



# DEPARTMENT OF TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

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## KEY RESEARCH IMPACT

EBIT's Department of Town and Regional Planning is a research-driven consulting partner of a wide range of state and non-state entities. These range from The Presidency to provincial governments, research councils and municipalities. The research has contributed to legal and policy preparation and review processes.

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Environment behaviour studies
- Planning methods and techniques
- Safe and sustainable housing and urban spaces
- Strategic development planning

## RESEARCH PRIDE

### Research chairs and entities

- Centre for Transport Development

### South African National Research Foundation (NRF)-rated researchers

- Prof K Landman (Y1 NRF-rating)

### Accolades for postgraduate academic programmes

The Department's master's degree by coursework is accredited by the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN). Graduates have a high standing in practice, and despite tough economic times, in most cases find work soon after graduation. Graduates also have no difficulty in finding employment in other parts of the world, and have left their footprint in a number of countries, including Angola, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA.

**The Department is focused on contributing to the crucially important pursuit of spatial transformation and inclusive economic growth in both urban and rural South Africa. It seeks to create, test and disseminate useful knowledge in this pursuit. The Department recognises the importance of collaborative work and, as such, endeavours to provide an intellectual and collegial home for students, researchers and lecturers who share these goals.**



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## Collaboration

The Department places a strong emphasis on collaboration. Within the University, it engages in multi-disciplinary research and cooperative projects. It has also formed strong relationships with other planning schools across the globe. In South Africa, the Department makes significant contributions to both the planning profession through training and capacity building, and civil society through government projects.

## CAREER PATHWAYS

Town and regional planners are crucial contributors to the national pursuit of a better life for all, by empowering people, enabling places, facilitating rapid, sustainable, shared, inclusive and equitable economic growth, and building robust, responsive and resilient institutions for service delivery and transformation, both in and outside the state. As such, there is a wide array of exciting career opportunities for graduates. To participate meaningfully in the profession, graduates must register as graduate planners with the South African Council For Planners (SACPLAN) and complete a minimum of three years in practice under a registered professional planner.

## POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

### MTRP (Research)

The master's degree in town and regional planning by dissertation is a minimum one-year programme in which a student conducts independent research under the guidance of a supervisor, culminating in the submission of a dissertation and at least one article suitable for publication in a journal accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training.

### MTRP (Coursework)

The purpose of the master's coursework programme is to deepen qualified learners' knowledge in specialised aspects of town and regional planning and related fields through prescribed coursework, and to provide learners with the competencies to plan, execute and write up scientific research in the urban and regional planning field.

### PhD Town and Regional Planning

The doctoral degree in town and regional planning is a minimum one-year programme in which a student conducts independent research under the guidance of a supervisor that will also serve as an original contribution to the fundamental or theoretical knowledge base of planning, and culminates in the submission of a thesis and at least one article suitable for publication in a journal accredited by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training.

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