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In line with Government’s past 1994 declaration of “improving the condition of life of all South Africans and contributing to a better Africa and a better world”, the HOPE project highlights the role of higher education and research in combating poverty, improving living standards, and increasing social cohesion. The research focus of Stellenbosch University recognises the need for societal relevance in our research, particularly in relation to the development agenda. Stellenbosch University has aligned itself with the strategic approach of the South African government. We are fully committed – as eloquently formulated in the MTSF – “to evidence to broader knowledge partners and in support of the national and international development agendas.”

Stellenbosch University is committed to working with stakeholders as a knowledge pioneer for the benefit of all South Africans as well as a meaningful inclusion economy for the development of Africa as a whole.

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RISKMAN

The Stellenbosch University Risk Management Research Group is an interdisciplinary group that facilitates the application of advanced risk management methods to a range of practical problems, including agricultural and financial applications, transport and physical security risk.

www.sustainabilityinstitute.net

The Sustainability Institute is a multi-disciplinary research platform that brings together experts from a range of fields and works to address problems of environmental sustainability in Africa and beyond.

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Sustainable resource management

www.sun.ac.za/water

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www.thehopeproject.co.za

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Conclusion

Stellenbosch University’s strategic position and the projects highlighted in this brochure demonstrate that we are aligned with the Presidency’s Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF). Our core functions – research, teaching, community engagement and internationalisation – will continue to flourish. Our goals are in line with the MTSF goals, and we will be able to contribute to the economic growth, social transformation and development of the country.

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**Building economic and social infrastructure**
- The Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement at the Faculty of Law has a dual mandate as a centre of excellence for research and as an incubator of practical dispute settlement knowledge that can be transferred to the community. The Centre is also involved in a number of cross-disciplinary initiatives, including training and capacity building in South Africa and abroad.

**Improving the health profile of society**
- The Centre for Studies in Complexity is the Centre for Studies in Complexity is the leading centre for research on complexity in the world. Its research focuses on the dynamics of conflict and transformation, and on the role of institutions in promoting social stability and social development.

**Forming an engaged citizenry**
- The Stellenbosch University Sport Performance Institute is a research and training facility for high-performance athletes. The Institute focuses on the science and technology of sport, and on the development of athletes and teams.

**Creating a skilled and capable workforce and building cohesive, caring and identity**
- The Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS is a research centre that focuses on the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The Centre is highly-regarded postgraduate training in HIV/AIDS and has a centre of excellence in the world.

**Facilitating efficient food security**
- The Stellenbosch University’s Geographic Information Technology (GIT) facility is a top central analytical facility with clients from the academic and research fields. It provides high-quality GIS and related services to researchers and students in South Africa and the rest of the continent.

**Promoting national and regional development**
- The Africa Centre for Research on Water Sciences and the Sport Bureau are working together to promote water sciences and the development of water resources in South Africa and abroad.

**Enhancing the role of the private sector**
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Stellenbosch University makes a significant contribution to the country and the continent as a whole. Our research activities and public management experts are world leaders in biodiversity and conservation management. Our water research has innovative solutions to the challenges facing water resources in South Africa and abroad. Our education and training programmes have highly skilled and capable graduates who are contributing to the economic and social development of the country and region.

Research focus
- The Centre for Studies in Complexity is highly involved in promoting the possible use of complexity in the development of new technologies.

**Building a transparent and open society**
- The Centre for the Study of Religion and Society is an incubator and hub for accessing multimedia equipment. It is highly involved in promoting the use of technology for indigenous African languages, and has a centre of excellence in the world.

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Supporting national policy development with research

At Stellenbosch University, we believe in the power of research-driven policy making. Our researchers are involved in numerous projects that support national policy development in various fields. These projects aim to address challenges and improve the quality of life for all South Africans.

Building resources and infrastructure

- The DST/NRF Centre of Excellence on Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis (SACEMA) focuses on developing models to understand and predict disease dynamics.
- The DST Centre of Excellence for Antimicrobial Resistance focuses on combating drug resistance in South Africa and globally.
- The DST/NRF Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security focuses on sustainable food production and security.

Food security

- The Institute for Food Security and Sustainability promotes research that addresses the challenges of food security, especially in light of climate change and land reform.
- The Institute for Food Systems Innovation focuses on developing sustainable food systems that are resilient to climate change.

Strengthening and diversifying education and training

- The School for Graduate Research offers a range of research programmes that are designed to prepare students for careers in academia and beyond.
- The Virtual Postgraduate Learning Support Project provides a platform for students to access postgraduate resources and support virtually.

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Sustainability, Assessment, Modelling and Analysis (TSAMA) Hub focuses on issues and challenges associated with sustainability, such as impact and finding new techniques in energy usage management.

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Our commitment to excellence

- Our research programme at the 10 MTSF priorities:
  - land reform
  - food security
  - the struggle against disease
  - the promotion of health
  - human dignity
  - economic transformation
  - knowledge development
  - poverty alleviation from within Africa.
  - the pursuit of sustainable communities
  - the development of a research and education network
  - the development of an African knowledge economy.

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In support of these themes, our faculty has initiated a wide range of projects as well as a collaborative network with five other African universities, called the Partnership for Africa’s New Generation of Academics. Collectively, the research, teaching and community interaction activities focused on the five development themes known as Stellenbosch University’s HIPPS project. By engaging with them and for Africa as a go-to concept, this University is a peerless partner in research and teaching excellence behind the minds of people and their environment. This requires acumen and invarious conditions of the different subject matter. In order to reason as they engage with knowledge. Applying this principal of hope to our own activities opens new opportunities and stimulates future initiatives. And this here is on hand.
Stellenbosch University actively positions itself as a leading research institution. With more than 9,000 postgraduate students, 140 postdoctoral fellows from all over the world, a high number of weighted research outputs per academic staff and international visitors, our research profile and academic body is of strategic importance to the University’s contribution to science in South Africa as well as the rest of the continent.

Our research profile and strategy

The research community at Stellenbosch University comprises more than 9,000 postgraduate students, 140 postdoctoral fellows, 270 peer-rated researchers in 2010 and around 8,000 academic staff. Stellenbosch University’s geographic Information Technology (GIT) facility is a cyber graduate school created in partnership with the University of Stellenbosch Business School under the patronage of Nobel Laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

Research collaboration

We are building and strengthening links and creating research and learning partnerships with more than 70 joint projects with national science councils, most are with industry partners. The University’s Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (RIC) department and the Knowledge Transfer Office (KTO) are responsible for securing, managing and commercialising knowledge and innovation for the University’s benefit. These bodies provide a central service for the whole institution. A new Office of Intellectual Property Rights (OIPR) is managed by the RIC department.

Research at Stellenbosch University supports the 10 MTSF priorities:

- Building new knowledge and understanding of the environment
- Understanding how to control and manage the environment
- Identifying and quantifying the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability
- Developing long-term strategies that seek to manage the trade-offs that need to be made in terms of sustainable resource management
- Building a cadre of scientists
- Building a cadre of graduate researchers
- Building a cadre of skilled personnel
- Developing a broad and inclusive base of research support
- Enhancing the University’s role in community outreach and development
- Promoting research that is of national and international significance

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Research initiative at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is an incubator for professional African expertise. A multi-faculty engagement called the Stellenbosch University Food Security Institute, builds on emerging, multidisciplinary postgraduate research with a direct link to supporting basic policy formation and action related to the MTSF.

Research focus

- The Africa Centre for Dispute Settlement
- Centre for Social Market Economy
- Energy and the environment
- Food security
- Human dignity
- Leadership in Africa
- Natural sciences
- Social infrastructure
- Sustainable resource management
- The Virtual Postgraduate Learning Support Project

Research initiatives at the Faculty of Theology focus on strengthening the academic foundation of the Faculty through sport.

The Stellenbosch University Sport Performance centre plays an active role in community outreach and development. This led to the recent establishment of a multi-faculty engagement called the Stellenbosch University Food Security Institute, which is a cyber graduate school created in partnership with the University of Stellenbosch Business School under the patronage of Nobel Laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. Research efforts at Stellenbosch University are aimed at addressing the critical challenges facing the continent.

Stellenbosch University makes a significant contribution to the country’s skilled and capable workforce and continues to provide high-impact,ocation-directed programmes. In 2010, for example, we produced 57 new engineers, 80 veterinary students, and 54 full-time professional people.

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- Appropriate 150 peer-reviewed research outputs
- Academic output
- Research collaboration
- Research degree
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Supporting national policy development with research

Stellenbosch University supports the 10 MTSF priorities:

- Food security
- Energy and the environment
- Building economic and employment opportunities
- Strengthening skills and knowledge acquisition
- Improving the health profile of society
- Advancing and promoting democracy
- Enhancing knowledge production
- Implementing and strengthening societal values
- Combating crime and ensuring safety
- Improving the societal contribution of science

Our research profile and strategy

The research community at Stellenbosch University comprises more than 14 000 postgraduate students, 440 full-time academics, and 150 full-time researchers.

Stellenbosch University actively positions itself as a leading higher education institution on the African continent with, among other things:

- an extensive research community of which many are ranked among the top 1% in the world;
- research fellow cohorts in South Africa, with a total of 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African institutions and more than 120 active collaborative projects in 36 African countries involving 132 African 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