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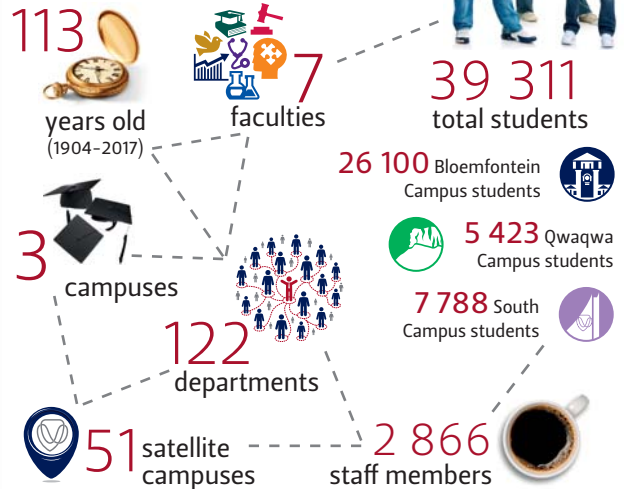
# HOW IT BEGAN...

Behind the diverse and innovative university that delivers academic excellence, lies a humble start. In 1904, six students enrolled for degrees in the Humanities. Today, our activities are spread between seven faculties, over three campuses, serving more than 37 851 students.

Each campus has its own unique character, generating economic prosperity in its region, as well as quality graduates and globally valued research. The Bloemfontein Campus, the Qwaqwa Campus (Northeastern Free State), and the South Campus (Bloemfontein) collectively makes up the University of the Free State – an institution characterised by transformation and inclusivity – welcoming all staff, students, and visitors.



## NUMBERS TALK



## CELEBRATED RESEARCH

**Uncovered that...** Ethiopian gelada monkeys cheat on their partners, and cover it up, while studying their cognitive and communicative skills.

**Produced a...** vaccine against a virus that cannot be cultured, making vaccines against more viruses a possibility.

**Unravelled...** the story behind the Dead Sea Scrolls during a chance discovery of correspondence depicting the cloak-and-dagger purchasing of these scrolls.

**Explored...** nanotechnology that brings us closer to non-penetrative cancer treatment.

**Discovered...** life in deep earth at 1,3km below the surface, where a small worm thrives under extreme conditions in deep, hot, mines.

**Implanted...** a special pulmonary heart valve in a young person, making paediatric history.

**Showed...** surprising links between Hebrew and African languages.

**Tested...** the use of drones for disaster risk assessment.

FOR OUR STUDENTS ...



Our **Advanced Certificates in Teaching (ACT)** is 100% online, allowing experienced teachers to get their **National Qualifications Framework (NQF)** Level 6 qualification conveniently on their computers – no traveling needed! Busy South African teachers can enjoy more flexibility in meeting personal and professional needs.

The **No Student Hungry Programme** has already helped 864 deserving students with meal grants.

**KovsieFit** is a commercial gym aiming to firstly serve students with various training, monitoring, and rehabilitation options.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY ...

At the **Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice**, students, staff, and community members meet to find ways of connecting different views, realities, and goals. Via discussions, research, and innovative teaching, we seek solutions to complex and challenging issues.

The **Naval Hill Planetarium**, established by the UFS with the support of the Department of Science and Technology, the Free State Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, and the Mangaung Metro Municipality, is the first digital planetarium in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The **Afromontane Research Unit** at Qwaqwa campus has interest in conservation and sustainable use of Afromontane (as subregion of one of earth's eight biogeographic realms) biodiversity. They also research living and trading in Afromontane environments, as well as sustainable futures for Afromontane inhabitants.



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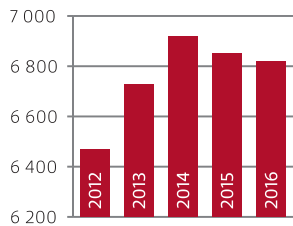
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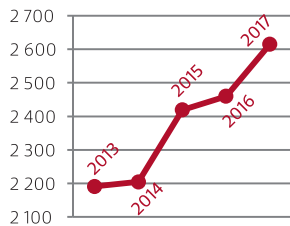
## UFS AT A GLANCE

Total degrees awarded



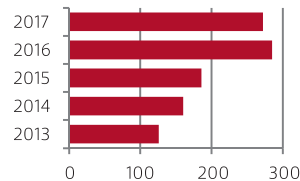
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
6 468	6 729	6 918	6 853	6 820

Total postgraduate master's and doctoral students



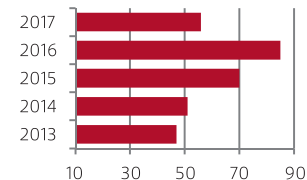
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2 191	2 205	2 419	2 460	2 615

International doctoral students enrolled



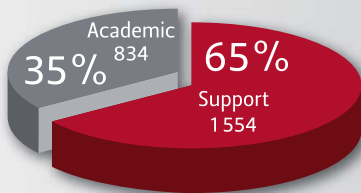
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
126	160	186	285	272

International postdoc students



2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
47	51	70	85	56

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