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PREFACE

The Faculty of Veterinary Science's vision to be a leading research-intensive faculty, means that the focus of the faculty will be on the core activities of research, teaching and learning, and derived from these, engagement with society and to project its academic work on the international stage.

Central to the faculty's strategy is that it can and must have a positive impact on its immediate and broader communities and environments, and that it is and will

remain a hub of knowledge production that speaks to the global academic community.

As the only veterinary science faculty in the country, the faculty is home to a group of people who are dedicated to improve their lives, their country and the world.

For students who find their passion in research and for those who wish to pursue an academic career, a postgraduate degree from the Faculty of Veterinary Science is an invaluable asset.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Prof Vinny Naidoo

The Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Pretoria (UP) holds a unique and prestigious position in South Africa as the only institution dedicated to training veterinarians, veterinary specialists and veterinary nurses.

Our role is pivotal in enhancing human and animal health, promoting biosecurity and welfare, and ensuring the safety and well-being of production animals, wildlife, and pets. We are also proud to be ranked in the 60 veterinary rankings, which attests to the quality of research at the faculty.

Research and postgraduate education are central to the University's strategic goals, especially its long-term vision of becoming a leading research-intensive university in Africa.

Aligned with this vision, our Faculty is committed to contributing to the University's academic stature by focusing on postgraduate education and research initiatives that build on our institutional

strengths. This includes embedding key research themes, sustaining high research output and impact, and expanding the breadth of research across the University.

The Faculty's training programs are of the highest quality, with graduates being well-prepared to pursue postgraduate opportunities within our Faculty and at universities worldwide. Nonetheless, while our reach is global our focus remains locally relevant, especially in supporting South Africa's unique needs.

This extends to both commercial farming and primary animal healthcare, where veterinarians and veterinary nurses play a crucial role in assisting rural communities and smallholder farmers.

In addition through our expertise in animal disease control and livestock production, we also contribute to the support of both commercial and small-scale farming enterprises through advanced research into diseases and other conditions that

could interfere with animal and human health. This, in turn, strengthens food security and safety in a more holistic manner to foster economic development among livestock owners.

Our campus facilities are world-class and rival the best globally. With five academic departments, specialized research centres (including those for horses and wildlife), and a state-of-the-art Skills Laboratory, we provide students with innovative learning environments.

Our Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital offers clinical services that include both specialist care and first-opinion veterinary services to the wider community that supports specialist training. The campus is also supported by several SANAS-accredited and DALRRD-approved laboratories that allow for

research support in several different areas, allowing our post-graduate students to complete their research on campus.

At the Faculty, we aim to create an enriching academic experience while also fostering a well-rounded lifestyle. Beyond academics, the vibrant campus life includes a variety of social and sports activities, ensuring a balanced and dynamic student experience. Here, you will find an environment that empowers you to grow as a professional and as an individual.

We are dedicated to making a positive impact on our country and the world, one student at a time. We look forward to welcoming you as a new postgraduate student and guiding you through an exciting and rewarding journey.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY DEAN: RESEARCH & POSTGRADUATE STUDIES



Prof Marinda Oosthuizen
Deputy Dean: Research and Postgraduate Studies

The Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Pretoria has a long-standing tradition of training professionals who play a crucial role in promoting animal health, with direct benefits to human health, economic growth, and food security. We take immense pride in the recognition of our discipline, which has consistently ranked among the top global veterinary science programs. In the 2024/25 QS World University Rankings, we were placed in the top 51-70 band globally, and in the 2024 Shanghai Rankings, we ranked 41st, securing the top position in Africa.

Our faculty's continued success is attributed to the dedication and expertise of our academic staff. Currently, 52% of our faculty members hold doctorates, and 35 of our researchers are NRF-rated. These achievements are a testament to the exceptional calibre of our team and the innovative research conducted within the faculty. To further enhance our standing as a leading veterinary school, we remain committed to producing

high-impact research, delivering quality postgraduate education, and fostering a culture of transdisciplinary collaboration. By integrating diverse disciplines, we aim to tackle complex challenges that contribute meaningfully to society.

Our postgraduate students are central to our mission. We strive to create an environment that promotes success, well-being, and a positive learning experience. Our goal is to ensure that students do more than just graduate; we aim for them to develop a passion for learning, reach their full research potential, build valuable professional networks, and uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. We also seek to equip our students with a diverse skill set that is relevant across a wide range of careers, further supporting their professional growth.

May this publication serve as a valuable resource and contribute positively to your journey at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria.

RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

VETERINARY SCIENCE RESEARCH AREAS

- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/33980/research-focus-areas>
- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/16412/one-health>
- <https://www.up.ac.za/research-focus-areas/article/2745928/research-focus-areas>

RESEARCH PRIDE OF THE FACULTY

Research Centres and Chairs

- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/16361/centres>
- https://www.up.ac.za/alumni/news/post_2686532-first-ever-sarchi-nrf-chair-awarded-to-faculty-of-veterinary-science

NRF rated researchers

- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/34085/nrf-rated-researchers>

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/34094/masters-and-doctoral-research-opportunities>
- <https://www.up.ac.za/funding>
- <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/34103/post-doctoral-opportunities>



General

To find a postgraduate degree programme you are interested in, please peruse the faculty's online yearbook on the University of Pretoria's website. Here, you will also be able to find the admission requirements and application process for each degree programme.

The following sources should be consulted if students (both prospective and registered students) have queries about postgraduate studies.

- **Yearbook and General Rules and Regulations:**

The General Rules and Regulations should be read in conjunction with the Yearbook of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria as well as the Faculty Regulations. Please follow the website link for info about the General Rules and Regulations, the Yearbook of the Faculty of Veterinary Science as well as the Faculty Regulations: <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home>

- **Programmes offered by the faculty:**

Information about the faculty's postgraduate programmes for the following year is also available on the "What to study" web page. Please follow the following website link: <https://www.up.ac.za/programmes/type/pg>

- **BSc Agric - or relevant BSc Hons Graduates**

Students with BSc Agric degrees or relevant BSc Hons degrees are welcome to join the Postgraduate Veterinary Science community. Look at the links for the Veterinary Science Research Areas to find something that might interest you.



Applications and Registration

- **Applications:** Applications must be done online.

The link for online applications: <https://www.up.ac.za/online-application>

The closing date for Master's and PhD candidates is 30 November prior to the year of registration. It is advisable to make contact with a possible supervisor before applying.

- **Registration:**

The online registration process will only be available when a student has paid the registration fees, the online contract has been completed and the original signed contract been submitted, and international requirements (if applicable) are met.

Please note that the registration should be renewed at the beginning of each consecutive year, until the degree is awarded. After successful registration, students will have access to student online services via the UP-Student Portal. Student online services allow students access to the online resources of the library, the online application for ethical clearance and to view their registered subjects, account status, payment history, academic records, and on-line results.

For assistance with applications and registration, please contact the Student Administration office.



ClickUP

ClickUP is the online learning management system of the University of Pretoria that acts as a virtual classroom. All postgraduate students (including Master's and PhD students) will have access to ClickUP once registered. Students will be able to login via "MyTUKS Login" from the Homepage on the University of Pretoria's website. Students will then be navigated to the "UP Student Portal" where his/her registered modules will be listed.

Since ClickUP is the official means through which lecturers communicate to all students, students must visit ClickUP regularly and ensure that their latest e-mail addresses are registered on ClickUP.

Additional information may be obtained from the Student Help Desk at:

- E-mail: studenthelp@up.ac.za
- Tel: +27 12 420 3051
- <https://upsmax.up.ac.za>



Student Administration

- **Contact details** <https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-veterinary-science/article/2350832/student-administration-department>

Ethical Clearance

Students and lecturers MUST obtain ethical clearance at the beginning of their research and before starting their data collection.

For assistance with ethical approvals, contact Ms Marleze Rheeder at marleze.rheeder@up.ac.za



International Students

The International Cooperation Division (ICD) is home from home for all non-South African students. All enquiries relating to immigration and the specific needs of an international student can be addressed to isd@up.ac.za.

- **Prospective students:**

<https://www.up.ac.za/international-cooperation-division/article/3008138/international-prospective-students>

- **Current students:**

<https://www.up.ac.za/international-cooperation-division/article/3008191/current-students>



South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

International applicants must have all their previous post-school qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) before applying for postgraduate studies at the University of Pretoria. The online application procedure is outlined on www.saqa.org.za



SAQA Contact information

Call centre +27 (0)12 431 5000/70

Helpdesk +27 (0)86 010 3188

General Enquires: saqainfo@saqa.org.za

Foreign Evaluations: dfqeas@saqa.org.za

Location: SAQA House, 1067 Arcadia Street, Hatfield 0028. Postal address: Postnet Suite 248, Private bag X06, Waterkloof 0145



Fees and Funding

Please refer to the Guide for Student Fees at (<http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding>), which gives details of tuition fees and the payment thereof. Fees are revised annually and the fees for the following year will be announced towards the end of the current year.



Accommodation at Onderstepoort Campus

Accommodation at OP Village: The Faculty of Veterinary Science is situated on the Onderstepoort Campus some 20 km northwest of the Hatfield Campus and some 15 km due north of the city centre of Pretoria (Tshwane). It aims to be an internationally accredited seat of veterinary excellence, strives to be globally competitive, regionally pre-eminent and locally relevant while

providing an effective veterinary interface to Africa. The faculty has a proud tradition in veterinary and para-veterinary education, research and service-rendering which dates back to the early 1920s.

GPS coordinates to Onderstepoort campus:

Hatfield Campus S25° 45' 21" E28° 13' 51"

Onderstepoort S28° 10' 54" E25° 38' 52" (22 km from Hatfield Campus)

For more information, please email tuksres@up.ac.za

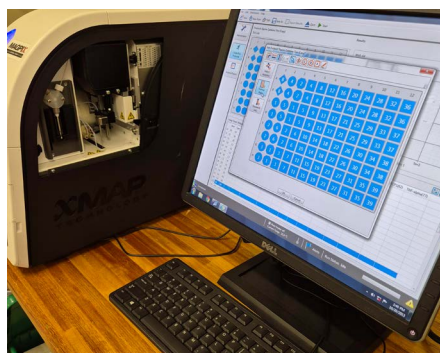
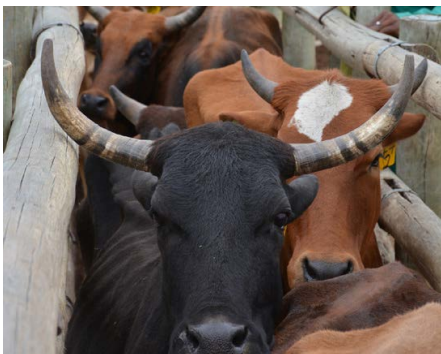
Link to info about the OP Village Residence: <https://www.up.ac.za/student-accommodation/article/2865355/op-village-residence>



The Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA)

The PGSA is a community of postgraduate students drawn from various nationalities and backgrounds studying at the Onderstepoort Campus. Over the years, the PGSA has grown as the mouthpiece through which postgraduate problems are communicated to the faculty and to assist in case any difficulties arise. The PGSA organizes workshops and training for postgraduate student development, research funding lectures and lots of social activities.

Their community engagement programme has reached out to different organizations and schools in various ways. The postgraduate student body is always available to help any new postgraduate student who needs assistance in getting started with studies and life at Onderstepoort and to introduce the postgraduate student to the OP community. The PGSA can be contacted at the following e-mail addresses: op.pgsa@up.ac.za and op.pgsa@gmail.com



**WELCOME TO THE OP COMMUNITY.
MAY YOU BUILD LIFELONG
FRIENDSHIPS DURING YOUR TIME
AT ONDERSTEPSPOORT.**

