



## MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL

At the University of the Free State (UFS), we inspire excellence and transform lives. Everything we do is rooted in our Vision 130, as well as in our focus on quality, impact, and care.

Vision 130, which is our intent to reposition the university for 2034 – when we will commemorate our 130th year of existence – is a vital part of how we are shaping the future of the UFS. We will count on your contribution to ensure that we realise this vision of becoming a globally and locally recognised university of excellence.

**My vision is ...** to continue building on the rich and flourishing culture and activities inherent to the UFS. We are a diverse, inclusive, and academically oriented university. Our students participate in sports, arts, and cultural activities through a range of student associations to enhance their tertiary education experience. The UFS offers all the opportunities you need to fully develop the skills required by the current world of work.

**We have advanced ...** through various seasons since 1904, and our scholars have always influenced local and global knowledge. We celebrate our alumni who excel in business, sports, arts, culture, and in many other fields. They paved the way for all the UFS footsteps following suit. Join the lead by developing and expanding your potential within our seven faculties, covering the entire range from undergraduate degrees and diplomas to doctoral and postdoctoral degrees.

**Surround yourself ...** with some of the finest academic intellectuals, while improving your own skills with the help of our Centre for Teaching and Learning – including tutorials and academic writing support. Our Student Affairs offers several services to optimise and enhance your study experience, including leadership development programmes, career services, student health and wellness programmes, and student counselling.

**Our scholars ...** are respected locally and abroad. They are often quoted by the media and approached for expert input on a variety of fields. Our number of researchers with ratings from the National Research Foundation (NRF) has doubled over the past few years.

**First-year students ...** are eased into the campus experience through our Gateway First-Year Orientation Programme. We will help you find your way around campus, make sure you are registered, and refer you to academic advising, career counselling, and other support services on campus. You will soon find your feet at our vibrant, dynamic, and beautiful institution.

**Arrive and thrive ...** in our supportive, caring, enjoyable, and intellectually invigorating environment. We have great goals and aspirations for your success as a future graduate, trailblazer, and leader in the world. While we are glad that you are beginning your studies with us, our goal is to prepare you for the world of work and for you to successfully complete your studies.

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## BOODSKAP:

### VISEKANSIELIER EN PRINSIPAAL

By die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) inspireer ons uitnemendheid en verander ons lewens. Alles wat ons doen is gewortel in ons Visie 130, sowel as in ons fokus op gehalte, impak en omgee.

Visie 130 – ons voorneme om die universiteit te herposisioneer vir 2034 wanneer ons ons 130ste bestaansjaar sal herdenk – is 'n noodsaaklike deel van hoe ons die toekoms van die UV vorm. Ons sal op jou bydrae staatmaak om te verseker dat ons hierdie visie verwesenlik om 'n universiteit van uitnemendheid te word wat wêreldwyd en plaaslik erken word.

**My visie is ...** om voort te bou op die ryk en florerende kultuur en bedrywighede wat eie is aan die UV. Ons is 'n diverse, inklusiewe en akademies georiënteerde universiteit. Ons studente neem deel aan sport-, kuns- en kultuurbedrywighede deur middel van 'n verskeidenheid studenteverenigings om hul tersiêre onderwyservaring te verbeter. Die UV bied al die geleenthede wat jy nodig het om die vaardighede wat die huidige werksêreld vereis, ten volle te ontwikkel.

**Ons het gevorder ...** deur verskeie seisoene sedert 1904, en ons geleerdes het nog altyd plaaslike en globale kennis beïnvloed. Ons vier ons alumni wat uitblink in besigheid, sport, kuns, kultuur en op baie ander terreine. Hulle het die weg gebaan vir al die UV-voetstappe wat in hulle spore gevolg het. Volg die voorbeeld deur jou potensiaal te ontwikkel en uit te brei binne ons sewe fakulteite wat die hele spektrum dek – van voorgraadse kwalifikasies en diplomas tot doktors- en nadoktorale grade.

**Omring jou ...** met sommige van die voortreflikste akademiese intellekte, terwyl jy jou vaardighede slyp met die hulp van ons Sentrum vir Onderrig en Leer – wat studiekele en hulp met akademiese skryfwerk insluit. Ons Studentesake bied verskeie dienste aan om jou studie-ervaring te optimaliseer en te verbeter, waaronder leierskapontwikkelingsprogramme, loopbaandienste, studentegesondheid- en -welstandprogramme en studentebespreking.

**Ons navorsers ...** word plaaslik en in die buiteland gerespekteer. Hulle word gereeld deur die media aangehaal en vir kundige insette oor 'n verskeidenheid studieveldde genader. Ons aantal navorsers met gradering van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting (NNS) het oor die afgelope paar jaar verdubbel.

**Eerstejaarstudente ...** word geleidelik gewoond gemaak aan die kampuservaring deur middel van ons Gateway-eerstejaariënteringsprogram. Ons sal jou help om jou weg op die kampus te vind, seker te maak dat jy geregistreer is, jou verwys na akademiese advisering, beroepsvoorligting en ander ondersteuningsdienste op kampus. Jy sal vinnig jou voete vind by ons lewendige, dinamiese en pragtige instelling.

**Daag op en floreer ...** in ons ondersteunende, sorgsame, prettige en intellektueel verfrissende omgewing. Ons het groot doelwitte en aspirasies vir jou sukses as 'n toekomstige gegradueerde, baanbreker en leier in die wêreld. Alhoewel ons bly is dat jy jou studies by ons begin, is dit ons doel om jou voor te berei vir die werksêreld en om jou studies suksesvol te voltooi.

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## MOLAETSA:

### MOREKTORO LE MOTLATSA-MOKANSELIRI

Mona Univesithing ya Freistata, re kgothaletsa mosebetsi o tswileng matsoho le o ipabolang mme re fetola maphelo a batho. Tsohle tseo re di etsang di tshetleile ho Ponelepele 130, hammoho le tshebetso ya boleng, tshusumetso e ntle le tlhokomelo.

Ponelepele 130, e leng maikemisetso a rona a ho hlopha botjha univesithi bakeng sa selemo sa 2034, ha Unibesithi ya Freistata e tla be e keteka lemo tse 130 e thehilwe. Re tla itshetleha ka nyehelo ya hao ho netefatsa hore re phathahatsa pono ena ya ho ba university e ithlommeng pele mona lapeng le mose ho mawatle.

**Tjhebopole ya ka ke ena ...** ho tswela pele ho haha mokgatlo o nang le semelo se enneng le o atlehang le mesebetsi eo e leng setso sa UFS. Re yunivesithi e nang leng mefuta e fapaneng, e kenyeletsang ba bang, le e thehilweng thutong. Baithuti ba rona ba nka karolo dipapading, bononong, le mesebetsing e meng ya setso ka mekgatlo e fapaneng ya baithuti ka sepheo sa ho eketsa boiphihlelo ba bona ba thuto ya univesithi. UFS e fana ka menyetla eo o e hlokang ho ntshetsa pele ka botlalo bokgoni le tsebo ya hao tse hlokwang ke dibaka tsa mosebetsi lefatsheng.

**Re hatetse pele ...** dinakong tse fapaneng ho tloha ka 1904, mme baithuti ba rona kamehla ba ile ba susumetsa tsebo hara naha le matjhabeng. Re thoholetsa di-alumni tsa rona ba ipabolang dikgwebong, dipapading, mesebetsing ya bonono, ya setso le mafapheng a mang a mangata. Ba phetla tsela bakeng sa baithuti bohle ba latelang mehatong ya bona mona UFS. Kenya letsoho boetapeleng bona ka ho ntshetsa pele le ho atolosa monyetla wa bokgoni ba hao ho di-faculties tsa rona tse supileng, ho kenyeletswa le di-undergraduate degree le di-diploma tsa bongaka le tsa di-postdoctoral degree.

**Itumelle hore o dikadiketswe ...** ke ditsebi tse hlwahlwa tsa univesithi, ha o ntse o ntlafatsa bokgoni ba hao le tsebo ya hao ka thuso ya Centre for Teaching and Learning ya rona – ho kenyeletswa le di-tutorial le tshehetso ya dingolwa tsa akhademiki. Lefapha la rona la Student Affairs le fana ka ditshebetso tse ngata tse ka atolosang le ho hodisa boiphihlelo ba hao dithutong, ho kenyeletswa le mananeo a ntshetsopole ya boetapele, ditshebetso tsa mosebetsi, bophelo ba baithuti le boiketlo, le keletso e thobang maikutlo bakeng sa baithuti.

**Baithuti ba rona...** ba hlomphele haholo hara naha le matjhabeng. Ka dinako tsohle ba qotswa metjheng ya ditaba le ho kopjwa hore ba fane ka maikutlo a bona a tsebo makaleng a fapaneng. Palo ya bafuputsi ba rona ba nang le maemo a phahameng ho tswa National Research Foundation (NRF) a imenne habedi dilemong tse mmalwa tse fetileng.

**Baithuti ba selemo sa pele ...** ba thuswa hore ba phutholohe boiphihlelong ba bona ba khemphase ka lenaneo la rona la Gateway First-Year Orientation Programme. Re tla o thusa ho fumana dibaka tse fapaneng tseo o batlang ho fihla ho tsona ho potoloha khemphase, ho etsa bonnete ba hore o ngodisitswe, le ho o romela keletsong ya akhademiki, keletso ya mosebetsi, le ditshebetso tse ding tse fanang ka tshehetso khemphaseng. E se kgale o tla iphumana o phutholohile hara setheo sena sa thuto se phelang, se sehlahlo, le se setle.

**Fihla le ho atleha ka hlasimoloho ...** tikolohong ya rona e fanang ka tshehetso, e hlokomelang, e thabisang, le ya thuto e hlasimolang. Re na le dipakane tse hlolang le tse susumetsang bakeng sa katleho ya hao jwalo ka graduate ya nako e tlang, pulamadiboho, le moetapele lefatsheng. Le hoja re le motlotlo hore o qala dithuto tsa hao le rona, sepheo sa rona ke ho etsa hore o be malala-a-laotswe bakeng sa lefatshela la mosebetsi le bakeng sa ho phethela dithuto tsa hao ka katleho

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