



# VICE-CHANCELLOR OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS



As one of two post-democracy universities launched in a new-era South Africa, Sol Plaatje University has added a new dimension to Kimberley as a centre of academic excellence. Since inception in 2013, the University has grown rapidly from its first intake of 124 students in 2014 to almost 2 000 students, including 72 post-graduates, making it a significant employer in the region. As the University reaches its goal of enrolling approximately 7 500 students in the 2024 academic year, as a collective, it is set to enhance the local economy and its communities.

**The University's inaugural Vice-Chancellor will be stepping down**, having laid an excellent foundation for his successor to build upon. The next phase, post the big-infrastructure development phase, is not only exciting and challenging for the University, but also full of opportunity and reward for future students and employees alike. In addition to the ongoing rapid growth in student numbers, staff numbers will double to approximately 800 members during the same period. The next phase will see the institution develop into a 21st century comprehensive university renowned for excellence and its reliance on innovative modalities of teaching, learning, research and student support.

**A highly supportive and dedicated executive team is in place**, while excellent relationships exist with institutions in the Northern Cape Province and the local municipality. This is a University where effective teaching and learning, making use of digital technologies, are the norm and every student has a laptop. It is poised to transform steadily from a school-based structure to four faculties, with opportunities to introduce new faculties and academic programmes to serve a wider local community.

**The Council of Sol Plaatje University** seeks to appoint its second Vice-Chancellor -- an individual who is an accomplished academic and leader with proven strategic vision, wisdom, determination and demonstrable experience in executive academic management.

**This exemplary leader's profile will include the following:**

- A full professor with a doctoral degree and at least three years' experience as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Executive Dean or similar senior executive position within the Higher Education sector;
- Proven academic stature, encompassing teaching and learning experience, research and stakeholder engagement that has earned the respect of fellow academics;
- A bold, visionary and energetic leader with a strong public presence, integrity and tenacity who can act decisively when required to do so;
- An individual with a keen understanding of, and the capabilities to ensure, good governance, accountability and the financial sustainability of a dynamic and rapidly expanding university; and
- A person who is analytical and reflective by nature and respected for participatory leadership and management.

**Closing Date: Friday 31 May 2019**

**Genevieve Michel** stands ready to field further questions and to guide you through this critically important appointment where opportunity abounds. In the first instance, please provide her with your full credentials (full curriculum vitae, names and contact details of three referees and a letter of motivation) by sending these directly to her at [info@talenting.co.za](mailto:info@talenting.co.za), quoting Ref: AP557.

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