



THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR HERITAGE SCIENCE & CONSERVATION

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Vision statement:

“To see established in South Africa a degree of development and application in the domain of conservation - within the ambit of Heritage Science - that may set a benchmark for conservation in Africa, both matching and shaping international best practice.”

The **Mission** of the Institute reads as follows:

“While maintaining its various, specialized services in support of heritage institutions, built heritage and conservation practitioners, The South African Institute for Heritage Science and Conservation aspires to constitute a balanced institution of higher education and learning, producing excellent research and providing quality, student-centred tuition in the field of Heritage Science, in order to produce diplomates and graduates who are imbued with capacities for enterprise and lifelong learning - attaining qualifications that are not only internationally recognised, but also locally deployable.”

Indeed, it is the Institute's very mission which currently directs the initiative and transition whereby the long-standing, short course programme now culminates in the emergence of the proposed, postgraduate diploma programme.

The specific goals associated with the mission statement, are the following:

1. To meet the current absence of formal conservation training programmes at tertiary level in South Africa by attaining accreditation of the proposed postgraduate programme as the initial step.
2. To provide a suitable and accessible articulation point with current and future programmes, elsewhere.
3. To establish and expand a training platform within the field of heritage sciences, with conservation as primary specialism.
4. To introduce a M.Sc programme in Conservation Studies (2020/21), followed by the introduction of a Ph.D in the same discipline.
5. To honour and uphold the centrality of the natural sciences within such programme, in appropriate symmetry with the humanities.
6. To produce diplomates and graduates of exceptional technical ability, capable of a high level of theoretical engagement and of relating such knowledge and skills to a range of contexts.
7. To infuse such diplomates and graduates with an interest in commerce and enterprise, stimulating the equal deployment of conservation within these crucial spheres.
8. To advocate and demonstrate the fundamental viability and vigour of the field of conservation, within the academic domain, the public sphere and the commercial domain.