discussions with experienced researchers
- **Skills enhancement** - Knowledge sharing
- **Advocacy** - Assisting to remove or reduce (internal) hindrances to research
- **Recognition and exploiting networks** - Linking researchers with appropriate funders

Recently, the scope of the support programme has been enlarged to include a holistic approach to the development of early career academics. Teaching and learning, including postgraduate student supervision, are also supported in a programme run in collaboration with the Centre for Learning and Teaching Development (CLTD).

WITS LIBRARY



The Wits Library consists of two main libraries (Wartenweiler and William Cullen), as well as nine branch libraries where students have access to over one million book volumes, 400,000 journal titles and 46 000 updated electronic resources.

Visit our Library and be awed by the beautiful collections of incunabula, early printed books, and rare manuscripts. Browse through the Africana Collection, which contains exquisitely illustrated volumes on the flora, fauna and exploration of the southern half of the continent of Africa.

And while you are at it, take some time to explore the Historical and Literary Papers department, which is home to material documenting the early days of trade unions, political trials, and apartheid.

STUDENT SERVICES



All registered students at Wits have access to resources including the Campus Health and Wellness Centre, the Disability Rights Unit, and the Counselling and Careers Development Unit. Postgraduate students also have full access to various sports facilities through the Wits Sport associations.



LATEST RESEARCH NEWS FROM WITS

Wits University researchers have recently received several prestigious awards:

Professors Rachel Jewkes, Lyn Wadley, and Marietjie Venter who were awarded prestigious accolades for research excellence in gender studies, ecology, and emerging viral threats respectively. Jewkes received the Academy of Science of South Africa's Science-for-Society Gold Medal and nine other Witsies were inducted as Fellows. Wadley and Venter also received the Royal Society of South Africa's John FW Herschel Medal and Marloth Medal respectively, and the Society welcomed four new Fellows from Wits University,

Professors Andrew Forbes (Physics), **Shabir Madhi** (Vaccinology), and **Derick Raal** (Endocrinology) are for the second year running amongst the world's most highly cited researchers on Clarivate's annual list. Forbes was also a co-recipient of the 2025 Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award,

Prof. Maureen Joffe was awarded CANSA's highest accolade, the Oetlé Memorial Medal,

Prof. Jonah Choiniere won the 2025 Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Robert Lynn Carroll Award,

Dr Zaheera Jina Asvat was the recipient of the Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award at the 2025 South African Literary Awards,

Prof. Nasreen Mahomed won a Leadership Excellence Award at the 2025 Health Excellence Awards

Prof. Christopher Henshilwood and the **Wits/SapienCE Blombos Museum of Archaeology** were honoured for the Best Innovative Project at the Western Cape Cultural Affairs and Sport Awards,

Dr Edward Nkadameng won the Presidential Youth Award in AI at the G20 AI for Africa Forum,

The **Wits Institute for Collider Particle Physics team** were the winners of the 2025 ODESS Prize for AI-powered environmental monitoring,

Caitlin Wheeler is a Novartis Next Generation Scientist whose PhD zooms in on confounding questions about autoimmune liver disease, and

Anele Siswana was the 2025 Next Generation Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Fellowship winner.

These accolades highlight Wits University's commitment to excellence in research across various disciplines.

More of our latest news can be found at:
www.wits.ac.za/news/latest-news/research-news

So far, Wits has produced:

4 Nobel Laureates  **91** Rhodes Scholars 

4 

National Planning Commissioners

who helped shape the future of South Africa

32  Mandela Rhodes Scholars

2  Chief Justices of the Constitutional Court

50 Alumni

who have been awarded prestigious National Orders by the Presidency since 1994

A SNAPSHOT OF WITS

Our People

Home to exceptional researchers, academics, professional, administrative and support staff, and students

Wits is home to lauded A-rated scientists, award-winning researchers, and internationally recognised academics.

➤ Research powerhouses including the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), the Royal Society of South Africa (the Society), and Clarivate, a British American publicly traded analytics company, all named Wits scientists amongst their awardees in 2025, as did the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) and the South African Literary Awards.

➤ Professors Rachel Jewkes, Lyn Wadley, and Marietjie Venter were awarded prestigious accolades for research excellence in gender studies, ecology, and emerging viral threats respectively. Jewkes received ASSAf's Science-for-Society Gold Medal and nine other Witsies were inducted as Fellows. Wadley and Venter received the Royal Society of South Africa's John F.W Herschel Medal and Marloth Medal respectively and the Society welcomed four new Fellows from Wits University.

➤ More than 200 000 Wits graduates have made and continue to make their mark in the world, including illustrious artists, renowned lawyers, politicians, business leaders, accountants, and highly rated scientists.

Our Campuses

A wealth of sightseeing and educational opportunities

Wits University's campuses, spread across Braamfontein, Parktown, and the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, offer students a wealth of educational and sightseeing experiences that extend far beyond the classroom.

In addition to iconic sites like the Wits Anglo American Digital Dome, Origins Centre, and the Bleloch Geological Museum, Wits continues to enrich the academic and cultural landscape with modern additions. The Fossil Vault, housing rare palaeontological treasures, and the Adler Museum of Medicine continue to captivate students and visitors alike.

More recent developments include:

Wits Innovation Centre: A multidisciplinary hub that encourages collaboration and innovation across various sectors, providing students with a platform to work on real-world challenges. (www.wits.ac.za/innovation/wits-innovation-centre/)

Solar powered benches: These eco-friendly outdoor study spaces, equipped with solar panels, offer students the ability to charge their devices while enjoying the beauty of campus grounds.

Rooftop solar installations:

Supporting sustainability efforts, 14 rooftop solar projects across Wits campuses contribute to the University's goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

These exciting additions, combined with Wits' rich history of scientific and cultural resources, make the university a dynamic environment for both learning and exploration.

Wits Arts and Culture

Where a vibrant social and cultural life is the norm

Wits University offers a vibrant arts and culture scene, featuring a variety of seminars, art events, exhibitions, and student-run productions. The Wits Theatre Complex is renowned for its experimental works, collaborating with some of the continent's best professional talent. The Wits Art Museum (WAM), located in close proximity to the Nelson Mandela Bridge in Braamfontein, houses over 13,000 African artworks accumulated over seven decades.

WAM regularly hosts educational workshops that are open to the public. Additionally, the Fassler Gallery and the Anthropology Museum offer unique cultural experiences. These offerings

highlight Wits University's commitment to fostering a dynamic and inclusive arts and culture environment.



Wits Sport

A proud history of producing top quality sportsmen and sportswomen

Wits is South Africa's only official 'Elite Athlete Friendly' university, with over 28 sports codes. At Wits, we see health, fitness, and physical activity as a way of life. This is why we're known for the prowess and success of our sportsmen and sportswomen, as well as for our vibrant sports culture.

Wits Sport enables students, staff, and alumni to participate in a range of sporting codes, whether high performance, competitive, or recreational. We also offer bursaries to top student athletes who meet the necessary academic requirements.



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Wits University has been recognised as the top-ranked university in Sub-Saharan Africa for innovation performance in the 2025 Global Innovation Index (GII).

Sport Research at Wits

The Wits Cricket Research Hub for Science, Medicine and Rehabilitation is involved in exciting research, from injury surveillance to three-dimensional technique analysis. The Wits Cricket Research Hub collaborates with local and international researchers on the creation of new and relevant knowledge, while fostering an evidence-based culture amongst coaches, trainers, healthcare providers, players, and other cricket stakeholders. www.wits.ac.za/wcrh/

Wits Sport and Health

Enhancing the peak performance of athletes through sport training programmes and rehabilitation

Wits Sport and Health is aimed at enhancing the lives of athletes by offering sport and exercise medicine programmes to aid in peak performance and rehabilitation through high calibre, internationally recognised training programmes. www.wits.ac.za/wish/

SIGNIFICANT TECH
ENHANCEMENTS



The Wits Anglo American Digital Dome, formerly the Johannesburg Planetarium, was officially reopened in November 2024 after significant upgrades. It offers a 360-degree immersive experience, supporting fields like astronomy, AI, and digital arts.



We created an ICT division, eResearch, which caters for big data requirements and provides dedicated support to researchers.



Wits trains more specialists and sub-specialists than any other university in southern Africa. The new R22 million Wits Advanced Surgical Skills Lab will help to enhance the training of surgeons, in a state-of-the-art environment.



The Scilinx Research Laboratory and Studio in the School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics conducts studies to advance the operational capabilities of organisations in different sectors of the economy.



The DigiMine, a 21st Century state-of-the-art mining lab, uses digital technologies to make mining safer and more sustainable.



The Wits Business School established the first ever Chair in Digital Business in Africa, to help South African businesses thrive in the digital era.

AN IT-SAVVY UNIVERSITY

Wits is committed to researching subjects such as quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and big data, which have the potential to shape future societies and drive innovation in both academia and industry.

At Wits, we understand the impact of digital transformation in Africa and that is why we are building a new AI research entity in partnership with the Cirrus Initiative.

We're working hard to transform Braamfontein into a young, vibrant precinct known for its tech-savvy, innovative community of movers and shakers, and, together with our partners in government, business and industry, Wits launched the Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct in Braamfontein.



Africans should be the contributors, shapers, and owners of coming advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

- Professor Zeblon Vilakazi

Setswana for 'new beginnings', Tshimologong is Johannesburg's newest high-tech address – home to the incubation of start-ups, the commercialisation of research, and the development of high-level digital skills for students, working professionals and unemployed youth. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning technologies are key drivers in the Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct. We have a number of highly skilled AI and machine learning researchers at Wits. In fact, we are the only university in Africa regularly to publish at all major international AI, ML, and robotics conferences.

Wits is also making major strides in the field of quantum computing, recently becoming the first African partner on the IBM Q Network. This will enable African researchers to keep up with cutting-edge developments in this field.

DID
YOU
KNOW?

AI/ML and Data Science are 2 of our 20 areas of Research Excellence

RESEARCH AT WITS

Over the last five years, our research output has increased by 17%, with 72% of research published in international, high impact academic journals.

Wits has a proud history of research excellence dating back to its origins as a School of Mines in 1922. Over the years, research activities have evolved to include the fields of humanities, social sciences, and health sciences.

More recently, we have encouraged a blended, interdisciplinary approach to research at Wits. This puts us in the right place to grapple with various complexities while producing world-class research that transforms and impacts society in multiple beneficial ways.

Research Highlights

- Research productivity exceeded the 2 000 units barrier for the first time against a target of 1 952 units, completing 10 years of year-on-year growth
- **Below are some examples of the type of high quality, relevant research conducted at Wits in fields like Covid-19, HIV, genetics, quantum computing, energy, migration, diversity, and inequality:**

- A milestone in the prevention of HIV among women in sub-Saharan Africa, the newly discovered injection to prevent HIV, is more effective than the current HIV pill.
- The Wits Advanced Drug Delivery Platform research unit discovered that the repurposing of drugs is a cost-efficient approach that eliminates the lengthy time frames of conventional drug development, thus giving patients treatment sooner.
- The Optical Society of America named Wits' research involving fractal light from lasers as the most influential in optics and photonics.
- Climate scientists are developing the first Earth System Model based in Africa which will contribute to the fight against the climate emergency.
- In a major African Genome study, Wits geneticists have discovered more than three million new genetic and susceptibility variants. This study informs African population history, environmental adaptation and susceptibility to disease.
- PeCo Power – a home-grown electrical off-grid solution that will radically change lives and impact local communities.
- Low-cost, long-range, free-space optics that can connect informal settlement communities to high-speed internet.
- Wits Professors developed technology using molecular diagnostics that ensures the efficacy of the equipment that tests for tuberculosis, improving diagnosis and treatment of TB around the world.



284 Total number of 13 SARCHI Research Chairs and Postdoctoral Research Fellows

438 Total number of NRF*- Rated Researchers

24 **A** RATED
Researchers
(2025)

4 550
Research Publications
(2025)

20 Areas of Research Excellence

3 DSI-NRF Centres of Excellence are hosted, or co-hosted at Wits

LATEST RESEARCH NEWS FROM WITS

Witsies awarded prestigious Google PhD Fellowships
20 January 2026

Jess Rees and Tristan Bester, have been awarded the highly competitive Google PhD Fellowship for 2025.

The fellowship recognises exceptional PhD students from the School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics (CSAM) at Wits whose research demonstrates the potential for groundbreaking scientific contributions and meaningful societal impact, particularly in areas where advances in computing can benefit communities around the world.
Landmark Study Identifies Prostate Cancer Risk Factors in African Men

Wits ranked first for innovation performance
5 January 2026

Wits University has been recognised as the top-ranked university in Sub-Saharan Africa for innovation performance in the 2025 Global Innovation Index (GII).

Published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the GI 2025 measures the innovation performance of 139 economies worldwide, assessing how effectively nations translate knowledge, research, and technology into economic and social value. South Africa ranked 61st globally, maintaining its position as a regional innovation leader, with Wits at the forefront of that performance.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Prospective postdoctoral fellows and their hosts are also strongly encouraged to apply for external postdoctoral fellowship funding.

Do you qualify to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of the Witwatersrand

- Have you obtained your PhD within the past 5 years?
- If your PhD was obtained outside of South Africa, have you obtained a SAQA certificate?
- Do you have a strong research record?
- Does your area of research, and any equipment you need, align with the expertise and infrastructure of the University of the Witwatersrand

Taking up a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Wits

Should you take up a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Wits you are expected to produce:

1. An average peer-reviewed research output[1] of at least two publications per annum during your stay. Ideally, the research should be published in journals that are found in the ISI index of journals. If there is a particular reason why it is more appropriate to publish the work in local journals, then they should be ‘accredited journals’.
2. A contribution to the research ethos of the School or Institute in which you are based. This contribution should come in the form of willing participation in staff meetings, debates about research, research seminars (especially those involving postgraduate students), etc. It is important that you contribute to the academic programme by putting forward your ideas and thinking.
3. A contribution to the operation of a research laboratory (where appropriate). This contribution may involve calibrating instruments, advising postgraduate students on operating conditions, giving instrument training, commissioning preventative maintenance, etc.
4. Make a contribution towards the University and its goal to become an internationally acclaimed research-intensive university.
5. Postdoctoral fellows are not appointed to reduce the load of lecturing staff. You may take up sessional lecturing positions within your department, where available, to a maximum of 12 hours a week. These are claim paid roles, and incur income tax. The university is under no obligation to make such positions available.

A postdoctoral fellowship is viewed, with regards to local tax laws, as akin to a bursary. Therefore, strict regulations apply.

[1] Research output is used in its broadest sense and recognises creative outputs that meet agreed criteria. However, typically the outputs include journal articles, peer-reviewed conference proceedings, chapters in peer-reviewed books and even peer-reviewed books.

“

Wits offers a large number of Postdoctoral Fellowships annually and our goal is to grow the number of Postdoctoral Fellows to more than 200.”

Current opportunities

PhD and Postdoctoral Opportunities, EViTOH/IDORI

Join a cutting-edge research team tackling emerging viral threats across Africa. We're recruiting for two positions in the PREPARE EPSILON programme at Wits University's EViTOH/IDORI.

Refer to this link for more information:

<https://www.wits.ac.za/research/postdoctoral-fellows/>



LATEST RESEARCH NEWS FROM WITS

A new playbook for cancer prevention in Africa begins with everyday infections

16 January 2026

Wits scientists have identified a 'microbial watchlist' of bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites that could cause cancer.

Thus, targeting common infections in Africa, such as Salmonella typhi and the Epstein-Barr virus, may be among the most effective cancer-prevention strategies for the continent.

Infections shape the immune system, alter tissue environments, and induce chronic inflammation, thereby increasing the risk of carcinogenesis.

A recent review by scientists at the Wits Antiviral Gene Therapy Research Unit (AGTRU) and the Wits Infectious Diseases and Oncology Research Institute (Wits-IDORI) projects that cancer incidence in sub-Saharan Africa will double by 2040. Many people are diagnosed late and have limited access to specialised treatment, and new cancer drugs are often unaffordable.

New Postgraduate Hub centralises community

29 January 2026 - Wits University

Wits has launched a new Postgraduate Hub on the 2nd floor of Solomon Mahlangu House, creating a central "one-stop-shop" for postgraduate students to access key support services, collaborate, and build community. Described as an "infrastructure of possibility," the Hub brings together central services, study and meeting spaces, and dedicated support to guide students from enquiry through to graduation. More than just a physical space, the Hub aims to foster connection, belonging, and real-time support for postgraduates in an increasingly competitive and global research environment.

Witsies awarded prestigious Google PhD Fellowships 20 January 2026 - Wits University

Jess Rees and Tristan Bester, have been awarded the highly competitive Google PhD Fellowship for 2025.

The fellowship recognises exceptional PhD students from the School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics (CSAM) at Wits whose research demonstrates the potential for groundbreaking scientific contributions and meaningful societal impact, particularly in areas where advances in computing can benefit communities around the world.

The Google PhD Fellowship programme supports outstanding graduate students pursuing innovative research in fields relevant to Google, including machine learning, artificial intelligence, and their applications. Fellows are selected through a rigorous international process and are recognised not only for academic excellence, but also for the ambition of their work to address real-world challenges and shape the future of technology.

Research Impact



Advancing AI for healthcare: Jess Rees

Jess Rees is supervised by Distinguished Professor Bruce Bassett from CSAM, and has been recognised for her research on the use of AI in medicine, with a particular focus on improving clinical diagnosis and strengthening healthcare systems in South Africa.

Jess Rees, Google PhD Fellow 2026 Reflecting on the award, Rees said she feels “excited and honoured,” describing the fellowship as a powerful validation of the potential impact of her research. “The possibility of influencing how AI is developed for healthcare, and of making a large, positive contribution to the South African healthcare system, is hugely motivating,” she said. “I feel even more driven to contribute to both the field and the country through my work.”

Rees highlighted the freedom the fellowship provides, allowing her to focus fully on her PhD research and to build collaborations across the CSAM, the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Machine Intelligence and Neural Discovery (MIND) Institute.

She also expressed enthusiasm for the mentorship opportunities offered through Google and the global community of PhD fellows, adding that she is eager to “dive in and nerd out as we develop new algorithms for clinical diagnosis.”

Previously a Principal Data Scientist at Discovery Health, where she worked for nine years, Rees has transitioned to a full-time PhD in Computer Science at Wits. Her career has been rooted in natural language processing, with recent work centred on large language models and generative AI.

In 2024, she was named one of the Mail & Guardian’s “200 Young South Africans” for her contributions to Technology and Innovation.

Her doctoral research will focus on multi-agent AI systems for sequential clinical diagnosis, aiming to deliver practical, high-impact tools for healthcare.

<https://www.wits.ac.za/future/stories/2024/wits-researchers-pioneer-a-new-way-of-searching-for-dark-matter.html>



Strengthening the foundations of AI: Tristan Bester

Tristan Bester received the Google PhD Fellowship for his work in machine learning foundations, particularly at the intersection of reinforcement learning and symbolic AI.

Tristan Bester, Google PhD Fellow 2026 “I am honoured to receive the Google PhD Fellowship for Machine Learning and ML Foundations”, Bester said. “It is truly a privilege to have an institution as prestigious as Google support my research and recognise the importance of my work. This motivates me to continue pushing the boundaries of AI and machine learning.”

Bester is a PhD candidate in Computer Science at Wits, where he is supervised by Professor Benjamin Rosman, Director of the MIND Institute, and Drs Steven James and Geraud Nangue Tasse from CSAM. Notably, James was also a Google PhD Fellow in 2018 — highlighting the fellowship’s lasting and recurring impact on machine learning research in Africa.

Bester’s research focuses on the fundamental theory underlying modern AI systems, with a strong emphasis on understanding why algorithms work, when they fail, and how they can be designed more reliably.

His work bridges neural and symbolic approaches to AI, aiming to unify low-level learning with high-level reasoning. He introduced Counting Reward Machines, the first Turing-complete framework for state-machine-based reward modelling, establishing a new theoretical foundation for optimal behaviour in reinforcement learning tasks requiring complex temporal reasoning.

Building on this, his PhD research explores optimal knowledge transfer between subtasks, principled automated reward design, and the synthesis of task structure from natural language—developing rigorous, general-purpose algorithms to improve the reliability, interpretability, and scalability of reinforcement learning.

Global recognition, local impact

The success of Rees and Bester underscores the growing international recognition of Wits University as a hub for world-class AI and machine learning research. Their work exemplifies how foundational theory and applied research can work hand in hand to address pressing societal challenges, from healthcare delivery to the development of more robust and trustworthy intelligent systems.

The Google PhD Fellowship not only supports these students individually, but also strengthens the broader research ecosystem at Wits and across Africa—enabling talented researchers to pursue ambitious ideas, build global collaborations, and contribute knowledge with lasting impact.



FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT

FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT

The Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management (CLM) boasts six diverse Schools and a number of research entities. Research pursued by the Faculty address key issues facing South Africa and the world impacting on business, governance, law, and economics. We offer academic qualifications and pursue programmes of knowledge production that promote social good. We influence digital transformation, strengthen democracy and good governance, advocate for climate justice, and think deeply about addressing inequality and economic growth. Our graduates are leaders in industry, commerce, and society.

Our research informs the curriculum of our postgraduate programmes, keeping you relevant and current in fast-moving professions. These are some of the exciting research opportunities available to you:

Research in the Margo Steele School of Accountancy focuses on financial reporting, corporate governance, and integrated thinking with the added benefit of its Centre for Critical Accounting Research examining integrated reporting, ecological and biodiversity accounting and auditing

The School of Business Sciences offers research on digital business transformation in Africa, entrepreneurship and the social economy in the Global South covering social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, sustainable entrepreneurship and the circular economy.

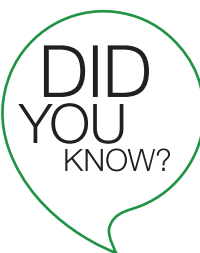
The School of Economics and Finance does research in health economics, financial data science, development economics, the political economy and gender economics. Its graduate students consistently feature in the top three of the Nedbank & Old Mutual budget speech competition. We also have a state of the art Fintech hub that teaches students the latest developments in financial technology.

School of Law houses the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) that focuses on public law and the Wits Law Clinic that provides services to people who cannot afford legal fees. The School also holds research Chairs in Earth Justice and Stewardship, and Equality, Law and Social Justice. Offerings include environmental law, tax, human rights and cyberlaw.

Wits Business School offers specialist research in the fields of energy leadership, healthcare leadership, finance and investment, entrepreneurship, digital leadership and philanthropy, with associated MM and MBA programmes, supported inter-alia by the African Energy Leadership Centre, Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment, and Mervyn King Chair for Corporate Governance and Sustainability.

Wits School of Governance is an exclusive postgraduate school whose programmes are informed by cutting edge research in monitoring and evaluation, corruption and state capture, local government, energy and digital governance.

The Southern Centre for Inequality Studies focuses on understanding inequality in the global south and champions a cross-disciplinary masters programme on inequality studies.



CLM offers several student exchange opportunities and joint-degrees at masters or doctoral level with international partners that include SOAS, UK; Kedge Business School, France; ISS Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

Schools and Research Entities

- Wits Margo Steele School of Accountancy
 - Centre for Critical Accounting Research
- School of Business Sciences
 - Entrepreneurship Clinic
- School of Economics and Finance
 - Firststrand Foundation Chair in Financial
 - Data Science
 - PPS Chair in Health Economics
 - Helen Suzman Chair in Political Economy
 - Derek Schrier and Cecily Cameron Chair in Development Economics
 - Fintech Hub
- School of Law
 - Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)
 - Mandela Institute
 - NRF SARCHI Chair on Equality, Law and Social Justice
 - Claude Leon Chair in Earth Justice and Stewardship
- Wits School of Governance
 - African Centre for Conflict Management (ACCM)
 - Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR-AA)
 - Tayarisha Research Group on Digital Governance
- Graduate School of Business Administration – Wits Business School (WBS)
 - African Energy Leadership Centre
 - Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment
 - Mervyn King Chair for Corporate
 - Governance and Sustainability
- Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS)

Refer to the following link for more details:
<https://www.wits.ac.za/clm/research/research-entities/>

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER

Year/s

Full-time/ Part-time

Wits Margo Steele School of Accountancy

Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy	1	FT
Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy (Distance/online mode)	1	FT
Postgraduate Diploma in Specialised Accountancy	2	PT
Postgraduate Diploma in Specialised Accountancy, in the field of Integrated Thinking and Value Creation	1	FT
Bachelor of Accounting Science Honours	1	FT
Postgraduate Diploma in Taxation	1	FT

Master of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:

Accounting	1	FT
	2	PT
Financial and Integrated Reporting	1	FT
	2	PT
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), in the field of Accountancy	1	FT
	4	PT

School of Law

Postgraduate Diploma in Law, in the fields of:

• General	1	FT
	2	PT
• Commercial and Business Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Corporate Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Environmental Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Human Rights Advocacy and Litigation	1	FT
	2	PT
• Information and Communications Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• International Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• International Economic Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Labour Law	1	FT
	2	PT

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
• Tax Law	2	PT
• Labour Dispute Resolution Practice	1	FT
	2	PT
Master of Laws by (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:		
• Commercial and Business Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Corporate Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Environmental Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• General	1	FT
	2	PT
• Human Rights Advocacy and Litigation	1	FT
	2	PT
• Information and Communications Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• International Economic Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• International Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Labour Dispute Resolution Practice	1	FT
	2	PT
• Labour Law	1	FT
	2	PT
• Tax law	1	FT
	2	PT



COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
School of Business Science		
Bachelor of Commerce Honours, in the fields of:		
• Business Sciences/Human Resources	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Insurance and Risk Management	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Management	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Marketing	1	FT
	2	PT
Master of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:		
• Cybersecurity Management	1	FT
	2	PT
• Information Systems	1	FT
	2	PT
Master of Commerce (Research), in the fields of :		
• Business Sciences/Human Resources Management	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Insurance & Risk	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Management	1	FT
	2	PT
• Business Sciences/Marketing	1	FT
	2	PT
• Information Systems	1	FT
	2	PT
Doctor of Philosophy. in the fields of:		
• Business Sciences (Management)	2	FT
	4	PT
• Human Resource Management	2	FT
	4	PT
• Information Systems	2	FT
	4	PT

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER		Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
School of Business Science			
Bachelor of Commerce Honours, in the fields of:			
• Business Sciences/Human Resources	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Insurance and Risk Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Marketing	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Master of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:			
• Cybersecurity Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Information Systems	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Master of Commerce (Research), in the fields of :			
• Business Sciences/Human Resources Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Insurance & Risk	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Marketing	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Information Systems	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Doctor of Philosophy. in the fields of:			
• Business Sciences (Management)	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Human Resource Management	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Information Systems	2	FT	
	4	PT	

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER		Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
• Insurance and Risk Management	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Marketing	2	FT	
	4	PT	
School of Economics and Finance			
Bachelor of Commerce Honours, in the fields of:			
• Applied Development Economics	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Finance	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Economics	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Bachelor of Economic Science with Honours	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Postgraduate Diploma in Finance (Distance/ Online mode)	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Master of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:			
• Cybersecurity Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Information Systems	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Human Resource Management	2	FT	
Master of Commerce (Research), in the fields of :			
• Applied Development Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Business Sciences/Finance	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Environmental and Energy Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Financial Technology	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Inequality Studies	2	FT	
	4	PT	
Master of Economic Science (Coursework and Research Report)	2	FT	
	4	PT	

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER		Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
Doctor of Philosophy. in the fields of:			
• Applied Development Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Business Finance	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Health Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Cybersecurity Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Joint - Applied Development Economics	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Master of Commerce (Research), in the fields of :			
• Business Sciences/Human Resources Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Insurance & Risk	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Management	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Business Sciences/Marketing	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Information Systems	1	FT	
	2	PT	
Doctor of Philosophy. in the fields of:			
• Business Sciences (Management)	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Human Resource Management	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Information Systems	2	FT	
	4	PT	

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER		Year/s	Full-time/ Part-time
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), in the fields of:			
• Management	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Law	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Business Sciences	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Economics	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Finance	2	FT	
	4	PT	
• Information Systems	2	PT	
	4	PT	
Master of Laws (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of: (continued)			
• Human Rights Advocacy and Litigation	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Information and Communications Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• International Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• International Economic Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Labour Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Pensions Fund Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Tax Law	1	FT	
	2	PT	
• Labour Dispute Resolution Practice	1	FT	
	2	PT	

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	Year/s	Month/s	Full-time/ Part-time
Wits Business School			
Postgraduate Diploma in Management, in the fields of:			
• Business Administration	2		PT
Postgraduate Diploma in Energy Leadership, in the fields of:			
• Energy Leadership • Energy Leadership (Electricity)	1		FT
Master of Business Administration (Coursework and Research Report)	2		PT
Master of Management in Entrepreneurship and New Venture Creation (Coursework and Research Report)	2		PT
Master of Management in Finance and Investment (Coursework and Research Report)	1		FT
Master of Management in African Philanthropy (Coursework and Research Report)	2		PT
Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Leadership	2		PT
Postgraduate Diploma in Philanthropy and Resource Mobilisation (Distance/Online Mode)	1		PT
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (Distance/Online Mode)	1		FT
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration	1		FT
Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Business	1		FT
Master of Management in Energy Leadership	2		PT
Master of Management (Coursework and Research Report), in the fields of:			
• Digital Business	2		PT
	1		FT
Wits-Kedge MBA in Global Executive Leadership	2		PT

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	Year/s	Month/s	Full-time/ Part-time
Wits School of Governance			
Postgraduate Diploma in Management, in the fields of:			
• Public Development and Management	1		FT
	2		PT
• Public and Development Sector Monitoring and Evaluation	1		FT
	2		PT
• Security	1		FT
	2		PT
• Governance and Public Leadership	1		FT
	2		PT
	1		FT
	2		PT
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management (Distance/online mode), in the fields of:			
• Public Management		18	FT
• Monitoring and Evaluation		18	FT
Master of Management (Coursework & Research) in the fields of:			
• General		18	FT
• Public Policy		18	FT
• Governance & Management		18	FT
• Public & Development Sector Monitoring & Evaluation		18	FT
• Development & Economics		18	FT
• General		18	FT
Master of Management (Dissertation) WSG	2		FT
	4		PT
Doctor of Philosophy WSG	2		FT
	4		PT

Postgraduate Enquiries in the Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management

Braamfontein Campus West

Ms Sibongile Dhladhla **T** 011 717 8005 | **E** Sibongile.Dhladhla@wits.ac.za
Ms Susie Maluleke **T** 011 717 8173 | **E** Susie.Maluleke@wits.ac.za
Mr Tshepo Mohlakoane **T** 011 717 8390 | **E** Tshepo.Mohlakoane@wits.ac.za

Wits Business School

Ms Jennifer Mgolodela **T** 011 717 3038 | **E** Jennifer.Mgolodela@wits.ac.za
Wits Business School General | **E** admissions.wbs@wits.ac.za

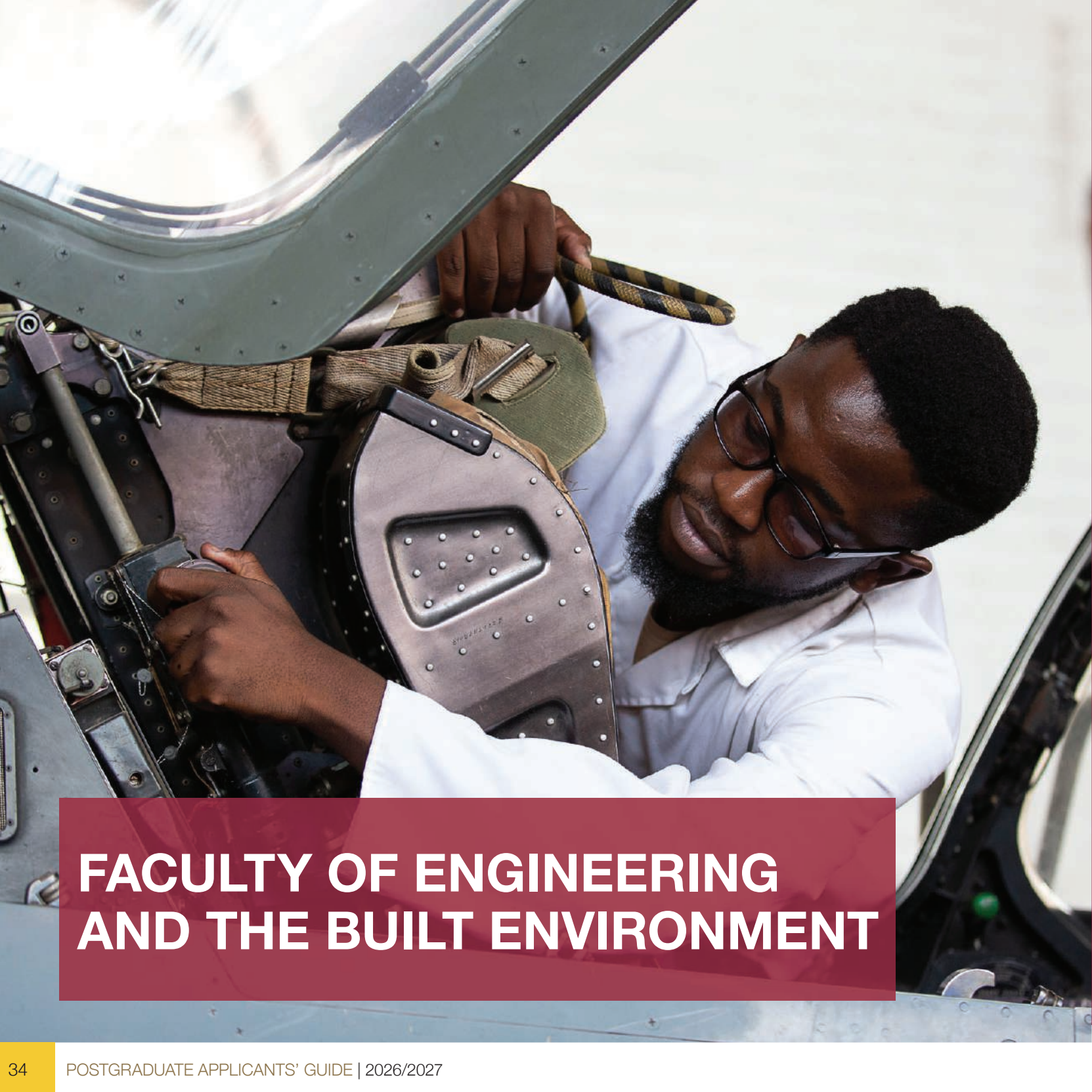
Wits School of Governance

Ms Bongiwe Zuma **T** 011 717 3582 | **E** Bongiwe.Zuma@wits.ac.za
Wits School of Governance General | **E** admissions.wsg@wits.ac.za



www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate/academic-programmes/faculty-of-commerce-law-and-management/





FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Access these internationally recognised research centres:

- Centre of Excellence in High Voltage Engineering
- The National Aerospace Centre
- The Centre for Urbanised and Built Environment Studies
- Responsible Mining Laboratory
- The Joburg Centre for Software Engineering
- The Transnet Centre for Systems Engineering

The Faculty is also home to the Wits Mining Institute.
www.wits.ac.za/wmi/

Four of the South African Research Chairs (SARChI) in Engineering are at Wits, and are recognised for excellence in research:

- Chair in Development Planning and Modelling
- Chair in Sustainable Process Engineering
- Chair in Hydrometallurgy: Innovation and Sustainability
- Chair in Clean Coal Technology

DID
YOU
KNOW?

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment works with the public and private sectors to tackle national problems such as energy generation, deep-level mining, mining safety, water purification systems, transport, and urban development.

The Faculty has the highest number of endowed professorships or chairs at Wits and strong relationships with industry. It often conducts contract research for local and international companies aimed at addressing South Africa's social, spatial, and infrastructural needs.

ENGINEERING

With high-calibre academic and support staff and purpose-built laboratories, computing, and library facilities, you have everything you need to build your skills in specialist areas.

Choose between various Postgraduate Diplomas, Honours, Masters and Doctoral degrees.

Science graduates can also study engineering at a postgraduate level, to prepare themselves for leadership roles in technology and related fields.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School of Architecture and Planning and the School of Construction Economics and Management are known for researching creative responses to societal challenges. These include climate change, sustainability when designing cities and buildings, the delivery of affordable housing and the creation of more inclusive cities.

Examine, develop and test proposals to shape inner cities in live city studios, or dig deeper into everything from declining towns and informal settlements to street traders and provincial and metropolitan policies.

The Digital Mining Incubator will serve as a hub that enables the development of South Africa's next generation of digital mining experts.

ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER

Master of Science in Engineering	Master of Science in Engineering	Master of Engineering (Professional)	Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering)	Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering
by coursework and research	by dissertation	by coursework only, in the fields of:	in the fields of:	in the fields of:
1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	2 years full-time, or 4 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time
• Chemical Engineering	• Chemical Engineering		• Chemical Engineering	• Chemical Engineering
• Civil Engineering	• Civil Engineering	• Civil and Environmental Engineering	• Civil Engineering	
• Mechanical Engineering	• Electrical Engineering	• Electrical Engineering	• Electrical Engineering	• Electrical Engineering
• Industrial Engineering	• Mechanical Engineering	• Mechanical Engineering	• Metallurgy and Materials Engineering	• Mechanical Engineering
• Aeronautical Engineering	• Industrial Engineering	• Industrial Engineering	• Mining Engineering	• Industrial Engineering
• Metallurgy and Materials Engineering	• Aeronautical Engineering	• Aeronautical Engineering	• Mechanical, Industrial and Aeronautical Engineering	
• Mining Engineering	• Metallurgy and Materials Engineering	• Metallurgy and Materials Engineering		• Metallurgy and Materials Engineering
• Engineering Management	• Mining Engineering			
• Systems Engineering	• Engineering Management	• Engineering Management		• Engineering Management
• Mechanical, Industrial and Aeronautical Engineering	• Systems Engineering	• Systems Engineering		
	• Artificial Intelligence Engineering			
	• Mechanical, Industrial and Aeronautical Engineering			

ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER				
Master of Urban Design				Bachelor of Science Honours in Quantity Surveying
Master of Science in Development Planning				Bachelor of Architectural Studies with Honours
Master of Architecture (Professional)	Master of Science in Building	Master of Urban Studies	Doctor of Philosophy	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Construction Management
				Bachelor of Science Honours in Property Studies
				* Bachelor of Science with Honours in Urban and Regional Planning
by coursework and research	in the fields of:	in the fields of:	in the fields of:	in the fields of:
1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	2 year full-time, or 4 years part-time	1 year full-time * 2 year part-time
	Construction Project Management	Housing and Human Settlements	Architecture	
	Property Development and Management	Sustainable Energy	Building	
	Development Planning	Efficient Cities	Real Estate	
		Urban Management	Urban and Regional Planning	
		Urban Politics and Governance	Construction Management	
		Urban Research	Construction Project Management	
			Quantity Surveying	

ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES ON OFFER		
Postgraduate Diploma in Property Development and Management	Postgraduate Diploma in Planning	Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Management
in the fields of:	in the fields of:	in the fields of:
1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 year part-time	1 year full-time, or 2 years part-time
Facilities Management		Construction Law and Contract Management
Property Development and Management		Construction Management
		Construction Project Management
		Health and Safety Management
		Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Management
		Procurement and Delivery Management


+27 (0) 11 717 7007


tshegofatso.chauke@wits.ac.za


www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate/academic-programmes/faculty-of-engineering-and-the-built-environment







FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The Faculty of Health
Sciences is home to:

2

Department of Science
and Innovation National
Research Foundation
Centres of Excellence

7

Department of Science
and Innovation/National
Research Foundation
South African Research
Chairs

2

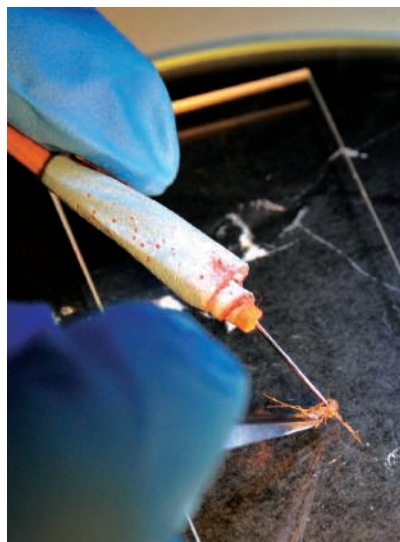
African Network for
Drug and Diagnostics
Innovation Centres (ANDI)

21 Research
Entities

2 Research
Thrusts

*(Diseases of Lifestyle and
Molecular Biosciences)*

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES



The Wits Faculty of Health Sciences pioneers African and global research that improves and saves lives.

HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease are some of the serious health issues affecting South African communities. As a postgraduate student of the Faculty of Health Sciences, you can help to develop new treatments and vaccines in these areas, as well as in oral health sciences, therapeutic sciences and drug delivery.

Our Faculty is the largest of its kind on the continent and we have trained more specialists and sub-specialists than any other university in southern Africa. The quality of our research output is among the best in the country and is respected internationally. It has influenced national policy, informed our clinical work and

enabled us to produce well-rounded healthcare professionals. Our postgraduate supervisors are seasoned researchers in clinical, applied and basic sciences and can guide you through your research project. Furthermore, our extensive clinical training programme gives you access to experts at institutions such as the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre.

Choose from a selection of courses on research methodology, scientific writing skills and biostatistics, and join a thriving research community by attending monthly informative talks, the biennial Research Day, and the Postgraduate Expo.

Choose from a wide range of postgraduate degrees and diplomas offered through our six Schools:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Medicine
- Oral Health Sciences
- Pathology
- Public Health
- Therapeutic Sciences

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice with Honours, in the field of Emergency Medicine		2
Bachelor of Health Sciences with Honours, in the fields of: - Anatomical Pathology - Bioethics and Health Law - Biokinetics - Chemical Pathology - Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - Exercise Science - Forensic Sciences - Human Biology - Human Genetics - Medical Cell Biology - Molecular Medicine - Neuroscience - Pharmacology (Biosciences track) - Pharmacology (Health Sciences track) - Physiology - Health Systems Sciences - Immunology - Public Health - Virology	1	2
Master of Science in Dentistry by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Aesthetic Dentistry - Community Dentistry - Cranio-Mandibular Dysfunction - Digital Operative Dentistry - Endodontics - Implantology - Maxillo-Facial Radiology - Maxillo-Facial Oral Surgery - Oral Pathology - Oral Medicine - Orthodontics - Paedodontics - Prosthodontics - Restorative Dentistry	1	2
Master of Science in Medicine by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Bioethics and Health Law - Biokinetics - Child Health Community Paediatrics - Child Health Neurodevelopment - Child Life and Paediatric Psychosocial Care - Clinical Pharmacy - Emergency Medicine - Exposure Science - Genetic Counselling - Genomic Medicine - Pharmaceutical Affairs - Sports Medicine - Sports Science - Translational Research - Vaccinology	1	2

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Neurological Disorders - Perceptual Disorders - Psychiatric Disorders	1	2
Master of Science in Physiotherapy by coursework, in the fields of: - Orthopaedic Surgery for Physiotherapists - Respirology, Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery for Physiotherapists - Community Physiotherapy - Traumatology - Neurology and Neurosurgery for Physiotherapists - Sport and Exercise Physiotherapy - Paediatric Physiotherapy (General or Neurology) - Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy - Physiotherapeutic Musculoskeletal Pain Management	1	2
Master of Science in Nursing by dissertation, in the fields of: - Advanced Psychiatric Nursing - Child Nursing - Community Health Nursing - Infection Control - Intensive Care Nursing - Nephrology Nursing - Nursing Education - Occupational Health Nursing - Oncology Nursing - Trauma Nursing	1	2
Master of Science in Epidemiology by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Field Epidemiology - Epidemiology and Biostatistics - Implementation Science - Public Health Informatics - Infectious Disease Epidemiology - Biostatistics	18m	3
Master of Public Health by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Exposure and Health - Maternal and Child Health - Rural Health - Health Systems and Policy - Health Economics - Social and Behaviour Change Communication	2	4

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Master of Health Sciences Education by coursework and Research Report.	1	2
Bachelor of Health Sciences with Honours, in the fields of: - Anaesthetics - Anatomical Pathology - Anatomical Sciences - Biokinetics - Chemical Pathology - Clinical and Experimental Physiology - Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - Community Health - Critical Care - Diagnostic Radiology - Exposure Science - Family Medicine - Haematology and Molecular Medicine - Health Analytics - Health Entrepreneurship - Health Innovation - Health Sciences Education - Health Systems Science - Human Genetics - Immunology - Internal Medicine - Material Science - Microbiology - Neurosurgery - Nursing - Obstetrics and Gynaecology - Occupational Therapy - Orthopaedic Surgery - Ophthalmology - Paediatrics - Pharmacology - Pharmacy - Physiology - Physiotherapy - Psychiatry - Radiation Oncology - Rural Health - Surgery - Therapeutic Sciences - Virology - Wits Reproductive and HIV Institute	1	2

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Master of Science in Medicine by dissertation, in the fields of: - Health Science Education - Human Genetics - Immunology - Internal Medicine - Microbiology - Physiotherapy - Radiation Oncology - Rural Health - Surgery - Virology - Exposure Science	1	2
Master of Science in Dentistry by dissertation in fields of : - Community Dentistry - Prosthodontics - Oral Pathology - Oral Medicine - Maxillo Facial and Oral Surgery - Orthodontics - Periodontics	1	2
Master of Science in Physiotherapy by dissertation	1	2
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy by dissertation	1	2
Master of Science in Nursing by dissertation	1	2
Master of Pharmacy by dissertation	1	2
Doctor of Philosophy, in the fields of: - Anaesthesia - Anatomical Pathology - Anatomical Sciences - Bioethics and Health Law - Chemical Pathology - Clinical Governance - Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - Community Dentistry - Diagnostic Radiology - Doctor of Philosophy (Biomedical Informatics & Translational Medicine) - Family Medicine - Forensic Medicine - Haematology and Molecular Medicine - Health Sciences Education - Human Genetics - Immunology - Internal Medicine - Material Science - Maxillo Facial and Oral Surgery - Microbiology - Neurosurgery - Nursing - Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Occupational Therapy	2	4

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Doctor of Philosophy, in the fields of (continued): - Oral Pathology - Paediatrics - Pharmacology - Pharmacy - Physiology - Physiotherapy - Psychiatry - Public Health - Radiation Oncology - Sports Medicine - Surgery - Therapeutic Sciences - Vaccinology - Virology - Wits Reproduction and HIV Institute	2	4
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health, in the fields of: - Exposure and Health - Maternal and Child Health - Health Systems and Policy - Social and Behavioural Change Communication - Rural Health - Environment & Occupational Health	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Child Health, in the fields of: - Community Paediatrics - Neurodevelopment	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health		2
Postgraduate Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene	1	
Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy, in the fields of: - Neurological Disorders - Psychiatric Disorders - Perceptual Disorders		2
Postgraduate Diploma in Physiotherapy - Sport and Exercise Physiotherapy - Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy (NMS)	1	
Postgraduate Diploma in Critical Care Nursing	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Prevention and Control Nursing	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Education	1	2



+27 (0)11 717 2075/6

anna.muronga@wits.ac.za
modie.maumela@wits.ac.za
palesa.khumalo@wits.ac.za

www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate/academic-programmes/faculty-of-health-sciences/





FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

The Faculty of Humanities links the arts, social and natural sciences, law, and management to allow to engage creatively and critically in your chosen field.

Learn from leading academics and collaborate on research with scholars in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Explore Johannesburg's dynamic political, social, economic and cultural links to Africa and the world, and become part of a diverse, stimulating community of multicultural, multidisciplinary researchers.

Choose from vocationally oriented programmes that prepare you with the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to pursue a specific career, or strengthen your research and analytical skills to unlock a range of career opportunities.

RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND UNITS

Our thriving research entities add to our vibrant culture and have a significant impact on our research into issues confronting South Africa and the world.

Centres of Excellence:

- The African Centre for Migration and Society
- The Wits Centre for Diversity Studies
- The Wits Centre for Ethics (WICE)
- The Centre for Deaf Studies
- The Centre for Researching Education and Labour Centre
- Emthonjeni Centre (Multi-disciplinary Community Service and Development Centre)
- The Learning, Information, Networking, Knowledge Centre
- The Marang Centre for Maths and Science Education

Research Entities:

- The Health Communication Research Unit
- The Society, Work and Development Institute
- The Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research

Cross-Faculty Entities:

- The African Centre for the Study of the United States
- The Global Change Institute

DID
YOU
KNOW?

EQUALITY STUDIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Inequality is a major influencing factor in South Africa and indeed in the Global South. The study of this problem using a multidisciplinary approach is an ongoing area of research excellence at Wits.

FIND OUT MORE | www.wits.ac.za/scis

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full- time	part- time
Doctor of Philosophy	2	4
Master of Arts by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in Audiology by coursework and research report	1	2
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology	3	
Master of Arts in Community-based Counselling Psychology by Coursework and Research Report	2	
Master of Arts in Interpreting by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in Heritage by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in Occupational Social Work by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in ICT Policy and Regulation	1	2
Master of Arts by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Audiology by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Social Work by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Applied Drama and Theatre by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Translation by dissertation		
Master of Arts in Dramatic Art by dissertation	2	3
Master of Music is by Creative Work and Dissertation	2	1
Master of Arts in Dramatic Art by Creative work and Dissertation		2
Master of Arts in Social Work by Coursework and Report		2
Master of Arts in Applied Performance by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Arts Therapies by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Fine Arts by dissertation	1	
Master of Arts in Heritage by dissertation	1	2
Master of Music by dissertation	1	2
Master of Education in Educational Psychology by Coursework and Research Report	2	
Bachelor of Arts Honours	1	2
Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours	1	2

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full- time	part- time
Bachelor of Arts Honours in the field of Psychology (part-time)	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Dance in Education, Communities and Social contexts	1	2
EDUCATION		
Doctor of Philosophy	2	4
Master of Education by Coursework and Research Report in the field of :		
Applied language and literacy education	1	2
Curriculum and Tertiary Teaching	1	2
Education Leadership and Policy Studies	1	2
Education and Work	1	2
Educational Technology	1	2
Inclusive Education	1	2
Mathematics and Science Education	1	2
Early Childhood Education	1	2
Bachelor of Education with Honours:		
Language Education	1	2
Mathematics Education	1	2
Science Education	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Education in the field of:		
Higher Education	1	2
Digital Education and Online Teaching	1	2
South African Sign Languages	1	2



HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Honours in the specialisation/fields of studies:		
African Languages and Linguistics	1	2
African Literature	1	2
Applied Drama: Theatre in Education, Communities and Social Context	1	2
Archaeology	1	2
Cultural Policy and Management	1	2
Anthropology	1	2
Creative Writing	1	2
Demography and Population Studies	1	2
Development Studies	1	2
Digital Art	1	2
Critical Diversity Studies	1	2
English	1	2
Transnational Literary and Cultural Studies	1	2
Fine Art	1	2
Film and Television	1	2
French and Francophone Studies	1	2
Geography	1	2
German Language and Literature	1	2
Heritage Studies	1	2
History	1	2
History of Art	1	2
Interdisciplinary Arts and Culture Studies	1	2
International Relations	1	2
Interpreting	1	2
Italian Language and Literature	1	2
Journalism and Media Studies	1	2
Labour Policy and Globalisation	1	2
Honours in the specialisation/fields of studies (continued):		
Linguistics	1	2

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Media Studies	1	2
Migration and Displacement	1	2
Music	1	2
Organisational Psychology	1	2
Philosophy	1	2
Political Studies	1	2
Portuguese	1	2
Psychology	1	2
Publishing Studies	1	2
Sociology	1	2
South African Sign Language	1	2
Labour Policy and Globalisation	1	2
Spanish and Latin American Studies	1	2
Theatre and Performance	1	2
Translation	1	2



HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Masters in the field of:		
Master of Arts by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology	3	
Master of Arts in Community-based Counselling Psychology by Coursework and Research Report	2	
Master of Arts in Interpreting by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in Heritage by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Music by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Occupational Social Work by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
Master of Arts in ICT Policy and Regulation	1	2
Master of Arts by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Audiology by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Social Work by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Applied Drama and Theatre by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Applied Performance by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Arts Therapies by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Speech Pathology by dissertation	1	2
Master of Arts in Translation by dissertation		
Master of Arts in Dramatic Art by dissertation	2	3
Master of Arts in Fine Arts by dissertation	1	
Master of Arts in Heritage by dissertation	1	2
Master of Music by dissertation	1	2
Master of Education in Educational Psychology by Coursework and Research Report	2	
Bachelor of Arts Honours	1	2
Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours	1	2
Bachelor of Arts Honours in South African Sign Language	1	2

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Bachelor of Arts Honours in the field of Psychology (part-time)	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Interpreting	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Dance in Education, Communities and Social contexts	1	2
EDUCATION		
Doctor of Philosophy	2	4
Master of Education by Coursework and Research Report	1	2
These packages include: Applied language and literacy education Curriculum and Tertiary Teaching Education Leadership and Policy Studies Education and Work Educational Technology Inclusive Education Mathematics and Science Education Early Childhood Education		
Master of Education by dissertation		
Bachelor of Education with Honours Language Education Mathematics Education Science Education		
Postgraduate Diploma in Education in the field of Higher Education Digital Education and Online Teaching South African Sign Languages		

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Masters by dissertation, in the fields of:		
African Languages and Linguistics	1	2
African Literature	1	2
Applied Drama: Theatre in Education, Communities and Social Context Archaeology	1	2
Cultural Policy and Management	1	2
Anthropology	1	2
Creative Writing	1	2
Demography and Population Studies	1	2
Development Studies	1	2
Digital Art	1	2
Critical Diversity Studies	1	2
English	1	2
Transnational Literary and Cultural Studies	1	2
Fine Art	1	2
Film and Television	1	2
French and Francophone Studies	1	2
Geography	1	2
German Language and Literature	1	2
Heritage Studies	1	2
History	1	2
History of Art	1	2
Interdisciplinary Arts and Culture Studies	1	2
International Relations	1	2
Interpreting	1	2
Italian Language and Literature	1	2
Journalism and Media Studies	1	2
Labour Policy and Globalisation	1	2
Linguistics	1	2

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Masters by dissertation, in the fields of (continued):		
Media Studies	1	2
Migration and Displacement	1	2
Modern and Contemporary Literature	1	2
Music	1	2
Occupational Social Work	1	2
Philosophy	1	2
Political Studies	1	2
Portuguese Studies	1	2
Psychology	1	2
Publishing Studies	1	2
Social Development	1	2
Sociology	1	2
South African Sign Language	1	2
Spanish and Latin-American Studies	1	2
Theatre and Performance	1	2
Translation and Interpreting	1	2
Transnational Literary and Cultural Studies	1	2
Social Work	1	2



HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Research report specialisations/plans:		
African Languages and Linguistics	1	2
African Literature	1	2
Applied Drama: Theatre in Education, Communities and Social Context	1	2
Anthropology	1	2
Applied Ethics for Professionals	1	2
Contemporary Curatorial Practice	1	2
Cultural Policy and Management	1	2
Critical Diversity Studies	1	2
Demography and Population Studies	1	2
Development Studies	1	2
eScience	1	2
Transnational Literary and Cultural Studies	1	2
French and Francophone Studies	1	2
German Studies	1	2
Health Demography	1	2
Health Sociology	1	2
History	1	2
History and Film Documentary	1	2
History of Art	1	2
Labour, Economic and Development Sociology	1	2
Interactive Media Design	1	2
International Relations	1	2
Italian Studies	1	2
Journalism and Media Studies	1	2
Labour Policy and Globalisation	1	2
Linguistics	1	2
Literary Theory and Critical Practice	1	2

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
MA Coursework and Research report (continued):		
Migration and Displacement	1	2
Organisational Psychology	1	2
Philosophy	1	2
Political Studies	1	2
Psychology	1	2
Social and Psychological Research	1	2
Publishing Studies	1	2
Social Development	1	2
Sociology	1	2



HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
PhD specifications/plans:		
Applied Ethics For Professionals	2	4
African Languages and Linguistics	2	4
African Literature	2	4
Anthropology	2	4
Cultural Policy and Management	2	4
Audiology	2	4
Creative Writing	2	4
Critical Diversity Studies	2	4
Digital Arts	2	4
Demography and Population Studies	2	4
Theatre and Performance	2	4
Development Sociology	2	4
Development Studies	2	4
English	2	4
Fine Art	2	4
Migration and Displacement	2	4
French	2	4
General Sociology	2	4
German	2	4
Labour Policy and Globalisation	2	4
History of Art	2	4
History	2	4
Health Sociology	2	4
Heritage Studies	2	4
Interdisciplinary Digital Knowledge Economy Studies	2	4
Interactive Media Design	2	4
Labour and Economic Sociology	2	4
Interdisciplinary	2	4

HUMANITIES PROGRAMMES	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
PhD specifications/plans (continued):		
International Relations	2	4
Interpreting and Translation	2	4
Occupational Social Work	2	4
Organisational and Institutional Studies	2	4
Italian	2	4
Journalism and Media Studies	2	4
Linguistics	2	4
Media Studies	2	4
Music	2	4
Musicology	2	4
Philosophy	2	4
Political Studies	2	4
Portuguese	2	4
Publishing Studies	2	4
Psychology	2	4
South African Sign Language	2	4
Social Development	2	4
Sociology	2	4
Social Work	2	4
Spanish and Latin-American Studies	2	4
Speech-Language Pathology	2	4
Film and Television	2	4
Translation and Interpreting	2	4
Translation	2	4
Transnational Literary and Cultural Studies	2	4
Social Work	2	4
Interdisciplinary Arts and Culture Studies	2	4



HUMANITIES GRADUATE CENTRE

Get all the information that you need about student life, academic requirements, funding opportunities, and scholarly events from the Humanities Graduate Centre. Open late and on weekends, the Centre is the hub of intellectual and social life for humanities and social sciences students.

Postgraduate training in research methods

Attend methods workshops – facilitated by expert scholars – to help with the development of your research proposal, data collection and analysis and the write-up and presentation of results for publication in academic journals.

Conversations in social and cultural theory

Learn more about the terms and concepts that are integral to contemporary theory and research in the humanities and social sciences, at a number of seminars and colloquia in critical social and cultural theory.

Postgraduate student-initiated research and learning collectives

Access the space and financial resources to initiate your own independent explorations in theory, creative work, and policy-oriented research.

Writing retreats: Training in scholarly writing, presentation and publication

Learn the mechanics and techniques of research proposal writing, conference abstract preparation and submission and the effective presentation of research results at a number of on- and off-campus writing retreats, conferences and seminars.

The scholarly vocation: Preparing PhDs for an academic career

Attend Postdoctoral Fellowship programmes or Post PhD Submission Fellowship programmes for financial and intellectual support before submitting thesis chapters to peer-reviewed publications.

THInK (Transforming the Humanities through Interdisciplinary Knowledge): Towards a new generation of African scholars

This interdisciplinary doctoral studies programme provides support to African postgrads – and especially exceptional black doctoral fellows. Preference is given to those pursuing a career in teaching scholars in the African academy and whose research explores interdisciplinary terrain in unusual and imaginative ways.

Humanities Graduate Centre
✉ mpho.ntseare@wits.ac.za
✉ gradcentre.humanities@wits.ac.za



www.wits.ac.za/humanities/faculties/services/centre

HUMANITIES GRADUATE CENTRE

Get all the information that you need about student life, academic requirements, funding opportunities, and scholarly events from the Humanities Graduate Centre. Open late and on weekends, the Centre is the hub of intellectual and social life for humanities and social sciences students.

Postgraduate training in research methods

Attend methods workshops – facilitated by expert scholars – to help with the development of your research proposal, data collection and analysis and the write-up and presentation of results for publication in academic journals.

Conversations in social and cultural theory

Learn more about the terms and concepts that are integral to contemporary theory and research in the humanities and social sciences, at a number of seminars and colloquia in critical social and cultural theory.

Postgraduate student-initiated research and learning collectives

Access the space and financial resources to initiate your own independent explorations in theory, creative work, and policy-oriented research.

Writing retreats: Training in scholarly writing, presentation and publication

Learn the mechanics and techniques of research proposal writing, conference abstract preparation and submission and the effective presentation of research results at a number of on- and off-campus writing retreats, conferences and seminars.

The scholarly vocation: Preparing PhDs for an academic career

Attend Postdoctoral Fellowship programmes or Post PhD Submission Fellowship programmes for financial and intellectual support before submitting thesis chapters to peer-reviewed publications.

THInK (Transforming the Humanities through Interdisciplinary Knowledge): Towards a new generation of African scholars

This interdisciplinary doctoral studies programme provides support to African postgrads – and especially exceptional black doctoral fellows. Preference is given to those pursuing a career in teaching scholars in the African academy and whose research explores interdisciplinary terrain in unusual and imaginative ways.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Social Sciences strives to understand all aspects of society in order to improve livelihoods. With research and teaching at its core, SOSS also plays a critical role in facilitating public debates on policy formulation and implementation.

SOSS is committed to:

- Imparting critical and usable skills through excellent teaching methods
- Promoting research that broadens knowledge
- Deepening engagement within the disciplines to create interdisciplinary synergies
- Promoting partnerships with international institutions, particularly across Africa
- Positioning itself at the centre of public debates and dialogue that foster societal understanding and contribute to knowledge that informs public policy

Disciplines:

- Anthropology
- Demography and Population Studies
- Development Studies
- History



www.wits.ac.za/education/

SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Choose from a range of professional postgraduate degree programmes in clinical psychology, community-based counselling, organisational and educational psychology, speech pathology and audiology, and social work.

Our research programmes include:	
Research design	Youth identities
Narrative theory and methodologies	Race, racialisation and racism
Organisational change and development	Gender and sexualities
Quantitative and qualitative methodologies	Health communication
Violence and trauma	Rural health and development
Health psychology	Social justice and social protection
Employee health and wellness programmes	Migration and mobility
Psychoanalytic theories and therapies	Spirituality and healthcare
Cognitive neuroscience	Social development
Psychosocial studies	Social policy
Language and thought	LGBTI studies
Mothering and infant health	Learning-teaching and transformation
Employment equity and transformation	Women's studies
Child protection (policy and practice)	Critical childhood studies
Apartheid studies	Occupational social work
Disability studies	

FIND
OUT MORE
www.wits.ac.za/shcd/



Sculpture reliefs of the Alphabet
(Centre for Deaf Studies)

WITS SCHOOL OF ARTS

The School of Arts offers PhD by both dissertation and by creative work and dissertation. The PhD can be taken in any of the disciplines in the School or can be structured as an interdisciplinary research project.

Choose from a range of disciplines, including:

Digital Arts

An array of Digital Arts subjects is available for postgraduates, covering subjects in Game Design, Game Studies, Interactive Narrative, Culture and Technology in Africa, Digital Culture and Decolonisation, Digital Creative Industries and more in this range of fields.

Interdisciplinary Arts and Culture Studies

The department supports graduate research that investigates questions regarding the interconnections between culture, artistic expression, aesthetics, identities, political economy, technologies, and power relations, and, the relevance of developments, debates, and critical inquiry within the context of both our specific geographical location in Johannesburg/ South Africa/ Africa as well as our positioning within a global context.

Film and Television

Wits Film and Television produces trailblazing filmmakers who challenge and redefine filmmaking processes. Through our established filmmaking programmes, you will develop conceptual creativity, intellectual rigour and strong practical filmmaking capabilities.

MA offered by dissertation or by creative work and dissertation.



Heritage Studies

Master a range of practical skills that form the core of Heritage Studies and Arts and Culture Management and participate in debates around policy and conceptual issues. Leverage our relationships with museums and archives in the City of Johannesburg, art networks and organisations and other Wits departments.



Theatre and Performance

The Theatre and Performance programme aims to produce informed and critically aware practitioners and consumers of the arts, who are conscious of their cultural and social environment. It draws on diverse surroundings, a committed staff of artist-scholars, and a dynamic student body to promote creative and socially productive engagement through a range of degree programmes.





Drama for Life

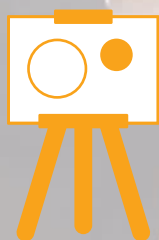
Drama for Life (DFL) is a global leader in arts-based social transformation. Founded during the HIV/Aids crisis, DFL uses applied arts, therapies, and research to promote healing and social justice. Rooted in the African philosophy of ubuntu, its programmes prepare artists, therapists, and educators to use drama and dance for positive change. DFL offers postgraduate diplomas, honours, masters, and PhDs. The department's work addresses contemporary global challenges, fostering collective resilience.



Interactive Digital Media

The Interactive Digital Media programme is designed for students from an arts and design background who want to explore the creative possibilities of interactive digital media technologies. It is suited to students from engineering or science and technology backgrounds who want to develop their creativity in these areas.

The Masters programme brings together passionate individuals from diverse creative and technology/science backgrounds to explore and develop new and exciting interactive media.



Contemporary Curatorial Practice

The Contemporary Curatorial Practice programme explores the evolving roles of curators, the constitution of exhibition audiences and publics, the roles of different forms of display and artistic practice within and outside the white cube. Throughout the course, students are expected to participate in various practical projects with partner institutions, structured to give them the opportunity to engage with different forms of writing and producing exhibitions.



Fine Arts

Fine Arts combines technical training in artistic production with conceptual and creative thinking. Our location in Johannesburg gives us the freedom to incorporate exciting site-specific components and a dynamic exhibitions programme into the course.



History of Art

The History of Art programme places a dual emphasis on the condition of our postcoloniality and curatorial practices as core components of the construction of knowledge in the discipline. Students regularly go on to successful careers in curating, museums, galleries, filmmaking, fine arts, advertising, auction houses, filmmaking and journalism.



Music

Wits Music is one of South Africa's most innovative higher education music departments, preparing students for diverse musical careers in the contemporary world.

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE, LANGUAGE AND MEDIA

Explore the implications of social and cultural diversity through the study of language, literature, writing, media studies, policy and regulation in electronic communications.

The SLLM provides prestigious programmes in African and world literature, an extensive language offering, and an expanding Media Studies programme. It contributes to the vibrant literary and intellectual life of the City of Johannesburg and offers the premier graduate programme in Journalism in Africa.

As well as academic postgraduate programmes, the SLLM serves Johannesburg's writing community through professional postgraduate programmes in creative writing, journalism, publishing, and translation and interpreting. It also hosts public events aimed at facilitating engagement with the broader academic community and public culture institutions.

In line with its interdisciplinary ethos, the School encourages postgraduate students to select and register for courses across its departments. Please contact the departments for advice on interdisciplinary curriculum options.

Fields of study include:

Creative Writing

MA students register for a 2-year programme in which a creative project in fiction, non-fiction or poetry, as well as a reflective essay are completed. PhD candidates are expected to produce a substantial creative project (a novel, a collection of stories or essays, etc.) plus a scholarly dissertation that extends and supports the creative work.

Linguistics

Phonology, especially Optimality Theory approaches to African languages

Syntax and Morphology

Historical Linguistics

Psycholinguistics, especially gestures and second language acquisition

Critical Discourse Analysis and Social Semiotics

Sociolinguistics of globalisation, race, colonialism, gender and sexuality

Translation and Interpreting Studies:

Language and translation policy

African cultures, languages and literatures

Translation and interpreting in the Global South

Sign languages

Literary translation

Interpreter and translator training

Translation theory

Multilingualism

Neurocognition linked to translation and interpreting



www.wits.ac.za/sllm/



Fields of study include:

English

Shakespeare studies

Speculative Fiction (Sci-Fi, Gothic, Utopia/Dystopia, Apocalypticism)

Literary non-fiction: forms and debates

Eco-criticism, climate change literature

Literary Modernisms: Imperialism and Internationalism, Writing the City, postmodernism

Contemporary literature, New forms & critical paradigms

Literary theory

Writing Gender, Sex and Queer Theory

Literature and historiography

Narrative Theory and New Media

Media Studies

Multiple aspects of popular and consumer cultures

Democracy

Policy and decoloniality

Digital media

Interactivity and internet practices

French

Comparative Anglophone-Francophone literature

Sub-Saharan African and diasporic literature in both French and English

Négritude and/or Négritudinists

Caribbean Francophone literature

Afropean literature and Afropolitanism in literature

Feminist literary criticism

Literary translation

Second language acquisition and multilingualism

French foreign language and literature pedagogies

Autobiography in contemporary Francophone literature

Publishing Studies

African book and reading cultures

Reading and book buying in South Africa

Literacy in the Global South

Indigenous knowledge and languages

Distribution and circulation of information

Book and literary histories in Africa

Market and readership analysis

Publishing in South Africa and issues of accessibility

German

Goethe and his period (including Jean Paul, Kleist, Herder, etc.)

Contemporary German literature

GDR literature (Anna Seghers, Monika Maron, Jürgen Fuchs, etc.)

Comparative literature (Nietzsche and Musil, Thomas Mann, etc.)

Che Austrian novel

Literary theory, especially Roland Barthes

Literature and philosophy

Women's writing/gender studies

Interculturalism and transnationalism

Disciplinary paradigms, identities and imaginaries

Didactics of literature in foreign language teaching/learning contexts

Fiction writing

Editing and production of local materials

Content creation and distribution

Financial management and commissioning of books

Strategic sales management

Journalism

A career entry route for graduates who want to become journalists, or a mid career route for working journalists who wish to develop their skills and knowledge, are both offered.

Fields of study include:

African Literature

All modules use English-language material, and all courses are taught in English. Familiarity with an African language is an advantage, but not a requirement. Teaching areas include:

African Literary and Cultural Studies

Black Intellectual Traditions

Indian Ocean Studies

Critical literary theories

Gender and Queer Studies

Ecocritical Studies

Oceanic humanities

Book history and print culture

Postcolonial studies

Drama and film studies

Memory and representation

African Languages

Alternative Film Studies in Cinema and Television

Linguistics in African languages

Sociolinguistics

Language Policy and Planning

Onomastics

Sociology of African language Media Text Production

African language literature

Spanish

Comparative Hispanic Literature

Contemporary literature in Spanish

Literature from Latin America and Equatorial Guinea

Diasporic literature

Migration and exile literature

Women's writing

Interculturalism and transnationalism

Postmodernism and postcolonialism

Pedagogies of Spanish as a foreign language and literature





FACULTY OF SCIENCE

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The Faculty of Science is among the top 1% of global institutions for research citations, in everything from geosciences, environmental studies and ecology, to chemistry, plant and animal sciences and physics.

Our research institutes in Global Change, Evolutionary Sciences, and Molecular Biosciences – as well as our globally recognised qualifications – make ours a leading science research and teaching facility.

Our goal is to stay at the forefront of the latest scientific developments and we pride ourselves on the partnerships and academic staff that enable this.

Our programmes equip students with various research techniques and prepare them to pursue research at the highest levels in experimental, theoretical, computational and applied sciences.

Pursue a Postgraduate Diploma, Honours degree, Masters degree by dissertation or coursework and research report, or Doctoral degree by thesis across diverse subject areas and support your research with state-of-the-art analytical facilities in the Microscopy and Microanalysis Unit and other schools at Wits.

Learn from internationally respected scientists, get support through world-class supervision and research programmes, and attend national and international conferences that prepare you to publish your research in leading international journals.

OUR RESEARCH

Wits, as part of a consortium of six universities, is leading a drive to develop local e-Science (data science) research skills and capabilities. To this end, we implemented the National e-Science Postgraduate Teaching and Training Platform (NEPTTP), a DSI-CSIR initiative aimed at advancing training in e-Science fields.

With the relevant data science skills and knowledge, you could work on exciting projects, such as the South African Research Infrastructure Roadmap and the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope.

www.wits.ac.za/machine-learning-ai-robotics



13 of the 26 A-rated researchers at Wits are from the Faculty of Science.

WHY CHOOSE THE WITS FACULTY OF SCIENCE?

- Our researchers are members of large multinational collaborations, including the ATLAS, ALICE at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and ISOLDE Collaborations at CERN, the MeerKAT Large Survey Projects and Square Kilometre Array Key Science Projects, the High Energy Stereoscopic System, the Cherenkov Telescope Array, the Cubic Kilometre Neutrino Telescope and Event Horizon Telescope.
- The School of Physics hosts the High-Throughput Electronics Laboratory, which deals exclusively with big data projects.
- You can study the origin, distribution, and character of Earth's mineral and fossil energy resource systems at the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence for Integrated Mineral and Energy Resource Analysis and in the African Research Centre for Ore Systems Science (CORES).
- Engage with 14 institutions across the country on how pure and applied mathematics, statistics, and computer science can address issues such as rhino poaching, climate change and big data, at the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Mathematical and Statistical Sciences.
- Access South Africa's leading protein structure research group, the Protein Structure-Function Research Lab (PSFRL).
- The Mandelstam Institute conducts research in Theoretical High Energy Physics, Cosmology and Quantum Matter and is widely regarded as the leading university-based theoretical physics research group in Africa. It also hosts the Gauteng node of the National Institute for Theoretical Physics.
- Our academic staff and researchers have made game-changing discoveries, including:
 - The discovery of the most complete early hominin fossils, new species of early human ancestors and a new species of human relative, *Homo Naledi*
 - A breakthrough in the field of Alzheimer's disease and therapeutic tools for the treatment of metastatic cancer types
 - Overturning ideas about how some mountain landscapes are formed, and
 - Reporting the first evidence of a comet fragment found on Earth
- The Faculty hosts the Centre of Excellence in Strong Materials and Catalysis.



SCIENCE PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Doctor of Philosophy, in the fields of: - Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences - Archaeology - Chemistry - Computational and Applied Mathematics - Computer Science - Geography and Environmental Studies - Geology - Geophysics - Palaeontology - Mathematics - Molecular and Cell Biology - Physics - Mathematical Statistics	2	4
Master of Science by coursework and research report, in the fields of: - Artificial Intelligence - Artificial Intelligence for Games - Astrophysics - Computer Science - Cybersecurity - Data Science - Economic Geology - Environmental Sciences - e-Science - Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing - Hydrogeology - Interdisciplinary Global Change Studies - Mathematics - Medical Physics - Radiation Protection - Robotics and Science Communication	1	2
Bachelor of Science Honours, in the following: - Actuarial Science - Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences - Applied Bioinformatics - Archaeology - Biochemistry and Cell Biology - Chemistry - Computational and Applied Mathematics - Computer Science - Cybersecurity - Genetics and Developmental Biology - Environmental Studies - Geochemistry - Geography - Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies - Geology - Geophysics	1	2

SCIENCE PROGRAMMES ON OFFER	YEARS	
	full-time	part-time
Bachelor of Science Honours, in the following, (continued): - Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing - Mathematical Statistics - Mathematics - Microbiology and Biotechnology - Palaeontology - Palaeontology and Geology - Physics - Psychology	1	2
Master of Science by dissertation, in the fields of: - Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences - Archaeology - Chemistry - Computational and Applied Mathematics - Computer Science - Geochemistry - Geography and Environmental Studies - Geology - Geophysics - Mathematics - Mathematical Statistics - Molecular and Cell Biology - Palaeontology - Physics	1	2
Postgraduate Diploma in Science, in the fields of: - Applied Biosciences - Data Science - Innovation and Entrepreneurship	1	

The duration for the various programmes is as follows:
 2 FT and 4 PT for PhD
 1 FT and 2 PT for Masters
 1 FT and 2 PT for PG Diploma and Honours

Please note that the durations indicated above reflect minimum registration periods. The normal time to completion is typically longer and may vary depending on the nature of the research component and/or field of study.

Postgraduate Enquiries ✉ science.pg@wits.ac.za

MSc Enquiries ✉ science.msc@wits.ac.za

PhD Enquiries ✉ science.phd@wits.ac.za



APPLYING TO WITS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The requirements below are only a guideline. Final selection is based on availability of places, academic results and other entry requirements where applicable.

Doctorate: The candidate must have a Masters level degree.

Senior Doctorate: The candidate is required to apply directly to the relevant Faculty. An *ad hoc* committee of the Faculty board will ascertain whether a *prima facie* case exists for admission of the candidate.

Masters: The candidate must have an appropriate qualification taken over a minimum of four years of study.

Honours: The candidate must be a graduate with an appropriate qualification.

Postgraduate diploma or certificate: The candidate must be a graduate with an appropriate qualification.

PLEASE NOTE

Unless special permission is obtained from the Senate, no person may be registered as a student of Wits University while he/she is registered as a student of another university. The permission of the Senate is also required to register for more than one degree or diploma in the same Faculty in the same academic year. No person may register as a student in more than one Faculty in the same academic year, unless the written authority of the Dean/s is obtained. We make every effort to ensure that the information published here is accurate, but we reserve the right to make changes to:

- The programmes on offer
- The curricula programme
- The offering schedule and calendar.



Wits researchers in the Structured Light Laboratory have transmitted data and images securely through light.

HOW TO APPLY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WITS



1 Use the course finder at www.wits.ac.za/postgraduate/ to confirm the entry requirements and closing dates for your programme of study.



2 Complete an online application form at www.wits.ac.za/applications/



3 Certain programmes require additional departmental forms. Complete and return these forms within the timeframes for submission. The University will withdraw incomplete applications.



4 Please note that for all pure research applicants, before being admitted to a research degree, a candidate needs to approach the HOD for the particular School or department to discuss choice of research topic and availability/suitability of a supervisor. This has to be done before an application can be made.



5 Upload supporting documents (certified within the last three months) via the self-service portal: <https://self-service.wits.ac.za/>
Click on:
<https://bit.ly/3kfc5RQ>
<https://bit.ly/32JaWvW>
for helpful information regarding document requirements.



6 Successful applicants will be able to accept an offer without submitting certified hard copies of academic qualifications. However, the University will verify any information/documents submitted and immediately cancel your registration, record such action against your record, and take necessary legal action in the event that any fraudulent document/s and/or other misrepresentation has been provided.



7 Pay the application fee of R200. Current Wits students who apply online do not need to pay this fee.



8 Once your application is complete, it is referred to the relevant School for assessment. Each application is considered individually. There is no set time frame for decision-making. Most Schools make a final decision at the end of the academic year or at the beginning of the new academic calendar.



9 You can monitor the progress of your application on the self-service portal.
<https://self-service.wits.ac.za/>

Wits University Application Fees	
First National Bank (FNB)	
Account number	6307 5484 302
Branch	251905
Reference	Person Number
Swift Code	FIRNJJ (International students only)



WHAT DOCUMENTS DO YOU NEED?

1. **Certified copies of all degree certificates and a full academic transcript covering all periods of registration**

This must include details of the courses you took and the marks you obtained, and feature an original Commissioner of Oaths' stamp and signature. A sworn translator must translate any documents not in English. However applicants are required to submit both the original as well as the sworn translation. Statements of Credit and Credit certificates are not acceptable. Applicants who are currently studying are required to upload their final academic record only once their final results become available towards the end of the academic year.

2. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

This must showcase your work experience, educational background and skills.

3. **A short outline (no more than one typed page) of your intended research area for Masters (by research) and PhD applicants only.**

Please note that this not a requirement for Health Sciences. If you are applying for a Master of Arts programme, you must provide a sample of your research work or a long essay written in or translated into English.

4. **Proof of evaluation of your qualification**

If you hold a foreign qualification, you must submit proof of evaluation of your qualification by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

Contact SAQA:

☎ +27 12 431 5000
✉ saqainfo@saqa.org.za

5. **Proof of English language proficiency**

If your qualification is not from an English medium institution, you must submit proof (a letter from your institution) of English language proficiency. Wits accepts the International English Language Testing System as well as Cambridge English Language Assessment.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Students Office (ISO) at Wits is committed to creating a welcoming, supportive, and enriching environment for all our international students.

We are here to ensure that your time at Wits is not only academically rewarding but also a life-changing experience that shapes your personal and professional growth.

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

From pre-arrival planning to graduation day, the ISO is with you every step of the way.

We offer:

- Immigration assistance
- Study abroad opportunities
- Cultural integration support

Our team works closely with Wits faculties, departments, and service providers to make your journey as smooth as possible.



OUR MISSION

ISO strives to:

- Ensure Wits remains the preferred study destination for international students.
- Offer diverse cultural and integration programmes for a high-quality academic and personal experience.
- Maintain Wits as a sought-after university for international partnerships.

MORE THAN JUST SUPPORT

At ISO, we see ourselves as partners in your success. Whether you're exploring opportunities, managing your visa, or looking for ways to connect with the Wits community, we are here for you.

FIND OUT MORE

☎ +27 11 717 1054

✉ studysa.international@wits.ac.za

🖱 www.wits.ac.za/internationalstudents

CAMPUS HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE (CHRL)

Campus Housing and Residence Life (CHRL), a division of Student Affairs, is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the University's residence programmes, including accommodation and meals and the provision of recreational facilities and programmes to improve academic performance and holistically develop students within a residential environment.

HOW TO APPLY FOR HOUSING

New students or first-time residence applicants:

- **Residence applications are done online.**
- **Before you are admitted to a residence, you will be required to pay R5000 of your residence fees for the year.**
- **International students are required to pay 75% of their residence fees.**
- **Bursary students must provide proof of their bursary upon registration.**
- **The closing date for accommodation applications is 31st October.**

For more information refer to

<https://www.wits.ac.za/accommodation/applications/>

FUNDING OPTIONS

The University offers various scholarships, bursaries and other funding opportunities for its postgraduate students from both internal and external sources. There is a live database of all these opportunities that is regularly updated.

Refer to the link to access the funding portal:

<https://www.wits.ac.za/funding-portal/>

WITS POSTGRADUATE MERIT AWARD

The aim of the University Postgraduate Merit Award (PMA) is to assist graduates to complete Honours, Masters or PhD degrees by research or by a combination of coursework and research on a full-time basis only.

Tuition fees up to a maximum of R 71 900 will be awarded to students who qualify.

This award is based purely on academic merit and the availability of funds.

The Postgraduate Merit Award does not fund all courses.

All University Council Funds are allocated by the end of March.

For more information refer to the following link: https://www.wits.ac.za/media/wits-university/study/fees-and-funding/documents/2026-PMA-Terms-Conditions_.pdf

HAROLD AND DORIS TOTHILL SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is available to all full-time Masters and PhD students studying in the English field. A special committee decides on the amount awarded to qualifying candidates. Applications are dependent on the availability of funds.

EXTERNAL STATUTORY FUNDING

Postgraduate students can apply for several of the following funding opportunities:

1. National Research Foundation (NRF)

The NRF offers scholarships for Honours, Masters and PhD students. The Free-standing, Innovation and Scarce Skills NRF scholarships are offered to full-time students who are South African citizens and permanent residents. A small percentage is awarded to non-South African citizens.

CLOSING DATE

31 March

Apply online:

www.wits.ac.za/study-at-wits/student-fees/

www.wits.ac.za/study-at-wits/financial-aid-and-scholarships-administration/

Contact the PG Funding Office for closing dates on:

+27 11 717 1073

+27 11 717 1062

2. NRF Square Kilometre Array (SKA)

The NRF SKA Scholarship is available for South African citizens who wish to study their Honours, Masters or PhD degree majoring in Astronomy and/or Astrophysics.

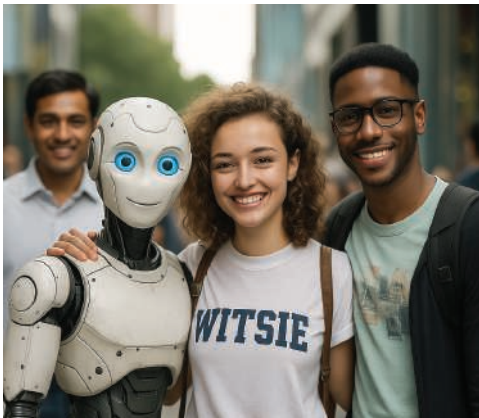
Apply online:

<https://skagrants.nrf.ac.za>

3. Mandela Rhodes Scholarship

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Scholarship aims to help build leadership-excellence in Africa.

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation offers young Africans who exhibit academic prowess as well as broader leadership potential an educational opportunity unique on the continent. While pursuing their chosen postgraduate degree, each scholar benefits from access to leadership development programmes, rooted in the principles underpinning the Foundation.



FIND OUT MORE

www.wits.ac.za/study-at-wits/student-fees/

Two Witsies are heading to Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship in 2026

5 January 2026 - Wits University



Coral Pillay and Kabelo Mbuyisa-Seonyane have been named recipients of the world's pre-eminent graduate fellowship, aimed at exceptional young people.

The Rhodes Scholarship, celebrated as one of the most distinguished academic awards, allows young leaders to pursue full-time postgraduate study at Oxford University. Recipients of the scholarship are chosen not only for their outstanding scholarly achievements, but for their character, commitment to others and to the common good. Alumni of this prestigious fellowship have gone on to serve at the forefront of education, business, science, medicine, the arts, politics and beyond. These two Witsies are part of a dynamic ten change makers from Southern Africa who will join their peers from across the world at Oxford in October 2026.



Carol Pillay

A socially grounded astrophysicist

Aspirant astrophysicist and Wits graduate Coral Pillay will start her PhD in 2026 at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. Coral Pillay is currently completing a Master's degree in Astrophysics and earned her BSc Honours in Physics with distinction. In 2026 Pillay will pursue a PhD in Astrophysics at Oxford. Her research focuses on how galaxies and the supermassive black holes at their centres grow, merge, and shape the cosmos over billions of years.

Pillay is interested in bridging the gap between advanced supercomputer simulations of the universe and observations from modern radio telescopes, including South Africa's MeerKAT+ and the upcoming Square Kilometre Array (SKA). She has also contributed to international research with the European

Space Agency's Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) Consortium, expanding her expertise into the extraordinary realm of gravitational-wave astronomy. During her postgraduate studies, she has received awards to conduct research abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and at the Joint Institute for VLBI ERIC (JIVE) in the Netherlands, where she worked as a summer student in 2024.

In addition, she is an active science communicator and community organiser, passionate about making science more inclusive, socially engaged, and politically responsive. Born in Chatsworth, a suburb in Durban, Pillay believes that science can be a tool for social resistance, expanding opportunity and democratising knowledge for all who seek to better understand our universe.



Kabelo Mbuyisa

An educator steeped in development

Rhodes Scholar Kabelo Mbuyisa is an educator deeply committed to African development. Kabelo Mbuyisa-Seonyane graduated with a Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase & FET (Cum Laude) with triple majors in Physics, Life Sciences and Geography and an Honours in Education also attained with Distinction. In addition he is a Mandela Rhodes Scholar who completed his Master's at the Wits School of Education. This scholarship comes just as he commences his second Masters, this time a Master of Science in African Studies at Oxford University as a FirstRand Scholar. He will proceed to PhD studies in International Development under the Rhodes Scholarship in 2026.

Driven by a commitment to African development through education, his research focuses on decoloniality in the science curriculum looking at how indigenous knowledge systems can be used as pluriversal knowledge to improve science education outcomes in South Africa. His current studies examine how the geopolitical competition for resources impacts education and economic development outcomes with the aim of proposing frameworks for targeted fiscal allocations by African states. His PhD will explore how African countries can leverage on the green transition to diversify their economies and ultimately improve lives of ordinary people.

A recipient of several academic and service award, he is the youngest member in Africa of the UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education for diversity and development, and has served in multiple significant leadership roles where he advocates for relational social justice. The 23-year-old from Krugersdorp also works as a Research and Organisational Development consultant for the Club of Rome; and as the Executive Chairman at the Pedagogical Science Institute and Education for Economic Development centralised regulatory Non-Profit Company, which he founded.

The Southern Africa Rhodes Trust has congratulated the 2026 cohort.

"The Rhodes selection process aims to identify young people with proven academic excellence who also show exceptional character and grit, the courage to lead and make a difference in the broader community, the energy to use their talents to the full, and a commitment to solving humanity's challenges. We believe that Coral and Kabelo personify these core selection criteria" says Ndumiso Luthuli, National Secretary for Rhodes Scholarships for Southern Africa.

Applications for the 2027 Rhodes Scholarships will open in June 2026.



FEES

NOTE: At the time of going to print, the tuition fees for 2026 were not available. These are the approximate tuition fees for the first year of study in 2025. Fees may increase by approximately 5% or more. The approach for final fee determination is guided by DHET recommendations, which are yet to be finalised. Please note that the fees listed are for South African citizens only

COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Postgraduate qualifications (Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT	
Qualification	Amount
PGDip in Accountancy	R80 160
PGDip in Taxation	R58 740
PGDip in Specialised Accountancy	R64 120
PGDip Law	R51 600
PGDip in Business Admin	R129 000
PGDip in Management	R78 330– R108 860
PG Dip in Accountancy (Distance)	R82 710
PGDip in Business Admin (Distance)	R129 000
PG Dip in Management (Distance)	R72 960 – R111 100
BAccSciHons	R88 410
BEconSciHons	R57 390
BComHons	R52 100 – R59 260
MBA R328,21	R333 360 - R427 890
Masters of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report)	R89 720 – R95 490
Master of Economic Science (Coursework and Research Report)	R92 910
Master of Laws (Coursework and Research Report)	R77 660 – R90 560
Master of Management	R110 070 – R221 405
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES PER YEAR OF STUDY	
LLM by research, full-time	R28 910
LLM by research, full-time second term	R15 544
LLM by research, part-time	R19 260

FACULTY OF COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Qualification	Amount
PGDip in Accountancy	R80 160
PGDip in Taxation	R58 740
PGDip in Specialised Accountancy	R64 120
PGDip Law	R51 600
PGDip in Business Admin	R129 000
PGDip in Management	R78 330– R108 860
PG Dip in Accountancy (Distance)	R82 710
PGDip in Business Admin (Distance)	R129 000
PG Dip in Management (Distance)	R72 960 – R111 100
BAccSciHons	R88 410
BEconSciHons	R57 390
BComHons	R52 100 – R59 260
MBA R328,21	R333 360 - R427 890
Masters of Commerce (Coursework and Research Report)	R89 720 – R95 490

ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Postgraduate qualifications (Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Qualification	Amount
POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS – AVERAGE TUITION FEE PER PROGRAMME	
PGDip(Eng)	R85300 - R86400
PGDipPDM(Property Development and Management)	R104 760
PGDip(Construction Management)	R83 600
PGDipPlanning	R65 370
BAS(Hons)	R84 570
BSc(Hons)(CM)	R107 920
BSc(Hons)(QS)	R107 920
BSc(Hons)(URP)	R97 250
BSc (Hons) (Property Studies)	R100 800

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Qualification	Amount
MArch(Prof)	R95 920
MEng (Prof)	R128 750 - R136 280
MSc(Building)	R119 040 - R119 680
MSc(DP)	R90 940
MSc(Eng)	R128 750 - R127 800
MSc(AeroEng (Embry-Riddle)(Over two years)	R249 800
MScBulkMaterialsHandling	R128 750
MSc (EngMan)	R128 750
MSc Industrial Eng	R128 750
MSc(MechEng)	R128 750
MSc(SysEng)	R128 750
MUD	R98 000
MUS	R97200 - R98 300
MSc(Eng)	R114,310 -120,990
MSc(AeroEng (Embry-Riddle)(Over two years)	R236,634
MScBulkMaterialsHandling	R114,310
MSc (EngMan)	R114,310
MSc Industrial Eng	R114,310
MSc(MechEng)	R114,310
MSc(SysEng)	R114,310
MUD	R87,130
MUS	R86,350 - 86,990
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES PER YEAR OF STUDY	
Masters by research, full-time	R39 200
Masters by research, full-time, second term	R21 600
Masters by research, part-time	R28 700
Masters by research, part-time, second term	R14 500
PhD by research, full-time	R40 800
PhD by research, full-time, second term	R20 500
PhD by research, part-time	R27 300
PhD by research, part-time, second term	R13 800

HEALTH SCIENCES

Postgraduate qualifications (Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES	
Qualification	Amount
PGDip Occupational Therapy	R60 080
PDip Child Health	R69 130 – R71 120
PGDipHS Management	R67 520
PGDip in Physiotherapy	R61 350
PGDip Occupational Health	R38 920
PDip Public Health	R60 230 – R82 400
PDip Tropical Medicine and Hygiene	R50 040
PDip HS Education	R43 000
Honours	R54 670 – R60 040
(MDENT AND MMED HOLDERS OF APPROVED POSTS ARE ENTITLED TO 90% REMISSION OF FEES)	
M Dent	R170 130 – R270 180
MMed	R44 290 – R174 380
MPH	R83 630 – R92 970
MHSc (Ed)	R106 250
MSc (Dent)	R94 610
MScMed	R67 920 – R100 760
MSc (Epi)	R83 470 – R102 610
MSc OT by coursework and research report	R69 280
MSc Physio by coursework and research report	R64 520
MSc Nursing	R66 240
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES (PER YEAR OF STUDY)	
Masters by Research, full-time	R44 680
Masters by Research, full-time, second term	R22 600
Masters by Research, part-time	R29 790



www.wits.ac.za/study-at-wits/student-fees/

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Qualification	Amount
Masters by Research, part-time, second term	R15 070
PhD by Research, full-time	R38 860
PhD by Research, full-time, second term	R19 630
PhD by Research, part-time	R25 900
PhD by Research, part-time, second term	R13 100

HUMANITIES - Postgraduate qualifications (Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Qualification	Amount
PGDA (Applied Drama and Theatre Studies)	R52 230
PGDA (Dance in Education, Communities and Social Contexts)	R42 200
PGDipIn- Interpreting	R46 230
PGDipIn- Translation	R42 900
PDE	R39 600
PDE(Deaf Education)	R42 080
PGCE FT	R53 790
PGCE PT	R53 990
PGDip(HE)	R53 990
PG Dip (Digital Educ and Online Teaching)	R42 080
BAHons	R47250 - R69 850
BA Hons in Translation – Interpreting	R85 40
BEd (Hons)	R51 120

PART 1B: AVERAGE TUTION - FEES 2025 (MA BY COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH REPORT)

African Lang and Ling	R59 990
African Literature	R59 990
Applied Drama: Theatre in Education	R56 720

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Qualification	Amount
Anthropology	R59 990
Applied Ethics for Professionals	R85 600
Contemporary Curatorial Practice	R59 990
Critical Diversity Studies	R59 990
Cultural Policy and Management	R59 990
Demography and Population Studies	R59 990
Development Studies	R59 990
Drama Therapy	R56 720
e-Science	R61 450
French and Francophone Studies	R59 990
Gender Studies	R59 990
German Studies	R59 990
Global South	R59 990
Health Demography	R59 990
Health Sociology	R59 990
History	R59 990
History and Film Documentary	R59 990
History of Art	R59 990
ICT Policy and Regulation	R75 900
Interactive Media Design	R59 940
International Relations	R59 990
Italian Studies	R59 990
Journalism and Media Studies	R59 990
Labour, Economic and Dev Sociology	R59 990
Labour Policy and Globalisation	R59 990
Linguistics	R59 990
Literary Theory and Crit Prac	R59 990
Migration and Displacement	R59 990
Modern and Contemporary Literature	R59 990
Organisational and Institutional Studies	R59 990

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Qualification	Amount
Organisational Psychology	R73 580
Philosophy	R59 990
PART 1B: AVERAGE TUITION - FEES 2025	
Political Studies	R53,080
Politics and Gender	R59 990
Psychology	R73 950
Publishing Studies	R59 990
Social Development	R68 310
Sociology	R59 990
Social and Psyc Research	R73 950
MA (Audiology)	R52 040
MA (Clin Psych)(over two years of study)	R95 690
MA (Comm-based Counselling Psych)(over two years of study)	R95 690
MA (Heritage)	R59 780
MA Theatre and Performance	R59 780
MA (Translation)(Interpreting)	R105 300
MA (Translation)(Translation)	R70 600
MA (Social Work) in the field of Occ Social Work	R66 900
MA (Social Work) in the field of School Social Work	R66 900
MA (Speech Pathology)	R52 000
MEd by coursework and research report (General)	R46 000
Med (Ed Psychology)	R81 840
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES (PER YEAR OF STUDY)	
Masters by research, full-time	R35 300
Masters by research, full-time, second term	R18 900
Masters by research, part-time	R23 400
Masters by research, part-time, second term	R12 000
PhD by research, full-time	R31439 - R34 700
PhD by research, full-time, second term	R16300 - R16 700
PhD by research, part-time	R21300 - R23 300

HUMANITIES - Postgraduate qualifications

(Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES	
Qualification	Amount
PhD by research, part-time, second term	R10800 - R11 800
MEd by research, full-time	R33 608
MEd by research, full-time, second term	R18 600
MEd by research, part-time	R24 054
MEd by research, part-time, second term	R12 400
PhD by research, full-time	R32 500
PhD by research, full-time, second term	R16 700
PhD by research, part-time	R21 800
PhD by research, part-time, second term	R107 80

SCIENCE - Postgraduate qualifications

(Average tuition fee per programme)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE	
Qualification	Amount
Honours	R52 140 – R62 230
Postgraduate Diploma: Applied Biosciences	R58 440
Postgraduate Diploma: Data Science	R58 490
Postgraduate Diploma: Innovation and Entrepreneurship	R67 960
MSc by coursework and research report	R49 950 – R84 190
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES (PER YEAR OF STUDY)	
MSc by research, full-time	R32 420 – R44 720
MSc by research, full-time, second term	R16 520 – R22 610
MSc by research, part-time	R21 620 – R29 930
MSc by research, part-time, second term	R11 670 – R15 140
PhD by research, full-time	R30 940 – R34 540
PhD by research, full-time, second term	R15 540 – R17 300
PhD by research, part-time	R16 770 – R17 550
PhD by research, part-time, second term	R10 350 – R11 56



WITS
UNIVERSITY

www.wits.ac.za

Wits. For Good

