

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY



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2025

Student success at a glance

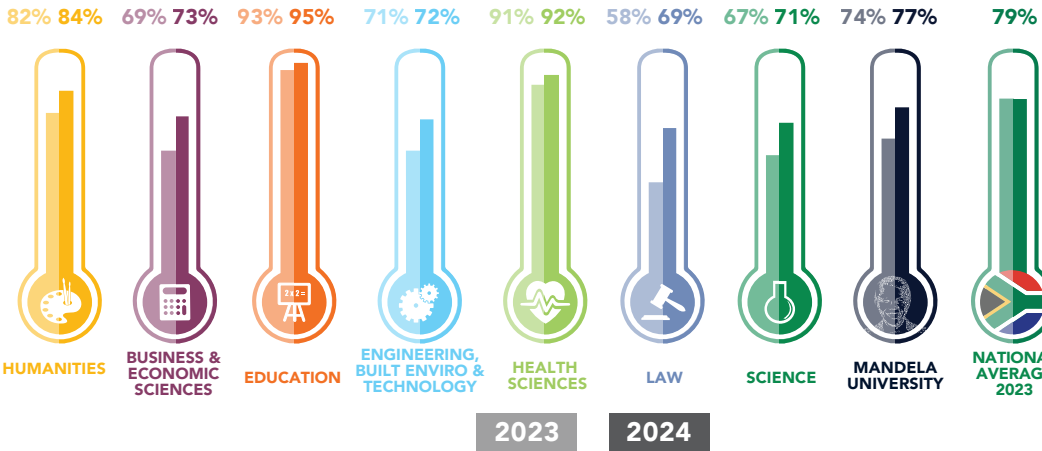
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OUR DEFINITION OF STUDENT SUCCESS

“ Student success is being self-aware, understanding one’s own strengths and weaknesses, mindfully setting & achieving one’s personal goals with persistence and commitment, and taking co-responsibility with staff and support structures to progress academically, and to graduate as holistically developed, responsible citizens. ”

SUCCESS RATES OF ALL COURSEWORK MODULES BY FACULTY 2023 - 2024



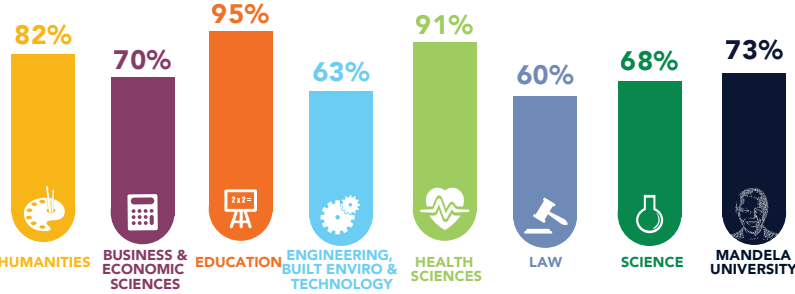
SUCCESS RATES OF NSFAS FUNDED STUDENTS 2024

19 223 STUDENTS

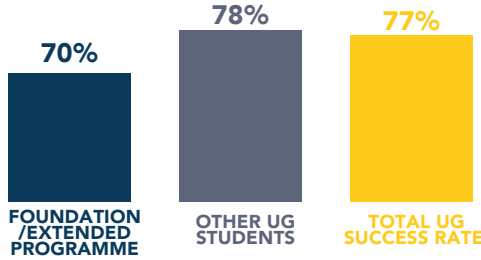
77% SUCCESS RATE

which is the same as the average for all Nelson Mandela University students

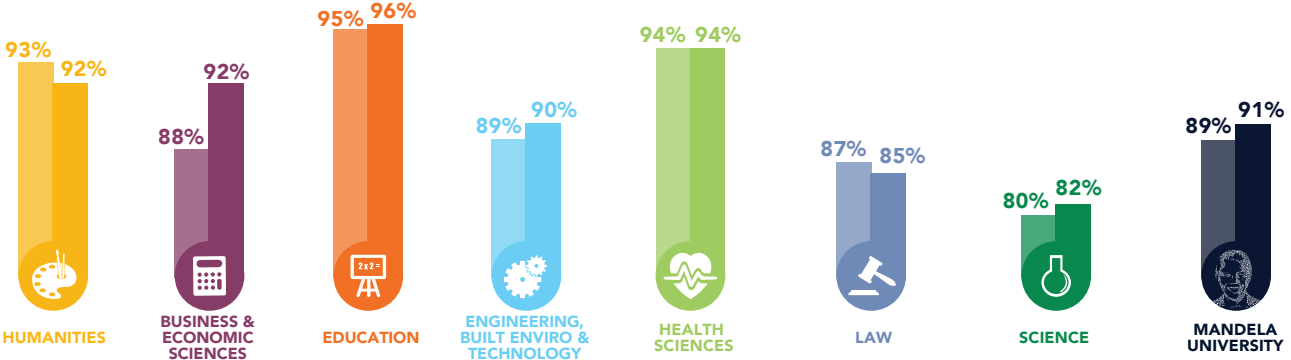
FIRST-TIME ENTERING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS RATE 2024



SUCCESS RATE OF FOUNDATION/ EXTENDED PROGRAMME STUDENTS COMPARED TO OTHER UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 2024



RETENTION OF FIRST-TIME ENTERING STUDENTS BY FACULTY 2024 - 2025

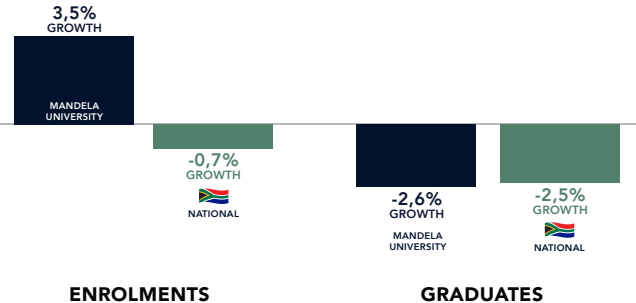


2023 FIRST-TIME ENTERING % RETURNING IN 2024

2024 FIRST-TIME ENTERING % RETURNING IN 2025

AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE FOR ENROLMENTS COMPARED TO GRADUATES 2021 - 2024

GROWTH RATES FOR 2021 TO 2024 COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

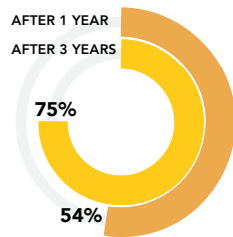


Nelson Mandela University graduates declined on average by 2.6% per annum, while enrolments grew at 3.5% on average per annum which is an indicator of decreased graduation efficiency.

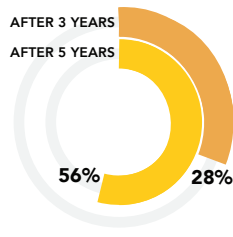
THROUGHPUT RATES* FOR FIRST-TIME ENTERING COHORTS BY QUALIFICATION TYPE 2024

FOR THE 2018 COHORT

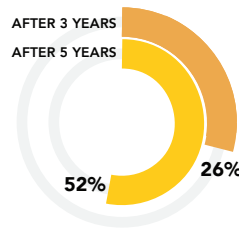
1-YEAR UG CERTIFICATES (MT**=1)



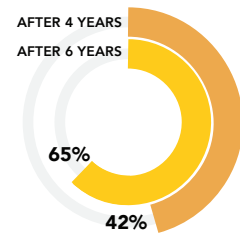
3-YEAR DIPLOMAS (MT=3)



3-YEAR DEGREES (MT=3)



4-YEAR DEGREES (MT=4)



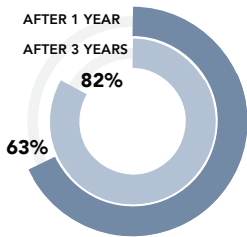
AFTER 1 YEAR 22%
AFTER 3 YEARS 50%

AFTER 3 YEARS 28%
AFTER 5 YEARS 64%

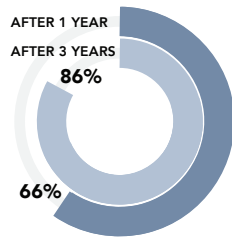
AFTER 3 YEARS 30%
AFTER 5 YEARS 59%

AFTER 4 YEARS 46%
AFTER 6 YEARS 69%

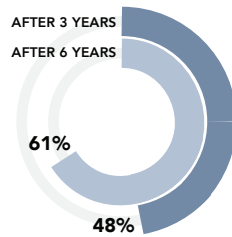
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA



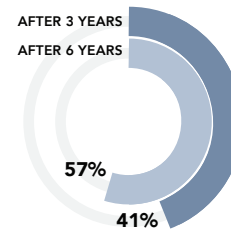
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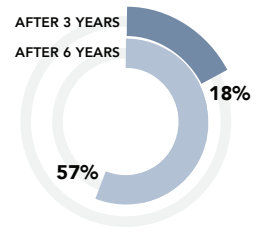
MASTER'S COURSEWORK



MASTERS RESEARCH



PHD



AFTER 1 YEAR 60%
AFTER 3 YEARS 82%

AFTER 1 YEAR 63%
AFTER 3 YEARS 82%

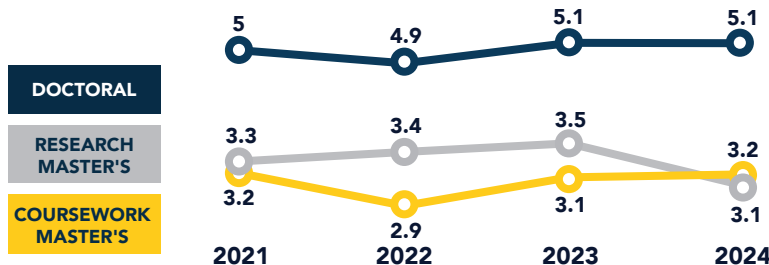
AFTER 3 YEARS 44%
AFTER 6 YEARS 64%

AFTER 3 YEARS 36%
AFTER 6 YEARS 55%

AFTER 3 YEARS 15%
AFTER 6 YEARS 50%

*The throughput rate is the percentage of first-time entering students of a particular cohort that graduate in minimum time for the qualification. The percentage of students that graduate in minimum time plus 3 years (M+3) is also calculated given that a large proportion of students take longer than the minimum time to graduate.
**MT = Minimum Time

AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS TO GRADUATE FOR MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS 2021 - 2024

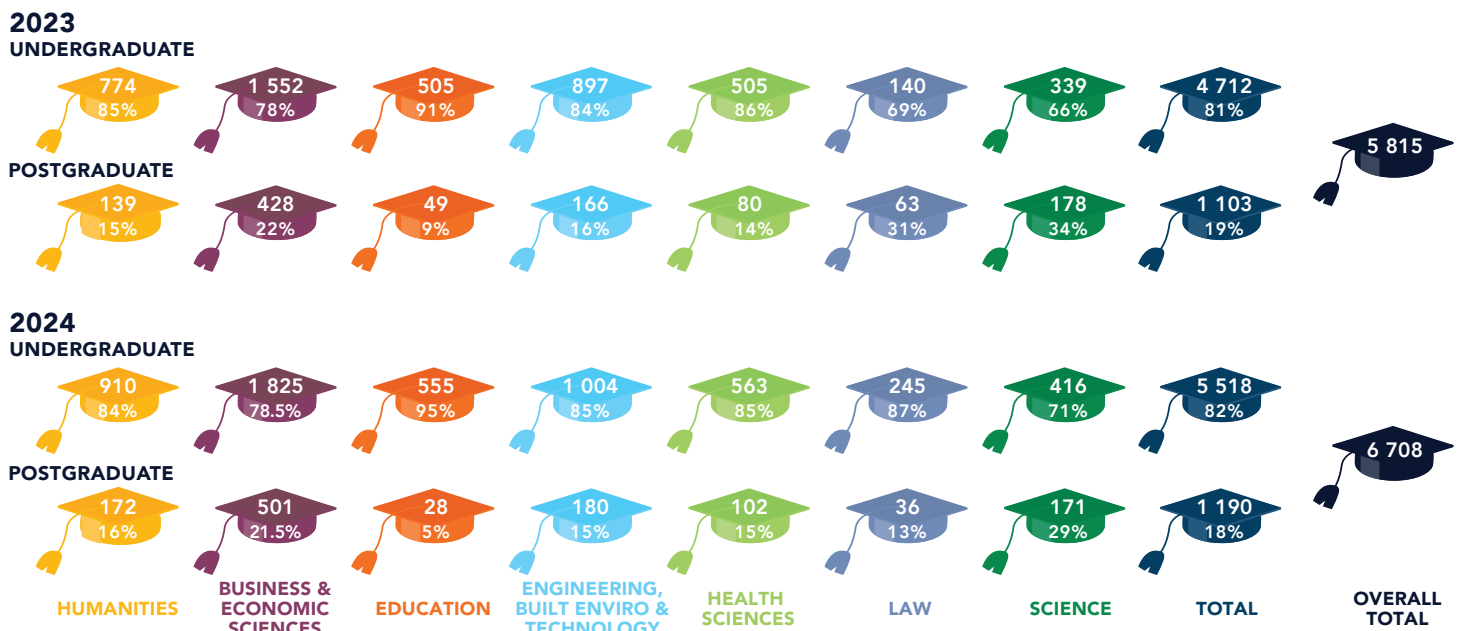


NUMBER OF RESEARCH ENTITIES AND CHAIRS 2024

RESEARCH CHAIRS*	18
NRF-RATED RESEARCHERS	92
INSTITUTES	2
CENTRES	12
UNITS	6
TECHNOLOGY STATIONS	2
TOTAL	22

* This includes all research chairs and not only those awarded by the NRF as SARCHI Chairs

GRADUATE OUTPUTS PER FACULTY 2023 - 2024

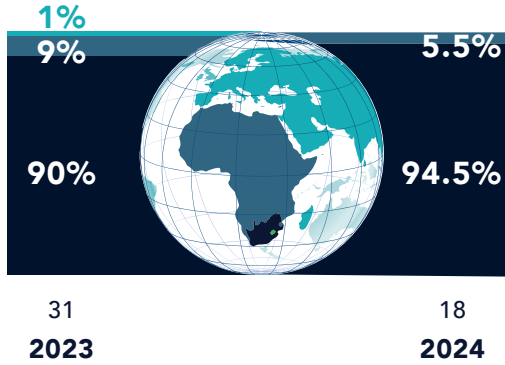


GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN OF MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL (M&D) GRADUATES 2023 - 2024

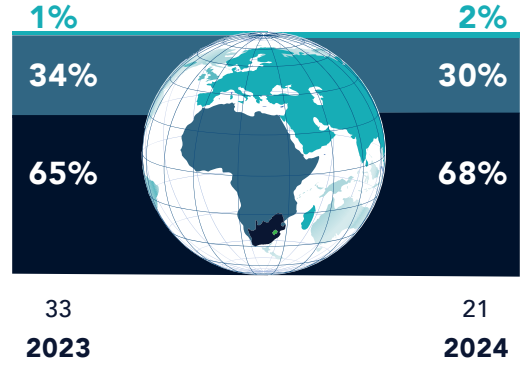
OTHER INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN

SOUTH AFRICAN

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

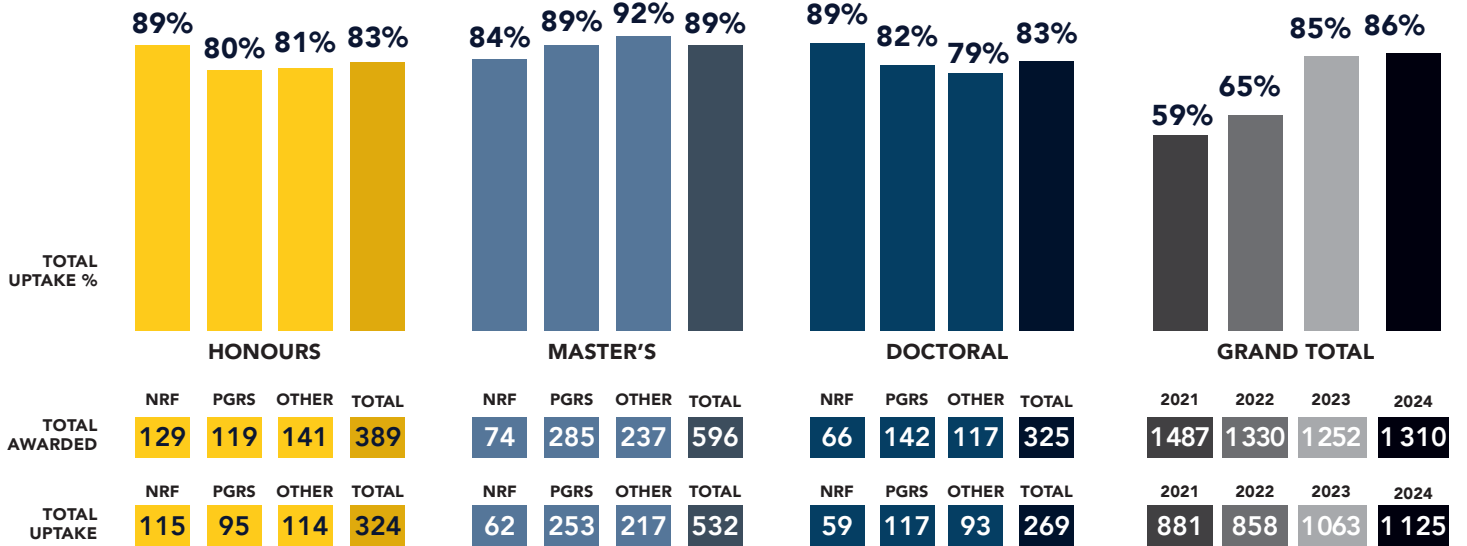


MASTER'S GRADUATES



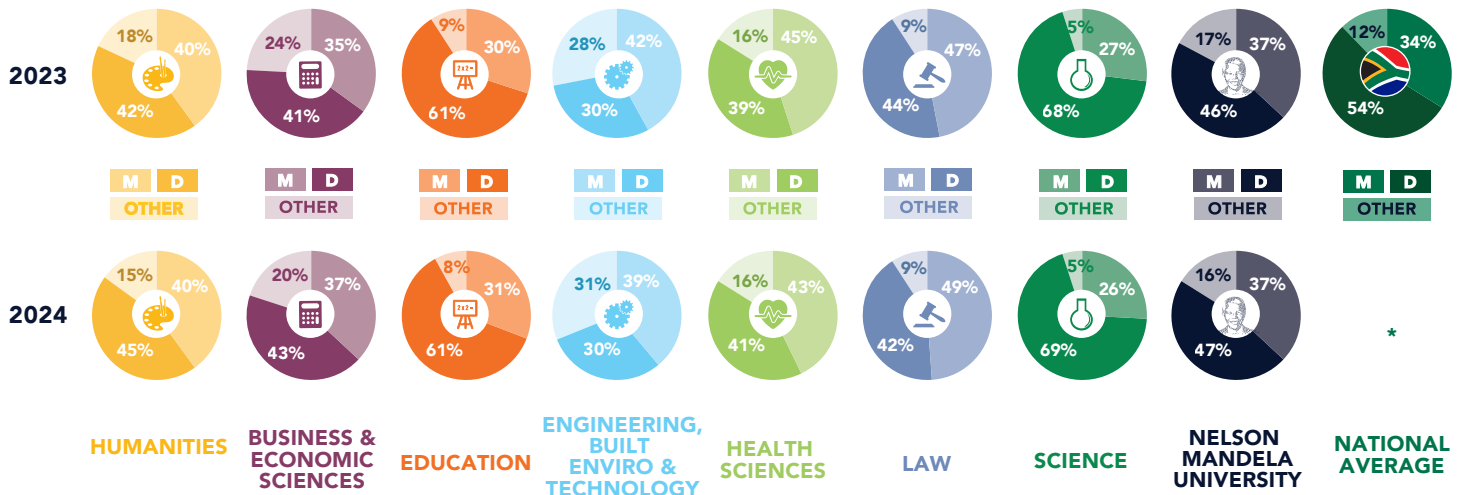
DOCTORAL GRADUATES

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED AND TAKEN UP 2024



NRF: National Research Foundation | PGRS: Postgraduate Research Scholarship | OTHER: Other Research Bursary

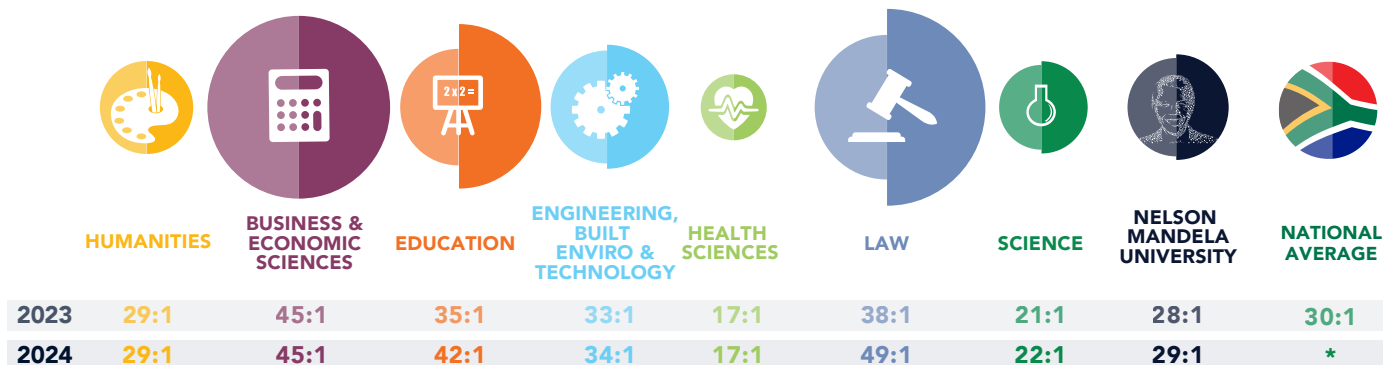
% STAFF WITH MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL (M&D) QUALIFICATIONS BY FACULTY 2023 - 2024



*2024 national data is not yet available

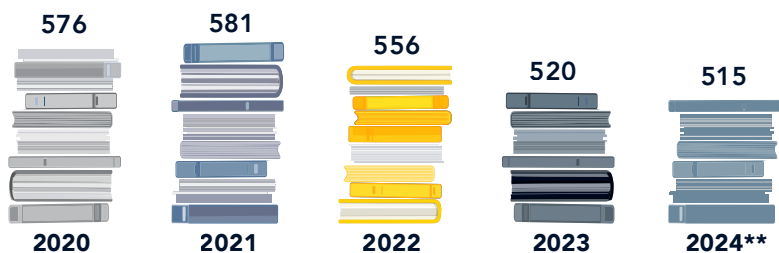
ACADEMIC FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STUDENT: STAFF RATIO 2023 COMPARED TO 2024

BY FACULTY COMPARED TO NATIONAL AVERAGE



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NUMBER OF RESEARCH PUBLICATION UNITS* 2020 - 2024



NOTES:

* Research Publication Units include research articles, innovations and creative arts outputs, conference proceedings, books and chapters in books.

**The Research Publication Units for 2024 are preliminary and still need to be approved by the DHET.

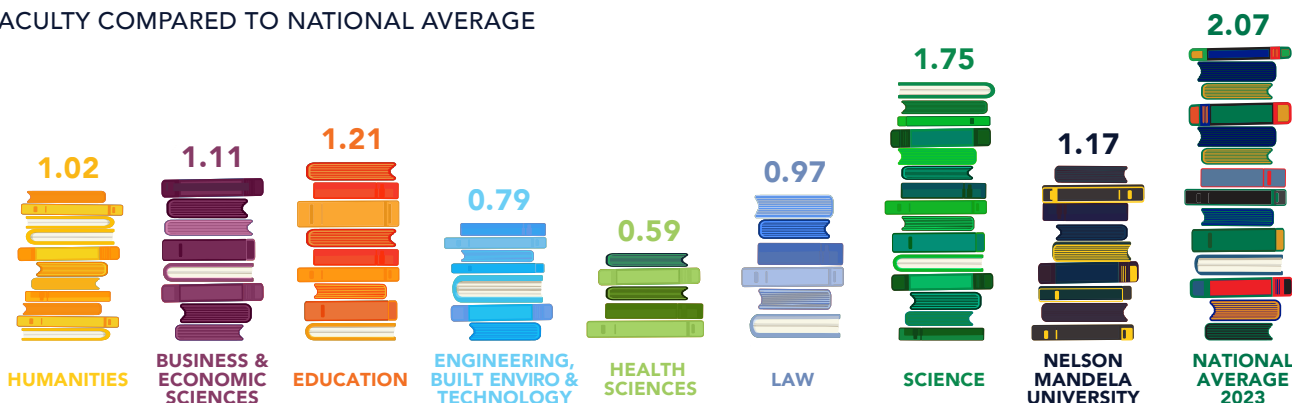
MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL (M&D) WEIGHTED RESEARCH OUTPUT UNITS* (WROU) 2021 - 2024

	HUMANITIES	BUSINESS & ECONOMIC SCIENCES	EDUCATION	ENGINEERING, BUILT ENVIRO & TECHNOLOGY	HEALTH SCIENCES	LAW	SCIENCE	NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY
2023								
MASTER'S WROU 2023	31	42	3	46	22	7	53	204
% INCREASE 2020-2023	23%	-40%	-57%	14%	-35%	-35%	2%	-15%
DOCTORAL WROU 2023	18	87	18	42	27	21	66	279
% INCREASE 2020-2023	-40%	38%	20%	75%	-25%	600%	-4%	16%
2024								
MASTER'S WROU 2024	42	51	8	38	31	4	48	222
% INCREASE 2021-2024	12%	-11%	100%	11%	30%	-68%	-12%	-1%
DOCTORAL WROU 2024	30	48	18	24	24	3	51	198
% INCREASE 2021-2024	11%	-47%	-14%	-20%	60%	-80%	-43%	-31%

*Weighted Research Outputs are the total of research publication units (weight = 1), research master's units (weight = 1), and research doctoral units (weight = 3)

RATIOS OF WEIGHTED RESEARCH OUTPUTS* PER ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER 2024

BY FACULTY COMPARED TO NATIONAL AVERAGE



*Weighted Research Outputs include research articles but not conference proceedings, books and chapters in books which will only be available at the end of 2025