

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) aims to become the foremost education facility in South Africa for students in sustainable human settlements development and related studies to assist the capacity development and professionalisation endeavours of the National Department of Human Settlements.

The purpose of the Chair is to make a significant contribution to the education and training of undergraduate students in the new Bachelors Degree in Human Settlements Development (BHSD). This will ensure that graduates who enter the profession understand the key issues and debates in the sector and are competent to implement policies and solutions.

Through research, the Chair will also aim to provide answers to some of the most pressing challenges in the housing and human settlements development management practices.

This will add to the debate on human settlements development management in developing countries and provide scholarly input that will, in the longterm, provide solutions to global problems of almost immeasurable proportions.





Careers

The new Bachelors Degree in Human Settlements Development (BHSD) will provide capacity in human settlements development management through education and practice.

Graduates will enter the profession with a multi-disciplinary understanding of the key issues and debates in the sector, enabled to implement sustainable human settlements policies and solutions. It will also create a pipeline of students interested in research after graduation.

Opportunities for postgraduate students to become involved in education and training will increase the exposure of undergraduate students to the field and to the research being undertaken.

Objectives

NMMU will strive to achieve the following objectives through its Human Settlement initiatives and activities:

- Become the foremost education facility in South Africa for students in sustainable human settlements development and related studies.
- The Chair will focus on education and training in human settlements development management from a cross- and multi-disciplinary perspective.
- Provide answers to some of the most pressing challenges in the housing and human settlements development management practices through research.
- Support stakeholders, government, CBOs, communities, NGOs, financiers and private sector developers and contractors with immediate solutions to short-term problems they are facing through consultation and the provision of short learning programmes and advice. These activities will be undertaken on a project by project-basis, each with its own funding and other sources.
- The Chair will assist the capacity development and professionalisation endeavours of the National Department of Human Settlements through advice and consulting services.



