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Introduction by Prof Adam Habib

As you are aware, we are facing challenging times, when public funding for higher education is declining, while students demand no fee increases or no fees at all. Universities are caught in a financial pincer, which we have to transcend without compromising academic quality.

We are increasingly reliant on your support to attract and retain talented, innovative academics and students; to offer more scholarships to disadvantaged students with academic potential; to support the research and teaching activities of our university; to update our technology and equipment; and to maintain and develop our facilities and infrastructure.

You, our donors, supporters and investors, are the mainsail of our university. You have consistently been there for us, helping to sustain and advance our globally competitive university.

Your support assists us in ensuring that Wits remains financially sustainable and at the cutting edge of higher education on the continent and globally. Your support also boosts us in our critical role of helping to build a strong, stable, democratic, internationalised society in a country dealing with profound socio-political problems, unemployment and complex issues of decolonisation and transformation.

We are currently required to make hard financial trade-offs that are not simply managerial and strategic; they are also ethical and moral. They include being firm about keeping campus safe and functioning, while proactively addressing inequality in South African society, contributing to job creation and overcoming the capacity constraints that are limiting Africa's economic growth.

In so many ways, Wits has an inestimable role to play in shaping the future of South Africa and the continent. It matters that we engage on issues of freedom and justice. It matters that our communities are ably served by Wits-trained professionals – health professionals, teachers, entrepreneurs, artists, social workers, engineers, accountants, lawyers, IT innovators, environmental scientists, physicists and all the other graduates we produce. It matters that Wits academics contribute globally to relevant research on everything from TB and HIV to climate change, sustainable societies, and the origins of the universe.

Wits matters and we need to find the resources to educate our young people and nurture the best minds on the continent by providing an outstanding education in all the disciplines that we offer. At the same time we need to provide the funding, environment and infrastructure for novel, globally relevant research. At Wits we believe these requirements are mutually inclusive and absolutely necessary in a globalised and globally competitive university environment.

We are ambitious about our teaching, research and impact on a global scale, and I believe that we – our staff and students – and you – our friends, alumni, and supporters – are a powerful community, which, together, can achieve extraordinary breakthroughs and find solutions to the challenges that impact our societies, our environment and our world.

Professor Adam Habib
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

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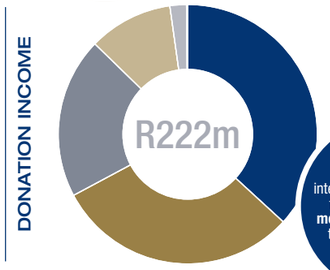
TOTAL WITS GROUP INCOME 2015 - R5.5 BILLION

DONATION INCOME

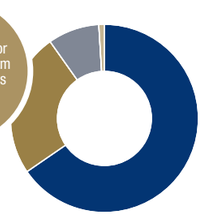


More than 1000 individual donors donated amounts ranging from R15million to monthly donations of R100

More than 80 local and 20 international philanthropic foundations donated **more than R100 million** to deserving projects in the University

Philanthropic Foundations	37%
Corporates & Corporate Foundations	30%
Public sector	20%
Individuals	11%
PBO/ NGO	2%
Bequests	0.2%

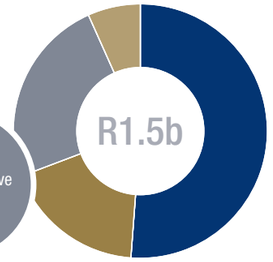
DONATION INCOME BY COUNTRY



More than 30% of our donor income came from the United States and the United Kingdom

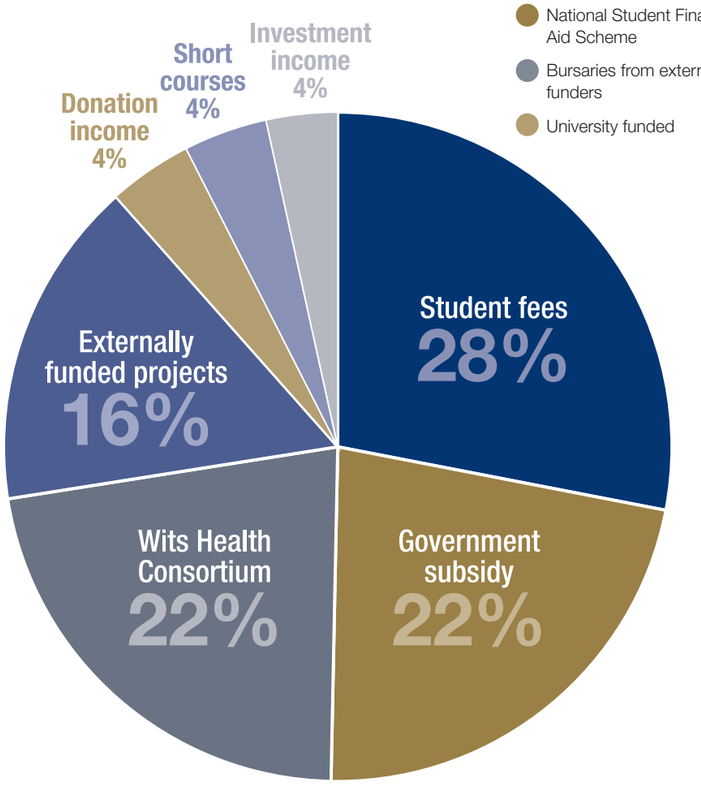
SA	65%
US	25%
UK	9%
Rest	1%

STUDENT FEES



More than 20 000 students receive some form of external funding

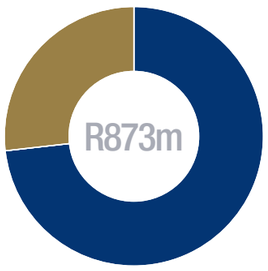
Self funding	51%
National Student Financial Aid Scheme	18%
Bursaries from external funders	24%
University funded	7%



More than 150 South African Corporate and Corporate Foundation donors and sponsors and 300 human resource pipeline sponsors invested **more than R400 million** in University projects and student bursaries and scholarships

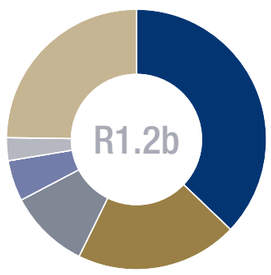
Public sector organisations and state owned entities invested **more than R300 million**

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS



Range of funders	73%
SA National Research Foundation	27%

HEALTH CONSORTIUM



US Agency for International Development	37%
US National Institutes of Health	20%
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	10%
Clinical Laboratory Services	5%
Wits Clinical Research	3%
Other donors/sponsors	25%

African 52%
White 21%
Indian 13%
Coloured 4%
Asian 0.5%

STUDENTNUMBERS 2015

33 774

Male 45%
Female 55%

UNDERGRADUATE
POSTGRADUATE

Ranked **1st in SA** 2016

203 GLOBALLY
Centre for World Class Universities – Shanghai Jiao Tong University

176 GLOBALLY
Centre for World University Rankings – CWUR

90%
of graduates find employment within a year of graduation

139th
2013 Global Employability rankings

band **150-200**
Times Higher Education 2016 Ranking of World Universities

more than **R2BILLION invested**
in new & renovated buildings & infrastructure over the past decade

RESEARCH

26 A-rated researchers at Wits
recognised by peers internationally as global leaders in their field

10 DST/NRF Centres of Excellence
Highest of all SA universities

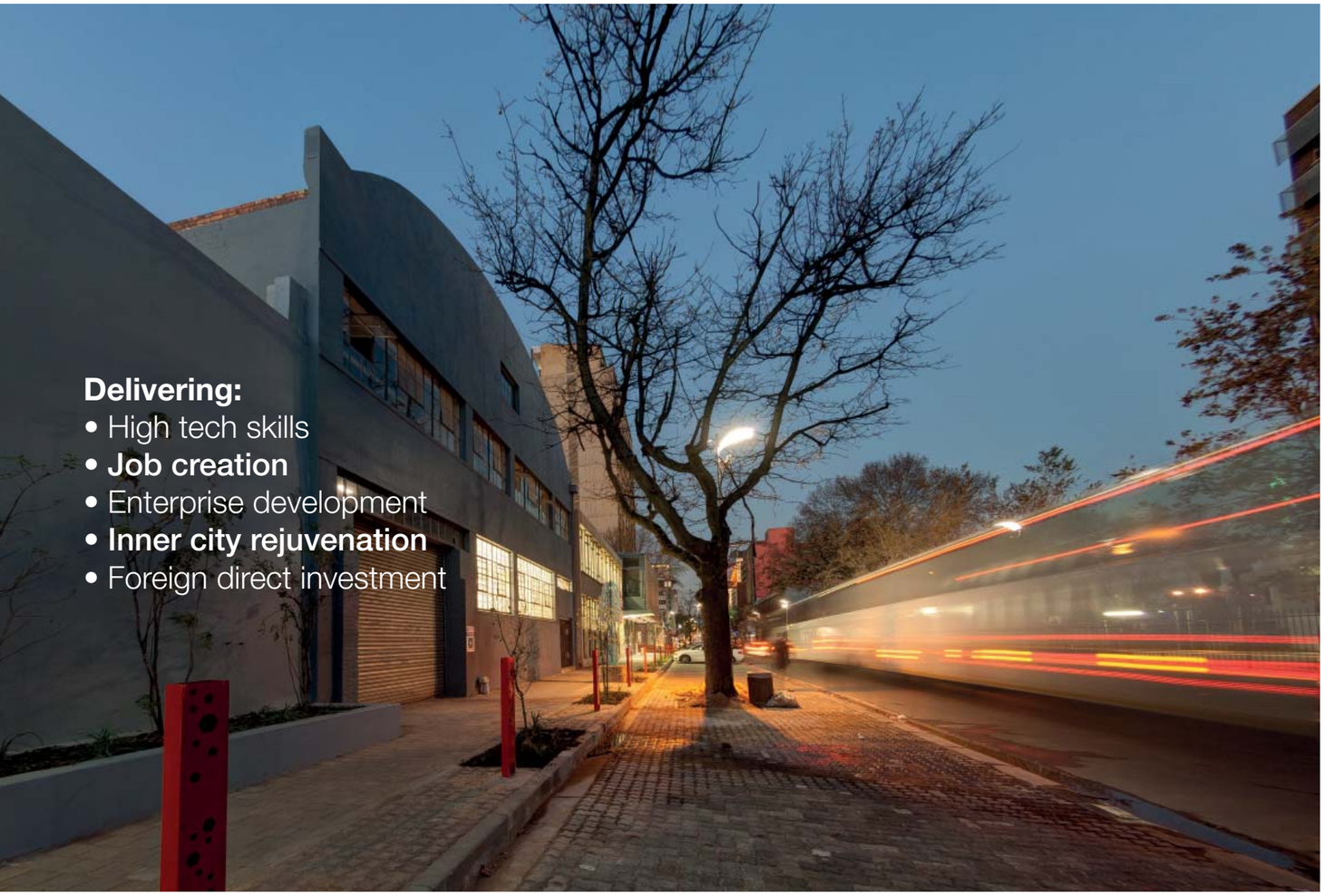
381 *NRF-rated researchers at Wits
* National Research Foundation

26 SARChI CHAIRS
* The South African Research Chairs Initiative

37% INCREASE RESEARCHOUTPUT since 2012

Wits is the largest producer of **medical** specialists & sub-specialists in South Africa

AFRICA'S MOST IMPORTANT DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY HUB



Digital Technology Hubs are part of the innovation landscape of most major cities today. Joburg, we are proud to say, has the Wits-led Tshimologong Digital Innovation Hub in Braamfontein's Juta Street. Located two blocks from Wits' main campus, it was launched on 1st September 2016.

"The Tshimologong Precinct will become Africa's most important digital technology hub," says Professor Barry Dwolatzky, head of the Joburg Centre for Software Engineering (JCSE) at Wits, which is driving the project. "It will be a 24/7 space for anyone wanting to acquire digital skills – from entry level to advanced. Here, you can interact with tech developers, programmers, designers and entrepreneurs to transform ideas into businesses. From digital tools that diagnose disease to systems that assist insurance companies to analyse risk, Tshimologong will develop it."

Tshimologong is a multi-funded partnership between government, industry and academia that will anchor the rejuvenation of West Braamfontein and make a significant contribution to South Africa's job creation and development needs by creating a skilled ICT workforce, encouraging enterprise development and enticing foreign direct investment. More than R60 million of the funding for this ambitious R100 million project has come from the strategic founding partners.

Tshimologong is being created out of five Wits-owned buildings that are being repurposed from warehouses, retail outlets and a nightclub, into training rooms, shared workspaces, events areas, incubators and development pods.

The first major anchor tenant is IBM Research – the world's largest research organisation – which has established its 13th international research organisation here as part of the expansion of IBM Research Africa.

International networks

Wits has built strong international networks in support of the Tshimologong project, and formal agreements have been signed with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Ryerson University in Canada, the Netherlands Embassy and the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute in India to boost growth opportunities for entrepreneurs and accelerate start-up incubation.

Significant and impactful Strategic Founding Partners & Sponsors

All funds contributed to Tshimologong qualify as valid contribution to several elements of the revised B-BBEE codes.

Strategic Founding Partners & Sponsors include:

- The City of Johannesburg
- Gauteng Provincial Department of eGovernment
- IBM Research
- Telkom
- MMI Group
- Microsoft South Africa
- Cisco Systems
- Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA)
- Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)
- Teraco Data Environments
- KMJ Services
- DataCentrix

Other important partners are:

Absa/Barclays Africa, Motorola Foundation and Google South Africa.

The emerging digital economy

The Tshimologong Digital Zone is core to the University's drive to position Wits at the cutting edge of the emerging digital economy. Other complementary initiatives include substantial investments into 'big data' analytics capacity across the university in key areas such as Health Sciences, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) radio telescope, the R32,7million investment in the Telkom Chair in Digital Business at Wits Business School and the multidisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in Game Design. All are key indicators of strong support for this drive.

www.tshimologong.joburg

"Donors not only want to see that their money is well invested, they want to know that it will serve as a catalyst for growth, greater equality and justice," says the Head of the School of Public Health, Professor Laetitia Rispel.

PUBLIC HEALTH FOR SA, PUBLIC HEALTH FOR AFRICA

This multi-disciplinary School produces skilled public health practitioners who are trained to address the diverse public health needs and challenges in South Africa and Africa.

The undergraduate and postgraduate programmes include community medicine, epidemiology and biostatistics, health policy and advocacy, health economics, occupational health, rural health and social and behavioural change communication.

"Our research units are locally and internationally renowned, while our strategic partnerships extend from communities through to national departments and international collaborators," says Prof Rispel.

Rand for a Dollar

The cutting-edge School of Public Health building cost approximately R146 million to build and opened in 2013. The many donors who made the building possible are named on honours boards in the School.

"Half of the money came from government through the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the former Head of School, Professor Fonn, put in an unbelievable effort to secure donors for the other half," says Prof Rispel.

So many people and organisations donated, including a generous donation from the Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation and the Kresge Foundation.

"Kresge set the challenge that for every rand raised they would match it with a dollar. We achieved this, with the Faculty, the University and so many academic and non-academic staff members coming forward to donate through an incredible internal philanthropic campaign.

"And now that we have the building, it is used by so many different people and organisations – from teaching and research to public events, debates and workshops. The School is a lived space and it is everyone's space."

www.wits.ac.za/publichealth/

Alumna and philanthropist

Excerpt from a letter to Wits alumna, philanthropist and advocate for women's issues and human rights, Dr Teresa Heinz Kerry (BA 1960). She received an honorary doctorate from Wits in 2007. She also holds honorary doctorates from several American universities, including the University of Massachusetts and the Carnegie Mellon University.

Dear Ms Heinz Kerry,
It gives me great pleasure to thank you and the Heinz Family Foundation for your donation of US$100 000.00 towards the School of Public Health Building Project. We moved to our magnificent new building in December 2012 and the official opening took place on Thursday 24 January 2013. In celebration of this event, the Wits School of Public Health hosted an international public health symposium entitled: 'Building Capacity 4 Health'. This theme acknowledges the importance of public health in achieving good health for all. It also embraces the purpose of the School's new home: a place for teaching and promotion of learning, knowledge generation and dissemination, and public health leadership and advocacy.
Professor Laetitia Rispel, Head of School

High quality public health data for Africa

To develop and improve biostatistical skills among researchers, the School of Public Health received R70 million (3.337 million pounds sterling) over five years from a fund created by the global Wellcome Trust and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID).

Biostatistics is responsible for the analysis and interpretation of scientific data generated in the biological and health sciences, in order to inform clinical or health policy and practice.

The funds are being utilised by the Sub-Saharan African Consortium for Advanced Biostatistical Training (S2ACABT), a Wits-led consortium of African and northern institutions. Associate Professor Tobias Chirwa, a biostatistician in the School of Public Health, and Head of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, is heading the consortium.

"In many African countries, there is a shortage of well-trained biostatisticians," says Prof Chirwa. "The few people who are trained are often overwhelmed. In order to ensure that data is used to inform public health policy and practice for the benefit of the people in Africa, we need to prioritise training of African postgraduate biostatisticians who can provide the required analysis to a high standard."

Strengthening Employee Wellbeing

Anglo American invested R15 million in a new research chair – the Anglo American Endowed Chair in Occupational Hygiene – in the School of Public Health. The Chair will conduct research aimed at decreasing employee exposure to dust, noise and other health hazards in mining and other industries, thereby contributing to employee wellbeing.

For more than three decades Wits academics from the School of Public Health, in partnership with the National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH), have been conducting ground breaking research on mining-related diseases. The new Chair will build on this track record and strengthen occupational hygiene by increasing the number of Master's and PhD students, and Postdoctoral fellows.

TRANSFORMING CITIES Architecture, Urbanism and the Humanities

The Wits City Institute is generously funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Architecture, Urbanism and Humanities (AUH) Initiative, which includes the Chair in Critical Architecture and Urbanism. Wits University was the only institution outside the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom to receive this funding, starting in 2013. One of Wits' largest Mellon grants (a total of US$1.5 million over five years), it constitutes the core funding of the Institute.

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Mellon funds human capital

"Mellon funds human capital and the core intellectual contribution of our Master's, Doctoral and Postdoctoral researchers, who work with the Chair, is to bring humanities disciplines into a working relationship around debates on 'the city' and the role played by architecture and the spatial discplines," says Professor Noëleen Murray, who joined Wits in March 2015 to take up the position as the first Wits Mellon Chair in Critical Architecture and Urbanism and Director of the City Institute.

"We are less interested in the modernist spatial ideal of cities, and more interested in how the city is experienced, represented and repositioned within intellectual discourse, as spaces that are built, fall into ruin, get invigorated, used and reused by different publics. In postcolonial contexts it evokes how you think about the city and its people, and how you address questions of division, disposession and displacement alongside expansion, environmental quality and liveability. For us at the Institute these are not simply questions for spatial planning, but intensely human and political questions. We recognise that city-making and how cities change in their many different permutations is a deeply complex process.

Connecting with the wallker in the street

Prof Murray draws on the example of Joburg: "It is such an incredible city, constantly in a state of being made, unmade and remade. Yet across the terrain of the space we call Jozi, we believe our role is to begin to rethink many approaches. Drawing on alternative urban scholarship such as reading the work of Abdul Malik Simone, Mellon Fellows grapple with vexing questions – such as asking whether the old idea of the disconnected urban planner looking down from above is still in place, instead of connecting with the 'walker' in the street"

www.wits.ac.za/cityinstitute/

PORTRAITS OF EXCELLENCE

Wits' strategic goals over the next ten years include raising our international profile in research and in postgraduate training. The University is in the top 1% of world universities in nine of twenty-two fields, as listed by Essential Science Indicators. Our research has a high reputation internationally and more than 80% of our publications are in international journals attracting considerable numbers of citations.

Your support is helping so many outstanding postgraduate students to achieve at Wits. To further boost our postgraduate capability, we have initiated a new funding stream called *Honours to PhD in 5 years*. This funding is specifically aimed at growing the number of PhD graduates. Several donors are supporting this, including the Skye Foundation, Beit Trust and Levenstein Trust.

The Master's and PhD students featured here were amongst the winners of the 2016 cross-faculty annual symposium at Wits where they showcased their research through engaging oral presentations. The symposium is a high-level intellectual meeting place where postgraduates learn about other fields of research at the University, network and socialise with one another, explore synergies across disciplines and receive constructive input on their research.

DR SOTER AMEH

PhD student,
Faculty of Health Sciences

I grew up in Nigeria and completed my medical degree (MBBS) at the University of Benin, Nigeria. In 2007 I started at Wits and completed my Master's degree at Wits in Population-based Field Epidemiology in the School of Public Health. I am now a PhD student, pursuing research on evaluating an Integrated Chronic Disease Management (ICDM) Model in South Africa. My aim is to provide evidence-based data to show the effectiveness of such a model in improving the quality of chronic care and health outcomes of patients living with chronic diseases in South Africa.

My PhD is being funded through a range of scholarships, merit awards and research grants, including the Fogarty International Centre of the National Institutes of Health Fellowship, the Wits Health Consortium, the Wits University Postgraduate Merit Award and the Faculty of Health Sciences Research Endowment Fund.

I believe what is important for South Africa's higher education future is to boost the enabling environment for public-private partnerships in the funding of postgraduate and postdoctoral research in higher education.

TAAHIRAH MANGERA

Master's graduate and lecturer, School of Mechanical, Industrial and Aeronautical Engineering

I grew up in Johannesburg South and completed my undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering at Wits. My experience with the academic staff at Wits during my undergrad and the high standard of research and development inspired me to pursue my Master's at Wits, funded by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. I am pursuing research into the material and tailoring of a paediatric prosthetic knee.

I have just been appointed as an Associate Lecturer in the School of Mechanical, Industrial and Aeronautical Engineering and I will be doing my PhD.

I have always had an interest in prosthetics and the way in which they can be improved and made more cost effective, to make them accessible to patients in the third world. I think it is important for South Africa to encourage students to pursue careers in fields that will put South Africa and Africa amongst the world leaders in R&D and innovation.

OFENTSE MAKGAE

Master's student, Wits School of Chemistry, PhD student, Oxford University

I was born in a small village near Rustenburg in the North West province. I graduated with a BTech Chemistry (cum laude) from Tshwane University of Technology (TUT).

My exposure to materials science research during my time at the Energy Materials Group of the CSIR guided me towards my Master's research at Wits, within the Catalysis and Materials Research Group where I completed my MSc in Materials Science. My research is based on the crystal growth and design of inorganic minerals and their application in lithography of functional materials with potential application in catalysis and energy devices. This work, which won the 2015 SACI Young Chemist, was fully funded by the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Strong Materials, and the Council for Geoscience.

My career will definitely be in academia and in 2016 I was awarded a Rhodes scholarship (SA-at-Large & Linacre 2016). I am currently pursuing my DPhil in Materials at Oxford University in the UK. Ultimately, I would like to return to South Africa and contribute to the amazing output of South African research institutions.

MARIKE VENTER

PhD student, School of Economic and Business Sciences

I grew up in Port Elizabeth where I studied at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. As a postgraduate, I moved to Wits to take up a lecturing post in education and to do my PhD in neuromarketing. This is a field of marketing research that studies consumers' cognitive and emotional response to marketing stimuli. It fascinates me and I believe that my research can provide insight into improving the financial performance of companies in the current competitive marketplace.

I am fortunate to be on a staff bursary and to have received a number of university scholarships to assist in covering my research costs.

Career-wise, I have chosen academia, and I am committed to playing my part in advancing higher education. I do not believe that attending university should be free of charge. Universities have considerable costs; they need to continuously invest in educational resources to maintain and improve on the quality of education offered, and this should not be compromised. I think that higher education should be based on a three-tiered system of universities, technical colleges and teaching colleges.

To advance my knowledge in my field, I would like to spend time at universities in the Netherlands or Germany because they are at the forefront of the research areas that interest me.

EDWIN MHANDU

PhD student, School of Literature, Language & Media

I grew up in Harare, Zimbabwe and did my secondary education at Seke One High School in Chitungwiza (a day school with hot seating, i.e. one stream of learners studies from 8 am to 12 noon, and another from noon to 4pm). I then proceeded to the University of Zimbabwe where I completed a Bachelor's degree in English and History, followed by my Honours and Master's degrees.

Wits was my university of choice for my doctoral degree because of its well-deserved reputation for quality education and excellence. This became a reality when the current Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Advancement, HR and Transformation, Professor Tawana Kupe, visited the University of Zimbabwe as part of a delegation in university collaborations. I was a newly appointed temporary lecturer in the English Department at the time and he encouraged me to pursue a PhD at Wits, which I did.

From 2014, I have been on Postgraduate Merit Award offered by Wits, which has radically transformed my life for the better. I am doing my PhD through the School of Literature, Language and Media, researching 'enjoyment and wellbeing' in the production of cultural spaces in Zimbabwean literature. I want to pursue a career in academia and participate actively in knowledge production to help build an African-centred scholarship with a global outlook.

PEOPLE GIVE TO PEOPLE

"People give to people whose vision they believe in. This is what created WAM and continues to support the growth of the museum," says Julia Charlton, Senior Curator of Wits Art Museum (WAM). WAM opened in 2012, following ten years of development, planning and fundraising.

"People have supported WAM in so many different ways: they gave us funds to build WAM; they have given us operational funds and artworks; they have opened doors to new donors; they have given generously of their time as exhibition guides, helping us to stage major functions and helping us to run our community art programmes."

A tribute to multi-donor funding: this is WAM, with its programmes and priceless collections of southern African and African artworks.

Donors large and small

WAM was knitted together from parts of three buildings to create a 5000 sq. metre museum. Wits allocated the space and put up 25% of the money. The rest came from 54 deeply valued donors, in amounts ranging from R100 to R10 million.

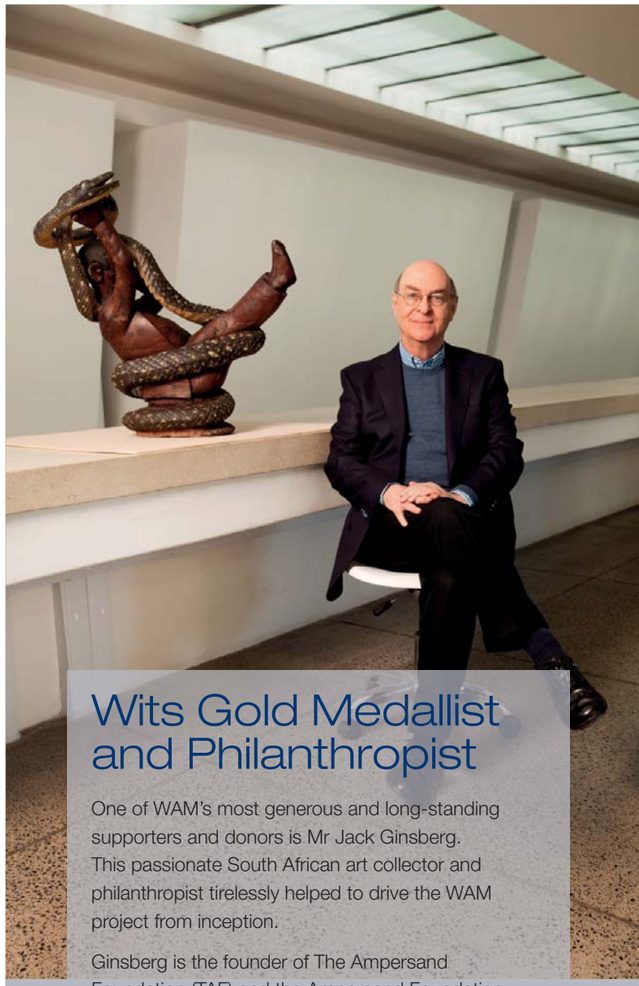
"The names of all the donors who contributed to building the new WAM are on a tribute board in our foyer," says Charlton. "We are immensely grateful to each and every one.

"After WAM opened we created an endowment to fund the growth of our collection, programmes and staff," says Charlton. The proceeds from two high-profile auctions where artists, collectors and buyers contributed so generously, plus other events and donations, have created a capital sum of over R24 million.

"Our current three-year educational programmes are being funded by Bidvest and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Through this programme we are able to bring in groups of learners from under-resourced schools to experience WAM and participate in our art classes.

"Since 2015 Business and Arts South Africa (BASA) has assisted us with grants to support business-arts partnerships and the marketing of exhibitions.

"So much has been achieved in the first years of WAM's existence and we have exciting plans for thefuture that will continue to grow WAM's impact on our diverse constituencies," concludes Charlton.



Wits Gold Medallist and Philanthropist

One of WAM's most generous and long-standing supporters and donors is Mr Jack Ginsberg. This passionate South African art collector and philanthropist tirelessly helped to drive the WAM project from inception.

Ginsberg is the founder of The Ampersand Foundation (TAF) and the Ampersand Foundation Endowment (TAFE) at WAM, which will provide long-term support for WAM's research, growth, acquisitions and programmes.

The Ampersand Foundation also funds a two-month residency in New York for professional South African artists and arts administrators where they experience the city's visual and performing arts offerings, and enhance their contacts and exposure.

WAM has also received a great many artworks from Ginsberg; his most recent donation is 500 works by Walter Battiss. This is part of Ginsberg's inimitable art collection, numbering over 2 000 mostly South African artworks, which has been bequeathed to WAM.

For his contribution to the arts in South Africa at large and for his specific contribution to Wits and WAM, he was awarded a Wits Gold Medal in 2014.

HOPE AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE

Together with our many public and private donors and sponsors, Wits ensures that academically deserving students in financial need are given a place at the University.

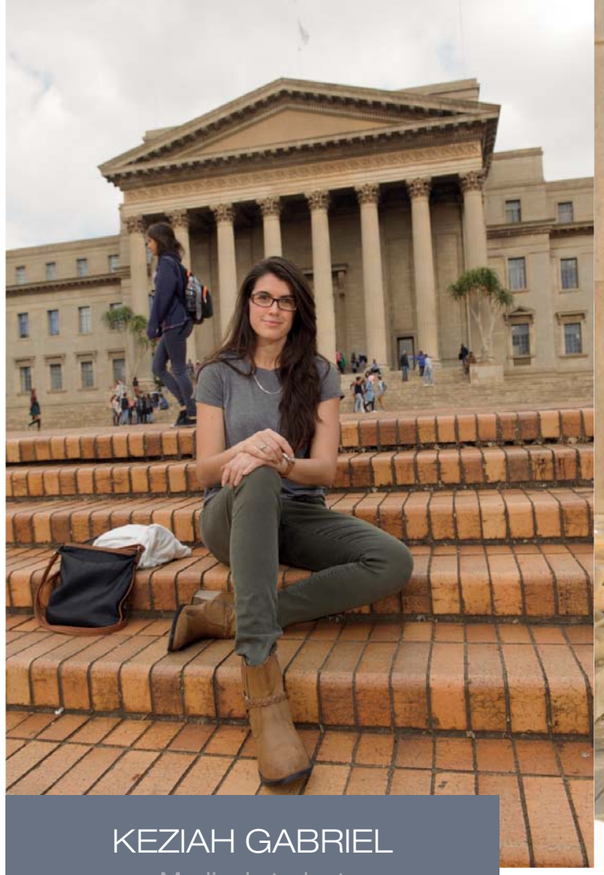
Wits administers approximately R900 million in financial aid and scholarships annually on behalf of the National Students' Financial Aid Scheme, corporates, private donors and other institutions. Over half of Wits' students receive bursaries or financial aid in one form or another.

One of many prestigious scholarships is the Vice-Chancellor's Equality Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to the top 10 matriculants from no-fee schools who apply to Wits University. The Scholarships cover all tuition and residence fees, textbooks, food and a cost of living allowance for the duration of their undergraduate degree.

"The Scholarships create hope in society, and in so doing, create meaningful transformation and change in South Africa," says Professor Adam Habib.

They supplement the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships, awarded to the 10 best learners from all schools, and enhance Wits' current suite of equity programmes which include the Targeting Talent Programme, the Bale Scholarship Programme for young women, the Go to University to Succeed (GUTS) outreach campaign and the Leadership, Education and Development Programme (LEAD).

Three of the four undergraduate students featured here are on Vice-Chancellor's Equality Scholarships. One of the students is on the Boris Wilson Endowed Scholarship.



KEZIAH GABRIEL

Medical student

I grew up in Amanzimtoti on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast.

I am a final year medical student, funded by the Boris Wilson Endowed Scholarship since my second year. I could never have studied medicine without this, which is something that many South African students face.

One of the reasons I chose to study medicine was because my father had a fatal traumatic accident when I was 15, and the feeling of helplessness when someone you love is dying has stuck with me. I wanted to empower myself with medical knowledge and skills to ensure I never feel lost in the face of medical trauma and pathology ever again.

My goal is to be a successful and knowledgeable general practitioner. The importance of general practice is currently underestimated but good general practitioners are essential to any health system that aims to function effectively. Our public health care system requires vast improvements in primary health care and I would love to be involved in improving it. I believe the pioneers of change in South Africa will be the new generation of well-educated, passionate graduates.

NHLANHLA DLAMINI

BSc student

I grew up in Bergville in KwaZulu-Natal. I came to Wits to study because it has always been my dream to attend a top academic institution for my higher education studies. I am currently in the third year of my BSc in Materials Science.

I am interested in the fundamental behaviour of materials and how their processing can affect their performance. I would like to see South Africa producing materials locally instead of importing them. South Africa's future is highly dependent on people with skills and problem-solving abilities in a wide variety of sectors.

Wits should continue encouraging the pursuit of postgraduate degrees to feed this pipeline, as well as the South African academic pipeline. This expands the cycle of knowledge creation and distribution in the country, and maintains Wits' highly standard of education and research.

KWANELE SISHI

Medical student

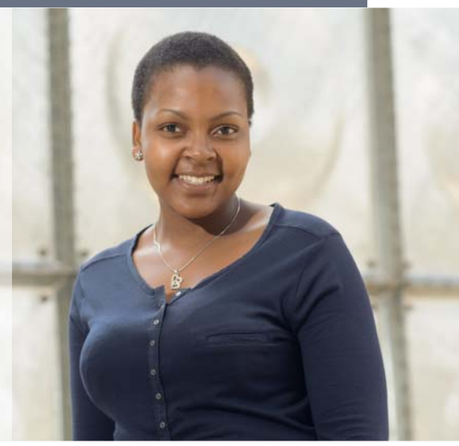
I grew up in Swayimane, a rural area close to Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal. I am currently doing my third year of medicine. The human body fascinates me, I am continually amazed at how perfectly God created us and I believe that I am an extension of His healing hand on Earth.

Once I am qualified, I would like to work as clinician for a few years and then specialise in psychiatry or neurology. I also hope to be involved in academics and academic research in later years.

Looking at the future of South Africa, I think what is crucial is producing more leaders and highly-skilled professionals and ensuring that they are employed within the country because we are currently losing a lot of our skilled workers to other countries. For me, South Africa is the country of choice to pursue my career as I feel that I need to use my skills to serve my country in gratitude for its contribution to my growth as well as my academic development.

RELEBOGILE MASHILE

BAccSci student



I grew up in Acornhoek, a town in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga, and I am a third year Bachelor of Accounting Science student.

The current generation of youth in South Africa has arguably the greatest opportunities of any generation to date; however, they are also confronted by many challenges. In order to move forward, the current leadership in our country has to take the issue of youth unemployment seriously. For South Africa to become more inclusive, many more people need to be provided with the opportunity to work and make a productive contribution to the economy and society.

To achieve this they need to study and in my opinion, people who cannot afford undergraduate education should be allowed to study for free. However, before any decision can be made about free higher education, we all need to understand the fundamental consequences of free and non-free higher education. In particular, we need to first establish whether free higher education would result in greater equality.

MODES OF GIVING

INDIVIDUALGIVING

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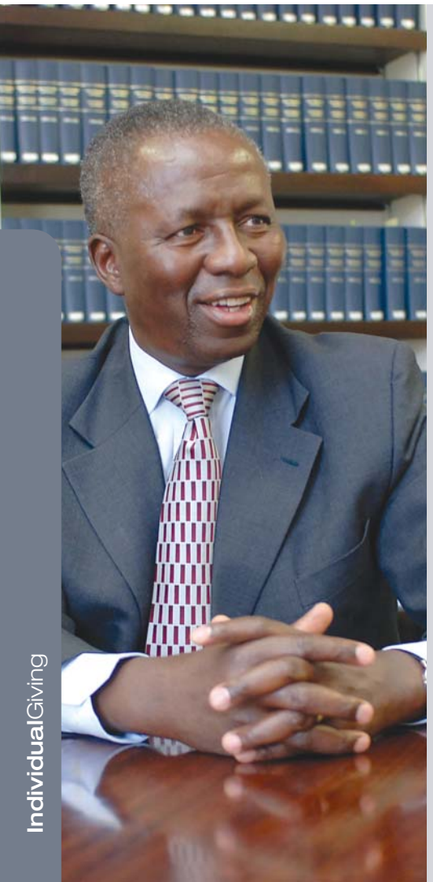
Donations of any amount make an enormous difference to Wits – to our teaching and research excellence, scholarships, campus improvements, the student experience, and all-round academic excellence. This section includes a snapshot of our many individual donors and supporters, examples of the different fund-raising facilities at the University and the establishment of the Wits Chancellor's Circle in recognition of our many generous supporters.

EVERY DONATION COUNTS

The Wits Annual Fund is a discretionary endowment fund, which continues to grow over time, with the interest earned used by Wits where it is most needed. This fund is the primary means by which alumni, staff and friends can give tax-deductible donations to the University. Every donation counts. To illustrate this: if 10 000 alumni each donated R100 per month, this would equate to R12 million per year for the fund. Donations can be made annually, monthly, once-off or periodically.

For more information: www.wits.ac.za/annualfund



WITS CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE

All donors who have made significant donations to Wits are invited to join the Wits Chancellor's Circle. This is Chancellor Justice Dikgang Moseneke's way of recognising benefactors like you.

"As the patron of the Chancellor's Circle, and on behalf of the University, I want members to feel appreciated and part of a special Wits experience," says the Chancellor. "As part of this relationship I want you to feel free to give feedback on the direction and performance of the University.

"In my time as Chancellor of Wits University I have been struck by the generosity of alumni. Through initiatives such as the Wits Annual Fund and the range of fundraising drives for important infrastructure projects, I have been introduced to individuals, like you, who have supported Wits with significant donations. These demonstrations of support are extremely moving, and my way of formally acknowledging you is to is to warmly invite you into the Chancellor's Circle."

As a token of our gratitude for the considerable role you play in the University's success, all members of the Chancellor's Circle are invited to exclusive Wits functions and your input on the University's development will be sought.

Yours sincerely,

Justice Dikgang Moseneke

2015 WITS SRC 1MILLION1MONTH CAMPAIGN

The 2015 Wits SRC launched the 1Million1Month Campaign in collaboration with the public and private sector, to bolster its Humanitarian Aid Fund and provide emergency financial aid for indigent students, including their fees, accommodation and meals.

The SRC encouraged donors to give whatever they could, from R100 upwards. Donations came in from far and wide, including the law firm Norton's Incorporated, individual members of the bar, the Oppenheimer Family Trust, Wits Deans and senior executive staff, and the academic staff union Asawu.

The campaign changed the lives of 219 academically deserving students in financial need who were turned down by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

Almost 60% of the 219 students are young women. The biggest share of funds went to the upfront payment of fees (29%) and accommodation costs (21%). The majority of beneficiaries were students in the Faculties of Humanities (35%) and Engineering & the Built Environment (24%), followed by the Faculty of Commerce, Law & Management (21%).

Major individual donors to this fund include Professor Adam Habib, Wits Chancellor Justice Dikgang Moseneke and Advocate George Bizos.

Wonderful support came from 702 in collaboration with Old Mutual and the Two Oceans Marathon who ran the 'More Than Yourself' campaign to raise finances for this fund. And the citizens of South Africa have also opened their hearts and pockets in support of this campaign.

1MILLION1MONTH CAMPAIGN CATALYST

The 1Million1Month Campaign at Wits, launched in February 2015, raised over R2,3 million by May 2015. Donor Ms Basetsana Thokoane was the tipping point in the achievement of the first million with her donation of over R500 000.

Born in Soweto, she was no stranger to socio-economic hardships during the pre-democracy era. "I was a poor, black, teenage girl in the streets of South Africa. I was a dropout with no matric; the country was at the height of instability and it was all doom and gloom in the townships," explains Ms Thokoane, who went into exile with the ANC in Tanzania.

"I was educated through ANC scholarships and support, and I am a proud graduate of the ANC's Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania, and universities and colleges in the UK."

Ms Thokoane brought her skills back to South Africa and held senior posts in the post-1994 government for many years before going into business.

Ms Thokoane said her donation was both a tribute to her benefactors in exile, and an acknowledgment of her roots: "The benevolence of others taught me that one cannot be an island in a sea of poverty. I will always make sure that young people who work hard are supported to achieve their dreams, as so many did with me."

2016 WITS SRC SUPPORTS THE MISSING MIDDLE

Approximately 10% of Wits students are National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) beneficiaries. However, a significant number of our students do not qualify for NSFAS because they are part of what is known as the 'missing middle'. These students are from families whose incomes are above the NSFAS threshold but they are unable to afford university fees.Their household income ranges from about R120 000 per annum to approximately R400 000 per annum.

Responding to this, the SRC of 2015/2016 launched the Wits SRC Humanitarian fund, known as the #Access campaign.

"The 'missing middle' are students referred to as being 'too poor to be rich and too rich to be poor'," said SRC President Ms Nompendulo Mkhatshwa, in her address to hundreds of parents and students attending the 2016 Wits Welcome Day for new students. The SRC said that it hoped to assist approximately 8000 students to pay for their tuition, accommodation and/or transport fees.

The campaign launched with a major donation of R2 million from Nedbank. Anton de Wet: Managing Executive, Client Engagement at Nedbank, says the donation is in line with the bank's commitment to tertiary education in South Africa.

"We have been working with Wits to find a sustainable funding solution for higher education in South Africa.

We are committed to continue this work with Wits and other stakeholders. We wish the SRC every success in their efforts with the #Access campaign and are delighted to donate the first R2 million towards reaching this goal."

Major individual donors to this fund include Professor Adam Habib, Wits Chancellor Justice Dikgang Moseneke and Advocate George Bizos.

By the end of February 2016, R3,2 million had been raised.

CLASS GIVING AND THE MBBCH CLASS OF '66

Reunions offer a special opportunity for members of a graduated class to share memories, renew freindships and join forces in offering an enduring group gift to Wits. The Wits Medical School Class of 1966 was such a reunion; they came together for their 50th reunion at Wits Medical School.

Dr Mary Hodkinson (MBBCh 1966, MSc Med 1990, PhD 1999) and Professor Michael Eliastam (MBBCh 1966) convened the itinerary for the three-day reunion. It included two nights at a game reserve, a talk on campus by Dr Martin Smith (MBBCh 1982) on health politics in South Africa, and a tour of Drimolen – the world-famous Cradle of Humankind fossil site – led by Dr Colin Menter (PhD 2003), son of Dr Alan Menter (MBBCh 1966).

The reunion dinner was held in the Adler Museum of Medicine. A memorial for deceased alumni preceded cocktails. Many of the alumni travelled great distances to attend. The advantage of those operating in dollars, euros or pounds is that the exchange rate considerably favours Wits, and donations from abroad go a long way. A gift of over R600 000 from 36 members of the Class of '66 was handed over to the Faculty of Health Sciences in January 2016 for the PV Tobias Bursary Fund.

APPRECIATIVE OF EXCELLENCE

"I have always been very appreciative of the excellent and rigorous medical education and training I received at Wits – certainly as good as that of graduates I have encountered from Ivy League medical schools in the USA," says Dr Evan Stein, who graduated with his MBBCh from Wits Medical School in 1970 and a PhD in inherited high cholesterol from Wits in 1981.

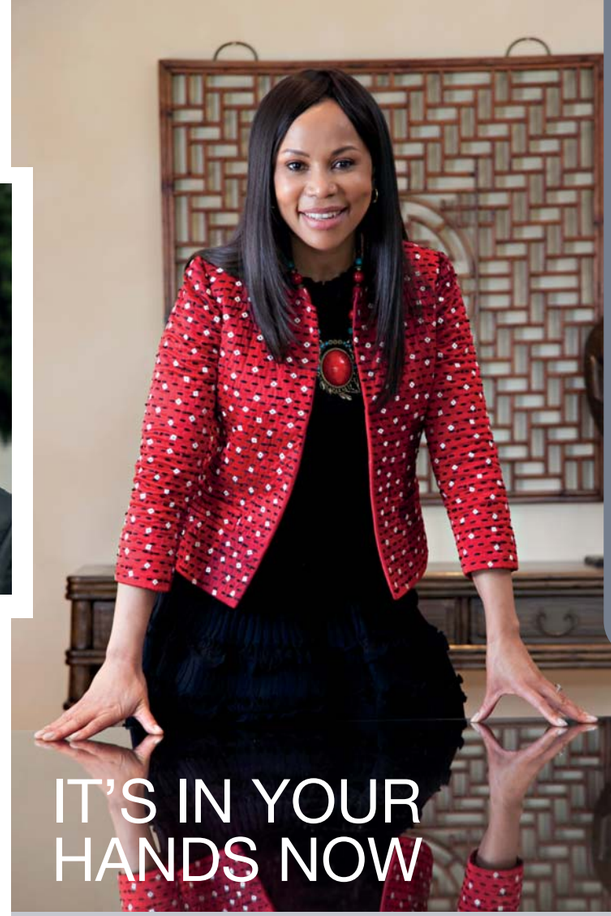
"My wife, Lindsay Stein, PhD (née Smith), is also a Wits graduate (BA Honours, Speech & Hearing Therapy, 1972)."

In 2013 Dr Stein drew up a proposal for a programme to detect and treat Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) patients with his friend and colleague, Professor Frederick Raal (MBBCh 1981, MMed1991, PhD 2000), who currently heads the lipid clinic that Dr Stein started in 1972.

"FH is the commonest inherited disease in the world associated with significant disease and death," Dr Stein explains.

In December 2015, the Wits Council approved the establishment of the 'Evan Stein FH Centre', made possible by a US$460 000 donation from Dr Stein and a US$750 000 endowment from the University of Pennsylvania, enabled by Dr Stein.

"The Centre is a way for me to help contribute to addressing FH needs in South Africa, where funds for this type of research are almost non-existent," says Dr Stein. "Together with Wits, we came up with a model that will ensure that the funds are used optimally; keeping the donors involved and likely to contribute more."



IT'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW

Wits alumni Mr Patrice Motsepe and Dr Precious Moloi Motsepe established the Joburg-based Motsepe Foundation in 1999. This philanthropic organisation supports educational, social, healthcare, women and youth empowerment and faith-based projects in South Africa and Africa.

Mr Motsepe, business and mining entrepreneur, has an LLB from Wits (1988). Dr Moloi Motsepe, business entrepreneur, medical doctor and women's empowerment champion, has an MBBCh (1987).

In January 2013 they became the first African signatories to the Giving Pledge, a commitment by the world's wealthiest to pledge a substantial part of their wealth to philanthropy in their lifetime.

They are strong advocates that "knowledge is power" and their generous support to Wits students over the years is motivated by the call to collective action by Nelson Mandela, who, on the eve of his retirement from active politics, said: "It's in your hands now".

"As our beloved Madiba said: 'Education is the key that opens doors'. Never stop learning!" says Dr Moloi Motsepe.

As part of their giving to Wits, the Motsepe Foundation has funded many bursaries for Wits students to assist them in furthering their education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine. Of these students, about 55% are women.

Dr Moloi Motsepe is a powerful role model for young women. Her dream is "to see women in Africa freed of the invisible chains that are holding them back. I dream of a continent where women have achieved full economic emancipation and reach their full potential."

Full bursaries provided by Mr Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan (warmly known as Venkat) and Professor Hamsa Venkatakrishnan are enabling the Chartered Accountancy studies of several Wits students.

Venkat is the Chief Executive of AngloGold Ashanti and he funds the students in his personal capacity. Prof Venkatakrishnan holds the SA Numeracy Chair at Wits.

"My wife, Hamsa, and I made a commitment to fully fund the education of five South African students each year, in the fields of finance, accounting or economics, at Wits," explains Venkat. "This decision is based on our belief in the importance of access to high quality education. We hope this modest contribution will build skills that will benefit South Africa, and make a positive change to the lives of the students."

THE VENKAT WAY

To ensure that the students feel supported in the academic environment, each of them is mentored by one of Venkat's colleagues in senior management. This is particularly important for first year students, who often feel overwhelmed in the first few months of university. Venkat keeps in regular contact with the students and a schedule of their progress is pinned above his desk.

His philanthropic spirit is appreciated by the students, as expressed by Chartered Accountancy bursary student, Ms Reabetswe Molete: "Seeing Mr Venkat give so much heart, soul and passion to educating strangers like us has inspired me to also give back in future and make means available for many others who want to pursue their careers and dreams."

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO LIVE YOUR DREAM

Dr Harry Allan Broekman personifies the determination of the human spirit. It was his dream as a young boy to become a doctor, but he soon found out that it was not easy. In pursuit of his dream, he three times repeated his matric in order to achieve a first class matric to get into Wits.

His next hurdle was money, which his parents simply did not have, and he worked for several years as a bank teller in order to save for his studies. He finally got into Wits, and graduated with his medical degree in 1969. He was registered as a medical practitioner the following year and worked at Coronation Hospital and South Rand Hospital.

Dr Broekman passed away on 4 July 2013 and left R7 million to the Wits Medical School so that young people with a burning desire to enter the medical world, who do not have the means to do so, can be helped to fulfil their dream. For he understood and appreciated the obstacles that many people have to overcome.

A GIFT TO ADDRESS INEQUALITY

- Aubrey and Helena Sheiham

On 18 November 2015, Wits announced that Wits alumnus Professor Aubrey Sheiham (BDS 1957) and his wife Dr Helena Sheiham had donated R8,8 million to Wits University to support the Vice-Chancellor's focus on addressing inequality.

Donations to UK-registered charities by UK tax-paying individuals are tax free. This benefit can increase a donation by 25%. Hence, Wits' UK charity claimed a tax refund on the Sheiham Family Gift and received an additional R3 million. This brings their donation to Wits to over R11 million.

Sadly, six days after making the donation, Prof Sheiham passed away on 24 November, at the age of 79.

Prof Sheiham was Emeritus Professor of Dental Public Health at University College London (UCL). Dr Helena Sheiham is Co-Director, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, London School of Economics.

The Sheiham donation is currently being used to support a programme in the Wits School of Public Health that is researching the social determinants of health and health inequalities. In South Africa, huge health inequalities remain, and race and gender continue to be the key markers of vulnerability, with a disproportionate burden of ill-health among black African and rural communities. The Sheiham Family Wits Programme on Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequality will seek to reduce this.

Professor Laetitia Rispel, Head of the Wits School of Public Health, said the donation is being used "to enhance the skills and capacity of Wits staff to teach, research and develop policies on social determinants of health and health inequality, and to support doctoral students in social epidemiology, advanced epidemiology and biostatistics."

The donation will also foster Wits' links with other southern African universities and UCL. "Ultimately," said Prof Rispel, "the donation is enabling us to contribute to efforts in South Africa to eliminate health inequalities."

In her tribute to Aubrey at his funeral on 21 December, Helena said:

"He was not motivated by desire for fame or status; nor by relish in fights and victories. No; his stance stemmed from a deep commitment to science, evidence and truth – and from a clear understanding of how they should be united with values to make a real difference in the world. And the benefit of his gentle strength was not only to abstract ideas but also very concretely to people. He believed whole-heartedly in their potential and showed boundless determination in helping them to achieve it. I was astonished and moved by how often people said 'he changed my life' and even 'saved my life'."

OUR NATION-BUILDING MOMENT

- Alumni rally behind South African universities

The Wits former SRC Presidents, Presidents of the Black Students Society (BSS) and the 2016 Wits SRC teamed up in 2016 for the launch of a fund they have created called the South African Student Solidarity Foundation for Education (SASSFE).

SASSFE's aim is to improve wider student access to higher education, to address the plight of poor students and thereby assist in the equitable transformation of South African society.

"Our principal objective is to establish a long-term, sustainable fund by mobilising higher education graduates in South Africa to contribute a minimum of R200 a month towards assisting students at a tertiary education institution of their choice," says SASSFE Chair and spokesperson Mr Tiego Moseneke.

"Starting with the launch of the Wits SASSFE Chapter, we intend to reach a significant number of Wits alumni who will make monthly contributions within the first year. We also encourage all South Africans of goodwill to support this initiative. Through this act of solidarity with the present generation of students, we can contribute to a better tomorrow for our country. This is our nation-building moment."

Former Wits student leaders on the SASSFE management committee include alumni Tiego Moseneke, Linda Vilakazi, Moss Mashishi, Terry Tselane, Firoz Cachalia, Kenneth Creamer, Themba Maseko and Tebogo Thothela.

SASSFE's trustees include eminent Wits alumni: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, the Archbishop of Cape Town (Chairman), Retired Judge of the Constitutional Court Richard Goldstone, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal Azhar Cachalia, and Wits Convocation President Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng.

ANONYMOUS R100 MILLION DONATION

A long-term friend of Wits who chooses to remain anonymous made an exceptionally generous donation of R100 million in 2014, R10 million of which was specifically allocated to the Wits Art Museum (WAM).

After much deliberation as how best to allocate the remaining R90 million, in September 2015 Professor Zeblon Vilakazi, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Postgraduate Affairs announced the decision:

- R45 million to the Digital Innovation Project and the Inner City Research/Applied Complexity Research (ACR) Projects; and
- R45million to the University's strategic transformation programme.

The Digital Innovation Project is a research-led ecosystem that promotes digital innovation and entrepreneurship. In partnership with Wits Enterprise, the Wits Digital Launch Pad (an incubation capability) will be established to develop promising ideas from students, academics and researchers, from concept to viable start-up. The Digital Launch Pad will be located in the Tshimologong Precinct in Braamfontein.

The ACR Projects, run through the Wits School of Governance, engage a trans-disciplinary approach to understand inequality and exclusion in Joburg, as these dynamics account for much of the variance in systemic social and unemployment problems faced by the City. Several Wits partners are involved, including the Wits Transnet Centre for Systems Engineering and the Gauteng City-Region Observatory.

Committed Joburger

In March 2016 Mr Chris Westergaard, a Joburg resident, contacted the Director of Development and Fundraising, Mr Peter Bezuidenhoudt. He and his wife, Audrey, handed him an envelope with a note pledging their R1 million donation to Wits.

Mr Westergaard explained that he is originally from Denmark, that he himself has no tertiary education but that his three daughters had studied at Wits. He said that he was making this donation because of the importance and impact of tertiary education in South Africa.

"A matric today means very little, as one may observe in our daily lives. Further education is imperative and Professor Habib gives us confidence that Wits University is in capable hands. It is our hope that our donation may help to advance Wits students and the reputation of Wits internationally" says Mr Westergaard.

Considering that his interests are archaeology and the natural environment, Wits thought it fitting to use this donation to fund the new undergraduate laboratory for the School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies (GAES).

Mr and Mrs Westergaard were invited to experience Wits' Rock Art Research Institute (RARI), Origins Centre, Archaeology Division and Fossil Vault.

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Over the year Wits has grown its relationships and partnerships with our corporate donors and sponsors, who boost the capacity of existing programmes, departments and institutes, who sponsor bursaries and buildings, and who, together with Wits, create new Chairs and programmes that advance the University's 21st century needs.

DRIVING DIGITAL BUSINESS IN A DIGITISED WORLD

The Telkom Chair in Digital Business at the Wits Business School is Africa's first chair in this space. The signing ceremony took place on 18 May 2016.

In addition to its initial R32,7 million funding over five years, Telkom is creating a black internship programme for Wits Business School students. Telkom will also offer free digital business training to its own staff.

Through this Chair, Wits Business School plans to conduct research in the field of digital business in Africa, and advance awareness of digital business and digital readiness by engaging with business, government and communities.

"This Chair will ensure that as a business school located in the economic heart of Africa, we are at the forefront of delivering important research and relevant programmes that are essential for doing business in today's digitised world," says Professor Steve Bluen, Head of the Wits Business School.

"The impact of this Chair is significant. Not only will it contribute to the economy by developing essential skills that will boost employment and encourage start-ups, but it responds directly to the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy adopted by the African Union in 2014 which aims to reposition the continent as a collection of technology-driven economies, ensuring the sustainable growth of the countries within."

Mr Sipho Maseko, Group Chief Executive at Telkom, explains that the availability of studies in digital business was an essential development for Africa and South Africa: "Most businesses are, to an ever-increasing extent, online businesses. Digitalisation is helping companies achieve their business goals in a new real-time, information-rich marketplace. This is the world our young people are entering."

Mr Maseko says the collaboration with the Wits Business School would also help to identify and develop black South African and African talent in the field of digital business.

"The next generation of business people will be even more exposed to new technologies, along with the threats and opportunities of digital disruption. Unless digital business is part of the business model, companies won't survive."

DISCOVERING WHAT LIES BENEATH THE EARTH

In April 2015 Wits annonced that Shell SA had committed to investing R5 million over a five-year period to help create a Seismology Reflection Centre at the University.

The Centre aims to develop innovative technologies to discover what lies beneath the earth, and at the same time to address the significant skills shortage in the geophysics and petroleum engineering fields, and other key sectors that drive development on the continent.

Housed in the School of Geosciences, the facilities at the Centre will be used to provide world-class geophysical training to students across Africa in order to develop and advance the knowledge and skills demanded by the oil, gas and mineral industries.

The School of Geosciences is the leading applied geoscience training and research entity in Africa, and the only one in South Africa with the capacity to deliver geophysics training.

The Director of the Centre for Reflection Seismology is Wits graduate Dr Musa Manzi (BSc 2008, BSc Hons 2009, PhD 2013). His PhD studies, in which he applied petroleum geophysics software to a Witwatersrand goldfield, have generated more than ten papers in international journals, and have earned him a premier international research award from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Dr Manzi is currently supervising eight postgraduate students who are conducting research on the processing and interpretation of the 2D and 3D seismic data. This research is aimed at high-resolution mapping of some of the world's deepest gold and platinum-bearing horizons from South African mines, which is significant for the country's economy. The research also seeks to develop new techniques that would allow the detection of methane conduits (faults and dykes) in deep underground mines, which will mitigate risks and hazards associated with methane explosions.

The Centre's research will significantly contribute to the NRF/DST Centre of Excellence in Integrated Mineral and Energy Resource Analysis (CIMERA), co-hosted by Wits and the University of Johannesburg (UJ).

TSHIKULULU

Tshikululu Social Investments is one of South Africa's leading corporate social investment (CSI) managers. Wits has a strong relationship with several leading corporations, groups and organisations who donate and sponsor projects at the University through Tshikululu.

Anglo American & Anglo American Chairman's Fund

Projects supported include:

- Anglo American Chair in Occupational Hygiene
- The Centre for Deaf Studies, Early Childhood Learning
- Wits Developmental Pathways
- The Wits Rock Art Museum and Chamber of Mines building
- Scholarships and bursaries

FirstRand & FirstRand Foundation

Projects supported include:

- The Centre for Deaf Studies
- The School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics
- Wits School of Education
- Scholarships and bursaries

Discovery & Discovery Foundation

Projects supported include:

- The PV Tobias Fund, School of Oral Health Science, School of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences, Department of Family Medicine

De Beers & De Beers Fund

Projects supported include:

- Wits 21st-Century Institutes, School of Mining, Research etc
- Health Sciences, School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Sciences, Rock Art Institute, School of Anatomical Sciences
- Scholarships and bursaries

ApexHi Charitable Trust

Projects supported include:

- The Centre for Deaf Studies
- The Maths Connect project

Fluor Development Trust

- Scholarships and bursaries

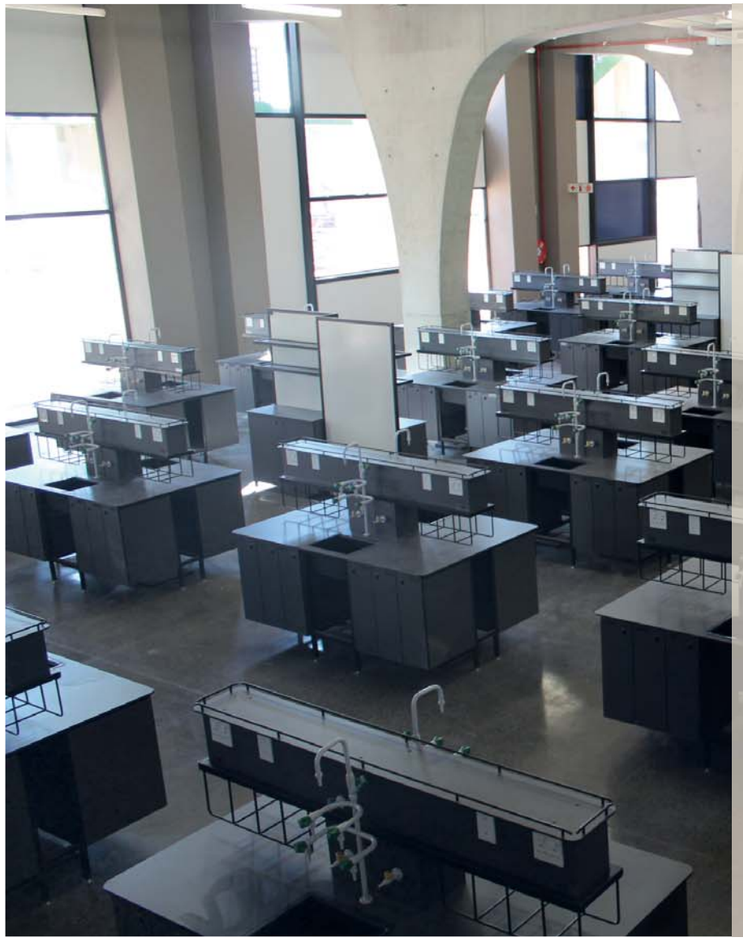
TARGETING & DEVELOPING TALENT

The Targeting Talent Programme (TTP) is a pre-university readiness and talent development initiative for Grade 10 – 12 learners, with an emphasis on learners from under-resourced schools. It addresses the critical shortages in the output of matriculants who are academically and psychologically equipped to enter Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programmes at university.

The TTP is one of several programmes run by the Student Equity and Talent Management Unit (SETMU) at Wits for pre-university and university students, to aid their success and transformation into critically-minded graduates, who are able to reach positions of influence and make a significant impact on wider society.

Wits is the university of choice for a large number of school leavers and our current registrations include more than 66% black students, a considerable percentage from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Over the past 10 years SETMU has been generously supported by a number of donors, including the BP South Africa Education Foundation Scholarship Programme, Goldman Sachs, the Telkom Foundation, South African National Roads Agency Ltd (SANRAL), the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Limpopo Department of Education (LDE) and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC).



CUTTING EDGE UNDERGRAD LABORATORY

The AECI-funded chemistry laboratory, which opened in 2012 as one of the key laboratories within the new Science Stadium precinct at Wits, has had a profound impact on chemistry education. Prior to its construction, first year chemistry was taught in spaces that could not suitably accommodate the large numbers of students taking the subject.

This spacious, well-equipped laboratory provides the space for over 400 students to use the facility at the same time. Each student has a workspace with access to all the apparatus they need to conduct class experiments, including gas, water and electricity. The design of the laboratory facilitates lecturing and group work, with stations clustered in fours to allow students to work together easily.

All degree programmes within the Faculties of Health Science, Science and Engineering begin with a solid foundation of basic sciences in the first year. This superb facility is contributing to a globally competitive chemistry education for Wits students, and helping to train the next generation of skilled professionals.

SITA AND WITS BOOST AFRICAN AVIATION & ICT SKILLS

Wits students in aeronautical, electrical and information engineering, computer science, and information systems are benefiting from scholarships granted by SITA, the world's leading air transport IT and communications specialist. Wits is privileged to be working with SITA, an organisation with truly global reach: worldwide, almost every passenger flight relies on SITA technology.

For three years from 2015 to 2017, SITA has granted Wits $300 000, with the possibility of $200 000 from 2018 to 2019. Through this collaboration with Wits, SITA's aim is to support the African aviation and information communication and technology (ICT) industry; to boost vital ICT skills; to support homegrown ICT educational development; to create jobs by fostering an entrepreneurial spirit among students; and to lead research development across Africa. To this end, SITA is also sponsoring several annual memberships of Wits' new IT precinct, the Tshimologong digital innovation hub.

SITA, a member-based organisation founded as the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques, currently has about 450 air transport members worldwide, from airlines to aerospace companies. SITA's purpose is to deliver value to its members through technology. SITA has a strong Corporate Social Responsibility team based in the UK which works closely with SITA's charitable arm, the SITA Air Transport Community Foundation.

PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS

The comprehensive list of philanthropic foundation donors since January 2015 can be viewed on page 51 or on the webpage Honours Board of Donors & Sponsors: www.wits.ac.za/givingtowits

Attracting diversified philanthropic and private funding is critical for Wits. This section is a snapshot of Wits' many philanthropic partners and donors.

Wits enjoys significant support from a wide range of philanthropic foundations and trusts in the United States, United Kingdom and South Africa. Amongst our largest philanthropic partners are the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (Mellon), Kresge Foundation (Kresge) and Carnegie Foundation (Carnegie).

In addition to the spread of programmes they individually support, these foundations collectively support initiatives such as the **African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)**. In 2015, in partnership with the University of Cape Town, Wits spearheaded the founding of ARUA, a consortium of 17 African universities with the goal of increasing African research capacity and collaboration.

Robust, Africa-based research

To support more robust Africa-based research into the future, Wits is expanding its percentage of postgraduate students to 50% of the student body (up from the current 30%) by our centenary in 2022. Wits is fortunate to have a range of foundations that support a 'by South Africa and Africa for South Africa and Africa' approach to research, innovation, growth, development, democracy and justice.

This includes the Open Society Foundation and the Ford Foundation's fostering of democratic ideals, social justice and open societies; the Kellogg Foundation's support of community initiatives that tackle the causes of poverty; and the Discovery Foundation's support of the development of South Africa's scarce specialist healthcare skills and resources, notably in academic medicine, rural healthcare, specialist training and service delivery and innovation.

Pioneering human rights

The support from these and other partner foundations goes back many years. An example is the thriving **Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)**, based at the Wits School of Law. It is one of South Africa's oldest public interest law organisations, dating back to the apartheid era. Funded by the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, CALS was a pioneer in the development of human rights in South Africa, with an emphasis on research, education and a wide range of public impact litigation.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

The New York-based Andrew W. Mellon Foundations (Mellon) strengthens, promotes, and, where necessary, defends the contributions of the humanities and the arts to human flourishing and to the well-being of diverse and democratic societies.

Mellon assists Wits in advancing its standing as a centre of excellence, attracting and retaining the finest academics, stimulating novel postgraduate research, and providing opportunities for black and women postgraduate students to assist the University in growing the next generation of academics and professors.

Examples are:

- The Mellon Postgraduate Mentoring Programme in the humanities and social sciences, and allied disciplines, such as law and economics.
- The Mellon Fellowships for Distinguished Visiting Scholars, to inspire, stimulate and introduce new thinking in cutting edge research areas of the humanities; and
- Research and publication support for younger scholars on Wits' staff who have completed a PhD and are engaged in research that is highly innovative in conception and that engages cutting edge theories and themes in African and global scholarship.

Dr Saleem Badat is Mellon's Programme Director of International Higher Education and Strategic Projects. He is a proponent of free education for all academically deserving students in financial need:

"Wits is one of the universities that we support in South Africa, and you can rest assured that a large philanthropic foundation like the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will not be frightened off by the student protests. We have a long-term commitment to transformation in South African universities and will continue to work closely with universities to support their equity and development priorities."

The Kresge Foundation

The Michigan, USA-based Kresge Foundation (Kresge) seeks to contribute to the quality of life of future generations through its support of arts and culture, community development, education, the environment and health.

Kresge funds the Leader Universities Initiative in partnership with Inyathelo: South African Institute for Advancement at Wits and several higher education institutions. It bolsters the private fundraising and advancement efforts of the University.

Mr Bill Moses, the Director of Kresge's education programme, says "Stronger advancement skills are critical to the success of South African universities and ultimately to getting more South African students into universities and completing degrees. Advancement is not just about raising funds. It is the practice of building, maintaining and improving support, skills and other resources to ensure the sustainability of an institution," he explains.

Another key project funded by Kresge is the Wits Analytics Project which is aimed at building the analytics capacity within the University, with the aim of supporting student success rates. It is part of the Siyaphumelela ("we succeed") initiative, which is building a high-level system to profile potential students and the schools from which they matriculated, to track their performance at Wits and to develop models that will enable the University to predict the performance of students. This will assist Wits in proactive and responsive support of students.

The Carnegie Corporation

The Carnegie Corporation of New York (Carnegie) supports doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at Wits who are affiliated with the **Global Change and Sustainability Research Institute (GCSRI)**. It also supports doctoral and postdoctoral researchers in the **Carnegie Academic Medicine Programme**, Faculty of Health Sciences, and the **Carnegie-Wits Alumni Diaspora Programme**, also based in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The latter advances research collaboration and networking between leading health sciences alumni who live and work in academic institutions around the globe and their counterparts at Wits.

The Carnegie Bale Undergraduate Scholarship Programme

This scholarship programme, initiated in 2007, promotes access to higher education in the fields of science and engineering for academically talented black women from disadvantaged backgrounds. The scholarship provides financial, academic, social and psychological support needed to the selected candidates, throughout their studies up to their honours level.

New building for life-giving work

Wits Professor Ashraf Coovadia is the head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital and the Founding Director of Empilweni Services and Research Unit (ESRU) – a key research unit within the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health which focuses on HIV infected children and women.

ESRU started in 1999, mostly as a service to women who are HIV infected and to children who are HIV exposed. It has grown considerably over the years, focusing on interventions to prevent mother to child transmissions of HIV and developing earlier HIV diagnostic techniques for children exposed to HIV. Paediatric registrars at Wits learn about ESRU's studies when they spend time at Rahima Moosa and Chris Hani Baragwanath hospitals as part of their post-graduate rotation.

Since 2009 ESRU has been looking to expand its infrastructure to be able to expand on its phenomenal work. Fundraising efforts for the new building started in 2010 and the first major donor to step forward was the South African Muslim Charitable Trust (SAMCT), which committed to paying for a large portion of the building costs. This was the catalyst for further funding to be sought from the ELMA Foundation in the United States and Department of Higher Education funds through Wits University.

At the opening of the new three-storey ESRU building at Rahima Moosa on 26 May 2016, guest speaker Mr Mark Heywood of Section 27 recounted how he had met Prof Coovadia and his colleagues in 1999, at a time when AIDS denialism was at its height. Prof Coovadia and his team were at the forefront of advocacy around health rights, HIV research and treatment and have remained so ever since.

Philanthropic Foundations

Wits was “a natural choice” when it came time to support: “Wits is one of the most important institutions in Africa and is central to the future of the continent.”

A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

A generous donation by San Francisco couple Mr Derek Schrier and Ms Cecily Cameron has made it possible for Wits to endow, in perpetuity, a Chair in Development Economics in the Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management. Their gift of $1 million (about R15 million) was made through their United States-based EGG Foundation.

The Derek Schrier and Cecily Cameron Chair in Development Economics was launched in July 2015, with Professor Vishnu Padayachee, a Distinguished Scholar at Wits, as the first chair-holder.

“It is a rare privilege to be given the opportunity to research and rethink development economics issues, monetary policy, macro-economic policy and their place in South Africa,” says Prof Padayachee.

Mr Schrier, who holds degrees from Princeton and Stanford universities, first came to South Africa as a 25-year-old to work with the social research NGO Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE), headed by Wits Visiting Professor Mark Orkin (BSc Hons 1971, PhD 1990), and to manage election polls for the ANC’s political campaign in the 1994 elections. “My time in South Africa impacted me in ways I couldn’t have imagined,” says Mr Schrier. “The experience helped shape who I am today. I am better off for it, and I owe South Africa a debt of gratitude.

He explains that Wits was “a natural choice” when it came time to support: “Wits is one of the most important institutions in Africa and is central to the future of the continent. Supporting a Chair in Development Economics is a pragmatic investment in the development of South Africa and the African continent.”

Mr Schrier and Ms Cameron hope that their support for the Chair will inspire similar initiatives from others with meaningful ties to Wits. “Together we can ensure that Wits continues its commitment to academic excellence, affordability, and accessibility,” says Ms Cameron, a former consultant with McKinsey & Company, who also holds degrees from Princeton and Stanford universities.

In spite of times of turmoil on South African university campuses and continued political and social issues in South Africa, Mr Schrier and Ms Cameron remain optimistic about South Africa’s future. “South Africans have shown that they can work out their problems together,” Mr Schrier comments. “They are tough and resilient, and have an active political culture.”

COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLINE

Wits alumnus and SRC President (2010/11) Mr Mukovhe Morris Masutha is helping hundreds of students from rural areas and townships throughout South Africa to succeed at university.

In 2010, while he was a Wits student and the SRC President, he established an educational NGO called the Thusanani Foundation, of which he is now the CEO.

Thusanani is currently assisting over 500 students from the rural areas and townships to secure bursaries or loans, and to succeed in a wide range of disciplines at Wits and nineteen other universities throughout South Africa.

Like millions of South Africans, he grew up without any educational or financial advantages.

“From the age of one I was raised by my grandmother, Vho Nyamuka, as my mother worked as a cleaner in the city of Thohoyandou,” he explains. “My grandmother never went to school but she made sure I took my education very seriously and instilled in me a belief that I could do anything in the world.”

In addition to leading the foundation, he is currently doing his doctorate on Higher Education Management in South Africa through the University of Bath in the United Kingdom. “I’m working towards taking over Professor Adam Habib’s job at some stage!” he emphasises.

Asked what he believes is the key to success, he replies: “Discipline. Discipline is the basic of basics. Without it you cannot flourish in any degree, profession or life in general, which is why the Thusanani Foundation’s motto is ‘Let your marks pay your fees’.”

PHILANTHROPY IN AFRICA

What is the role of philanthropy in Africa today, and how should it be pursued? These are two of the key questions being researched through the Chair in African Philanthropy at Wits Business School – a partnership between Wits and the Southern Africa Trust – with initial funding from the Ford Foundation.

The Chair’s aims include:

- Generating knowledge, practice and advocacy in philanthropy in Africa;
- Growing postgraduate and postdoctoral capability in this field.

The Southern African Trust is a non-profit agency that funds and supports civil society organisations and initiatives in southern Africa. Its patron is Mrs Graça Machel and it ensures that the voices of the poor and marginalised are included in the development of poverty reduction policies. This is crucial to building democratic participation and creating accountable, responsive governance.

Globally, a number of Chairs in Philanthropy have been established, and this Chair establishes Wits as the African leader in the field. It also creates a unique opportunity to advance the relationship between African philanthropy and social entrepreneurship. These go hand in hand and an emerging trend is that philanthropists have become increasingly engaged in social entrepreneurship.

The Chair collaborates with other international leaders in the field – such as the Lilly family School of Philanthropy, which partners with the Indiana University (IU) School of Liberal Arts in Indianapolis, United States.

TRUSTS, ENDOWMENT FUNDS &BEQUESTS

The comprehensive list of individual bequests since January 2015 can be viewed on page 45 or on the webpage Honours Board of Donors & Sponsors: www.wits.ac.za/givingtowits

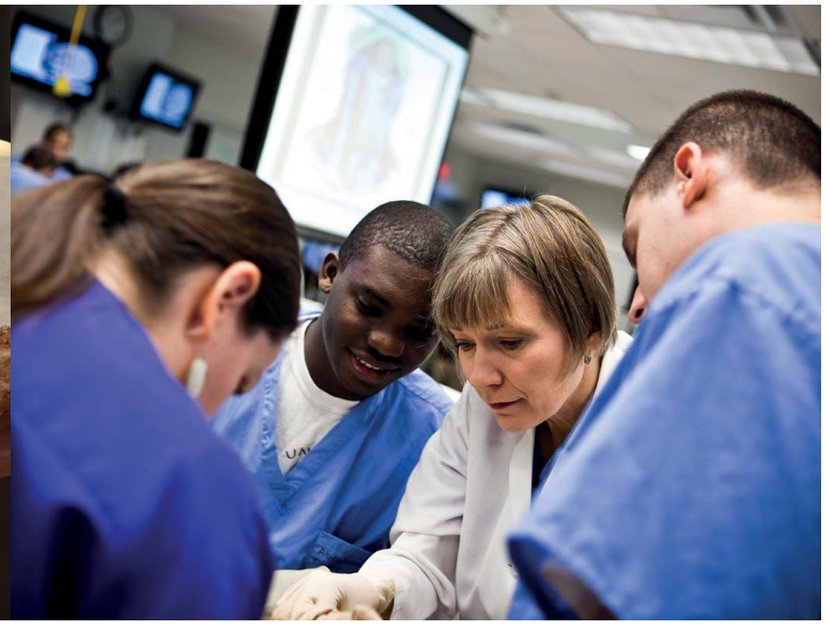
Several alumni and donors have established Trusts, Endowment Funds and Bequests, large and small, that have helped to shape the University. This section is a snapshot of some of our late and living donors.

THE PHILLIP TOBIAS EDUCATION TRUST

Professor Phillip Valentine Tobias spent over 60 years of his life at Wits, and passed away in 2012. He was internationally celebrated for his research in the field of palaeoanthropology, but his greatest loves were the study of anatomy and the training of students. It is fitting that his Trust provides bursaries and scholarships for students in financial need in all fields of study. He expressed that there should be no discrimination in terms of race, colour, creed or gender.

The Phillip V. Tobias building, the latest addition to Wits' academic, teaching and administrative properties is situated in the Faculty of Health Sciences precinct. Prof Tobias' memory lives on through the building, with each floor containing art, photographs, quotes and mementos that tell his remarkable life story.

SIR DONALD GORDON & SOUTH AFRICA'S PRE-EMINENT PRIVATE TEACHING HOSPITAL



We pay tribute to Sir Donald Gordon (honorary DEconSc 1991) and his family, whose R120 million donation to Wits in 2002 is the largest single donation ever received by Wits.

Gordon, a Chartered Accountant by profession, founded Liberty Life in 1957 and Liberty International PLC in 1980. In June 2005 he was knighted in recognition of his services to the arts and business. He has an Honorary Doctorate in Economic Science from Wits.

Gordon's legacy continues to make a considerable impact in South Africa through the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre (WDGMC) and the Donald Gordon Auditorium at the Wits School of Governance – the leading regional institution in the arena of governance, policy and development management for the public sector.

"The WDGMC is the first private teaching hospital in South Africa and Wits is the only university in South Africa that owns its own hospital. We offer specialist and sub-specialist training, which is critical for South Africa with its shortage of medical experts," says Dr Sue Tager, neurologist and CEO of the WDGMC since 2008.

With the funds from the Gordon donation, Wits was able to purchase the Kenridge Hospital in 2002, with Mediclinic, the international private hospital group, becoming a 49.9% shareholder in 2005.

"We train specialists and sub-specialists in association with state hospitals, and provide training in sub-specialist disciplines that were not available before in South Africa, such as solid organ transplants and geriatric medicine," explains Dr Tager.

"We are the only facility in South Africa today that does 'related living donor liver transplants', usually parent to child, which we started in 2012," Dr Tager adds. The paediatric and adult liver transplant service is offered to all citizens. Public hospital patients are subsidised by the state. The results are comparable internationally and a high percentage of the liver transplant patients enjoy a full recovery.

"We pride ourselves on being able to train people at a level that is not always available in the public sector, with access to top private sector practitioners," says Dr Tager.

Trusts, Endowment Funds & Bequests

PUBLIC SECTOR **FUNDING** & **STATE-OWNED** ENTERPRISES

The comprehensive list of international and local public sector donors and sponsors since January 2015 can be viewed on page 51 or on the webpage Honours Board of Donors & Sponsors: www.wits.ac.za/givingtowits

In addition to higher education subsidy funding from government, Wits receives donations, sponsorships and support from a wide range of state-owned enterprises and other public sector entities. A snapshot of some of these is featured here.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF JOBURG

Joburg is the economic heartland of South Africa, generating approximately 17% of South Africa's wealth, with a growth rate above the national average. Notwithstanding Joburg's prominent economic status nationally and on the continent, economic growth rates in the City, and in South Africa generally, have been well below the pace required to address employment and socio-economic challenges.

Towards addressing this, a co-funded collaboration between the City of Joburg and Wits resulted in the establishment of the Wits-based Chair in Economic Growth and Development, which provides research to support economic growth and policymaking in the City of Joburg.

The primary funder is the City, which provided an upfront investment of R5 million over five years. The Chair will serve to grow novel postgraduate research and specialists in this field, and to support the economic growth, development and policy goals of the Economic Development Department (EDD) of the City of Joburg.

PIONEERING PARTNERSHIPS

- SETAs, corporates, Wits and other South African universities

The R34 million, three-year partnership between Wits and the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services SETA (merSETA) pursues transformational goals through the development of engineering skills, with an emphasis on black South African students and graduates. The Departments of Mechanical and Industrial and Engineering at Wits are driving the development of these skills.

Five are outlined here:

The Engineering Graduate Placement Programme (R5 000 000)

This is a pioneering new programme at Wits, and unique across the BSc Engineering programme space in South African Higher Education Institutions. merSETA will support this programme by finding employment for BSc Engineering students who have completed their second year. They will spend one year with host employers, and then join the academic stream again for third and fourth year. merSETA strongly supports the placement of students in companies at an intermediate stage of their academic engineering programmes, to achieve some experiential exposure to professional practice. It is prepared to pay approximately R64 800 per student to incentivise this process.

Breaking Institutional Boundaries Programme (R10 000 000)

Wits will support the University of Venda in establishing fundamental engineering skills and capacity that can lead to advanced engineering skills.

Tutorial programme (R3 000 000)

This project supports transformation by increasing positions for new black academic staff to build the academic skills pipeline.

MSc and PhD bursaries

For the development of high-level skills in mechanical, electrical and aeronautical engineering.

Targeting Talent Programme (R3 500 000)

This programme boosts the maths and science skills of school leavers, and offers them career guidance and academic orientation. It increases their chances of university entrance and success across any of the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) fields or institutions. The merSETA project will fund the upscaling of this programme to reach more rural and disadvantaged schools.

The intention is for Wits to channel about 26 students per annum to merSETA-recommended companies, and for the per student funding to accrue to Wits rather than the host company, for the purpose of subsidising learner stipends.

The benefits to the companies would include:

- Significant B-BBEE opportunities associated with this programme, since the revised B-BBEE Codes introduced internships as a Category B programme, allowing companies to claim the salary spend on interns as part of their 6% of payroll BEE training spend;
- A closer relationship between Wits Engineering Schools and the company. Significant benefits to the company can be derived from this relationship, where, for example, Wits can lead performance improvement projects within the plant of the company. The savings derived from work of this sort could easily fund the contribution of the company to this sort of scheme;
- The company would benefit from the talent of engineering students-in-training, rather than entry level technicians, in its operations; and
- The company can use this experience as part of an extended recruitment and selection process, with a view to attracting the best engineering talent from the cohort on completion of the programme.

PARTNERING FOR SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS

Transnet, a state-owned enterprise, is responsible for transporting freight reliably and safely. The Wits Transnet Centre of Systems Engineering (TCSE) was established in 2012 to bridge academia and industry in order to take systems engineering to all stakeholders, across techno-social and organisational boundaries.

This is a very necessary skill which is required to advance the needs and goals of Transnet's strategies outlined in the Long-Term Planning Framework (LTPF) and the company's Market Demand Strategy (MDS).

"The TCSE receives substantial sponsorship from Transnet, and we work very closely with the Transnet Group and its planning, engineering and operations divisions," explains the Acting Director of the TCSE, Professor Beatrys Lacquet. "The TCSE undertakes a range of academic activities and projects, including research, training and advising industry, as well as building human capacity in systems engineering and related fields to empower organisations."

Transnet sponsors its employees to pursue postgraduate studies through the TCSE in systems-related subjects and other areas. For Wits postgraduate students, the Centre offers a Master's and PhD degree, the former in Systems Engineering, the latter in the Centre's range of Systems Competencies as well as Human Factors & Safety. The Centre also presents a range of short courses, seminars, collaborative workshops and tutorial/master classes for Transnet and industry, empowering individuals, companies and industries at large.

"R360 billion over ten years has been assigned for capital expansion projects, as determined by Transnet's Market Demand Strategy (MDS), which forecasts and creates capacity ahead of demand," Prof Lacquet continues. "This includes new rolling stock, new railways, ports expansion (Transnet operates South Africa's eight national ports) and multiple fuel pipeline improvements.

"To ensure maximum value, the different restructured Transnet divisions need to operate in a systemic way through the trans-disciplinary systems approach. The TCSE has developed into Transnet's 'partner for systems solutions' and we facilitate collaborations with the vast expertise within the Wits community, other universities, research and science councils, and industry partners."

HIGH END, CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPACT

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the leadership of Minister Naledi Pandor is a significant supporter of research and innovation in South Africa. As a government department its responsibility is largely in the policy and strategy space, but the DST also makes a significant impact via its agency, the National Research Foundation (NRF).

The NRF supports and promotes research via funding of research projects and awarding postgraduate student bursaries. It also manages a number of national research facilities which house large collections of scientific equipment that are used by the nation's scientists.

More specifically, the DST and NRF support research at Wits by funding six DST-NRF Centres of Excellence. These centres focus on the following research fields: Biomedical TB Research, Integrated Mineral and Energy Resource Analysis, Human Development, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, Palaeoscience, and Strong Materials.

They include multi-disciplinary research groups, some from Wits and some from other South African universities and science councils. The South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) is also supported by the DST and NRF. These Chairs are aimed at retaining and growing high-end research capacity in South Africa. Wits hosts 26 SARChI Chairs. The annual investment made by the DST and NRF into these research efforts is close to R118 million.

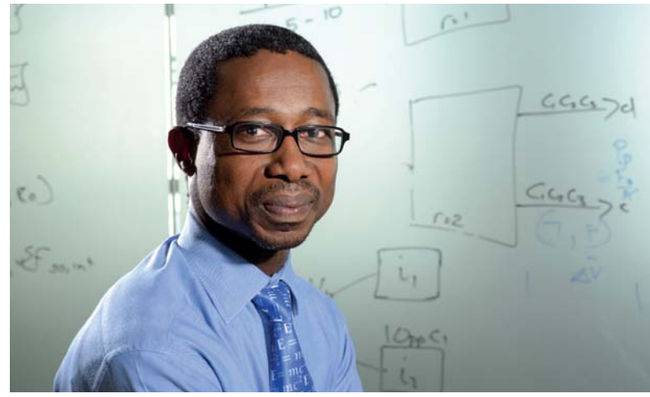
Most of the above-mentioned initiatives have a strong focus on the development of knowledge that can support the growth and development of our country, and also pursue answers to future problems and needs. Furthermore, the NRF supports the development of the next generation of research-focused academics through its Thuthuka Programme. Overall, the NRF invests about R110 million into early career academic research as well as fundamental research at Wits.

WITS LEADS THE WORLD

Three of Wits' many world-leading personalities are Professor Lee Berger, Professor Helen Rees and Professor Thokozani Majozi. They are renowned for their breakthroughs, outstanding research and intellectual achievements. They attract considerable funding for Wits-led projects and significantly contribute to the growth of the next generation of researchers.

Prof Helen Rees OBE is an internationally renowned expert in HIV prevention, reproductive health and vaccines. She is the founder and executive director of the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (Wits RHI) – the University's largest research entity. Wits RHI is a World Health Organisation and UNAIDS Collaborating Centre in reproductive health and HIV respectively, and a South African Medical Research Council Collaborating Centre in HIV and TB. Her research and global reputation has attracted significant financial and intellectual investment in this field, including phenomenal investment in postgraduate and postdoctoral research. In 2001 Prof Rees was made an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) for her contribution to global health. She is currently leading the development of Wits University's Flagship Centre for Vaccinology together with Professor Shabir Madhi and other senior Wits University scientists.

Prof Lee Berger is a Research Professor in Human Evolution and the Public Understanding of Science at Wits, and an Explorer in Residence at the National Geographic Society. He has founded the not for profit Lee R. Berger Foundation for Exploration and he is a founder of the Palaeoanthropological Scientific Trust and a founding Trustee of the Jane Goodall Society of South Africa. Prof Berger is currently the Director of one of the largest palaeontological projects, leading over 100 researchers in investigations of the Malapa site in South Africa, as well as leading the Rising Star Expedition in 2013, resulting in the discovery of the largest primitive hominin assemblage in history.



Professor Thokozani Majozi of the School of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering and DST/NRF SARChI Chair in Sustainable Process Engineering has repeatedly been honoured for his outstanding innovations and contributions to science, engineering and technology in this era of sustainability. In 2016 he was the co-winner of the Engineering Capacity Development Award at the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF)-South32 Awards. One example of his innovation is his work on batch processes, which has advanced this field, where a widespread lack of technical know-how has resulted in adverse environmental impacts. His development of a continuous process integration technique for systems involving membrane and water networks has been applied to one of Eskom's power stations, Kriel. This has resulted in more than 10% savings in fresh water, with an accompany R5 million cost saving in the first six months.

	DONATION	SPONSORSHIP
Contributor	**Donor**	**Sponsor**
Examples of Contributors	Individuals Trusts and Foundations Corporate CSI departments	Corporate HR Departments Corporate Marketing Departments
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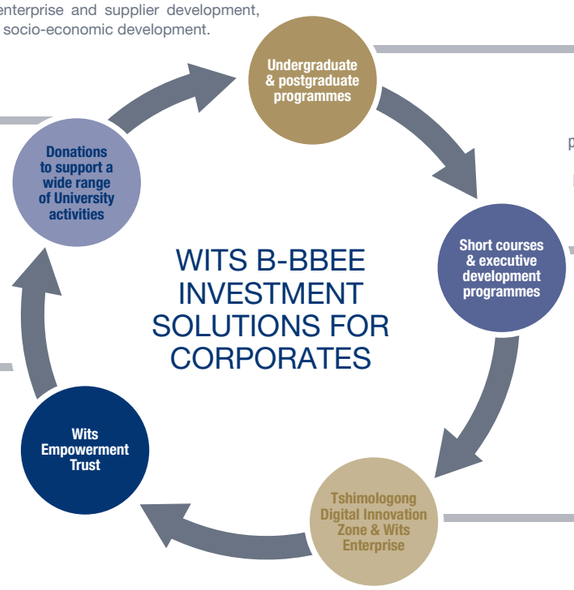
B-BBEE INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS

Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) focuses on increasing equity ownership, management and control of businesses by black people, and improving black representation in all levels of employment. It also promotes the development of skills within a business, the nurturing of black entrepreneurship through preferential procurement and enterprise and supplier development, and the uplifting of communities through socio-economic development.



Skills Development

Wits undergraduate and postgraduate programmes align to the B-BBEE Skills Development Learning Programme Matrix contained in the B-BBEE Codes

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Wits short courses and executive development programmes align to the B-BBEE Skills Development Learning Programme Matrix contained in the B-BBEE Codes

Enterprise & Supplier Development

Tshimologong Digital Zone and Wits Enterprise create sustainable black owned and black women owned enterprises

Socio-Economic Development

Donations towards academic chairs, research equipment and grants, educational infrastructure and other University activities

Ownership & Equity Equivalent Investments

The Wits Empowerment Trust is a credible long-term shareholder that provides broad-based black ownership credentials, including black women, youth and people living in rural areas

Wits University is a unique B-BBEE partner in that it can provide holistic and enduring B-BBEE scorecard benefits to its corporate partners while delivering long-term broad based empowerment. Under the Revised B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice, corporate partners can, by investing across the wide spectrum of Wits offerings, claim scorecard points under the three priority element codes: 100 (Ownership), 300 (Skills Development), 400 (Enterprise and Supplier Development) and code 500 (Socio-Economic Development).

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Support for Wits has never been more critical as South Africa faces unprecedented challenges and as the University's traditional sources of income – government support and private tuition fees – now constitute less than 60% of our funding needs.

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