



Study at Stellenbosch University

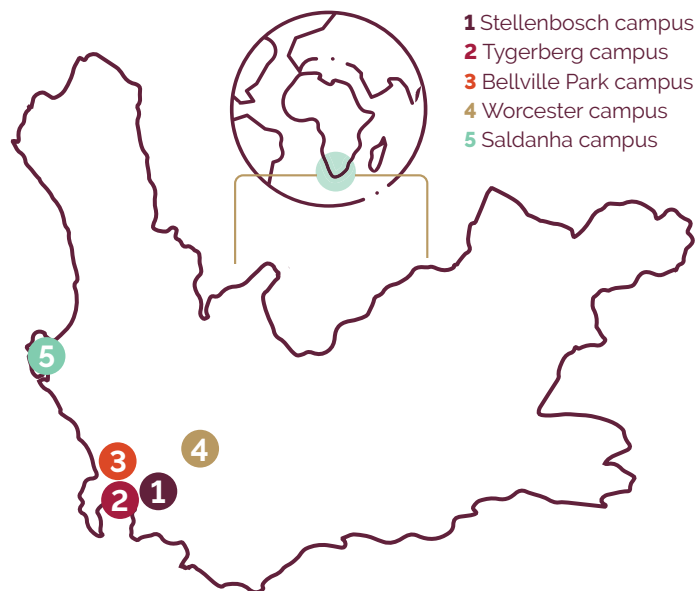
In terms of Vision 2040, Stellenbosch University (SU) aims to be Africa's leading research-intensive university, globally recognised as excellent, inclusive, and innovative, where we advance knowledge in service of society.

Our Story

Starting out in 1918 in the historic oak-lined town of Stellenbosch, SU had four faculties (Arts, Science, Education, and Agriculture), 503 students and 40 lecturing staff. Since then, we have grown into a vibrant and cosmopolitan community of more than 32 000 students and nearly 3 500 academic and support services staff spread over ten faculties and five campuses. Our undergraduate and postgraduate student community includes over 3 000 international students from 100 countries.

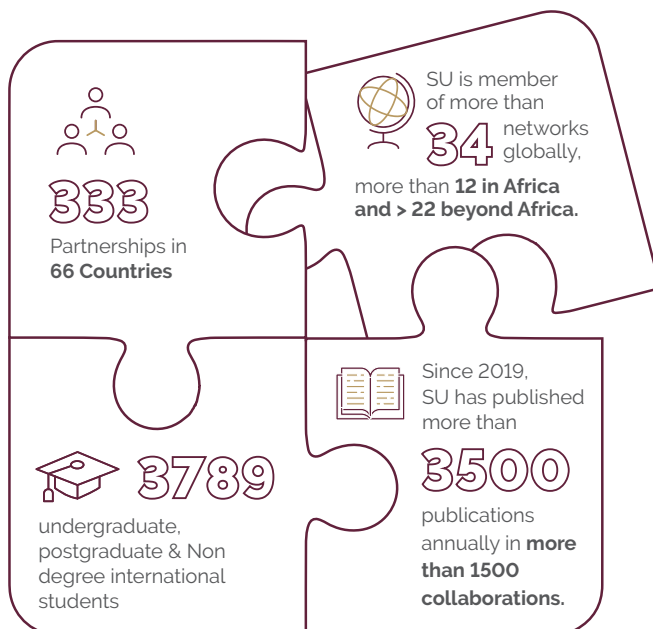
In 2018, our centenary year, we launched Vision 2040 and Strategic Framework 2019–2024. In this guiding document, we commit ourselves to cultivating a thriving SU, providing a transformative student experience, fostering purposeful partnerships and inclusive networks, promoting networked and collaborative teaching and learning, conducting research for impact, and being an employer of choice.

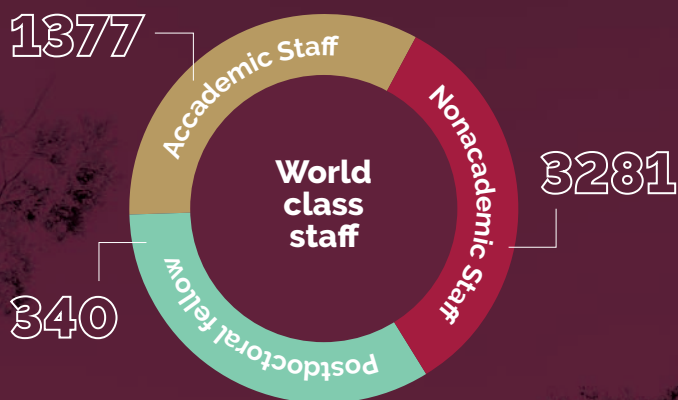
Our Campuses



Our central campus in the picturesque town of Stellenbosch is home to eight of our ten faculties. Our Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, in turn, is situated on Tygerberg campus, next to the Tygerberg academic hospital in the Cape Town metro. The Ukwanda Rural Clinical School in the town of Worcester, some 120 km from Cape Town, also offers our Tygerberg students an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of health services delivery on a rural platform. SU's Faculty of Military Science – the only one of its kind in South Africa, and one of only two in Africa – operates from the West Coast town of Saldanha. Finally, Bellville Park campus houses our triple-accredited Stellenbosch Business School.

Internationalisation at SU





SU Rankings

251–300th

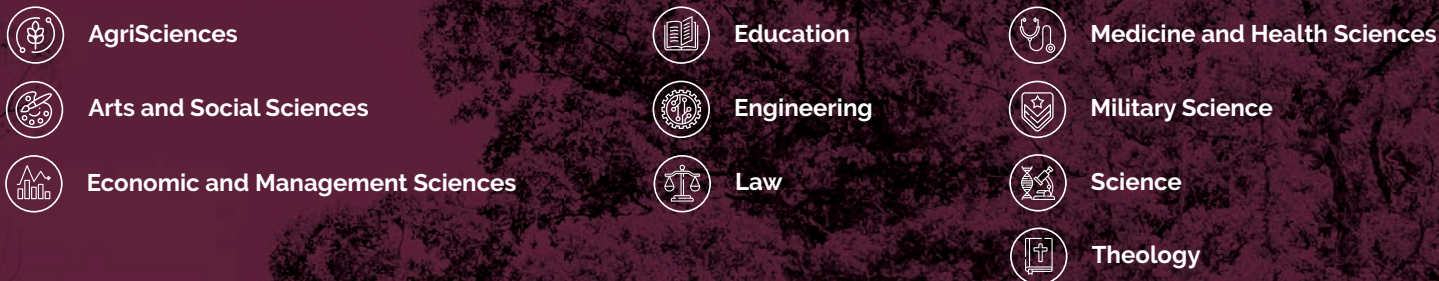
In the World University Rankings 2024*

283

in QS World University Rankings 2024*

2nd in Africa*

Faculties



Research for Impact



SU is as **founding partner of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)** The Alliance of 16 African universities promotes & strengthens research on the continent.



According to official figures that the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) released in 2022, we are among **South Africa's top three research intensive universities**, both per capita and in terms of total research output.

7 centres of excellence of the Department of Science and Innovation and the National Research Foundation (DSI-NRF).

504 researchers with a National Research Foundation (NRF) rating. These include 17 A-rated researchers.

47 research chairs including one of the highest numbers of national (SARChI) chairs in the country.

Institutional Game Changers



SU's established **School for Data Science and Computational Thinking** is already regarded as a **leader** in its field.



Our School for Climate Studies conducts interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary climate-related research in and for Africa. It is also the **first school of its kind in South Africa** that enjoys faculty status.



SU also launched the **SDG/2063 Impact Hub**. The Hub was established to measure the institution's contribution to, and advocate for, the uptake of both the UN 2030 Agenda and its SDG's, as well as the AU's Agenda 2063.



In 2023 **SU Launch a world-class biomedical research facility in Africa, for Africa**. The BMRI houses more than 500 biomedical researchers and students, including some of the **world's foremost scientists** in the fields of bioinformatics, tuberculosis, neuroscience, and urology.

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*According to the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings data 2024