

Dear Principal,

## Scifest Africa / Rhodes University High School Quizzes

Scifest Africa was established in 1996 to promote the public awareness, understanding and appreciation of science, technology and innovation (STI) in Southern Africa. The project consists of two components, namely the National Science Festival held in Grahamstown in March every year, as well as various national outreach programmes held throughout the year.

Scifest Africa develops and implements quality interactive events with entertainment value and scientific integrity to, amongst other objectives, provide role models and career guidance for the youth, and inspire the youth to pursue careers in STI and become leaders in these fields; identify youth talented in STI for inclusion in local, regional and national STI talent development initiatives; and develop quality STI resource materials that support the STI curriculum and train educators in interactive teaching of the curriculum.

The 2018 festival attracted more than 62,000 visitors and offered a festival programme that consisted of 64 exhibitions and 701 events, presented by 291 contributors from 77 organisations in South Africa and the international STI sector. The national science festival received media coverage to the value of ZAR 3.7 million from 1 January – 31 March 2018.

The 2019 National Science Festival will take place in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape from 6-12 March 2019, and our programme will celebrate the theme "Discover your element" which celebrates the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Scifest Africa would like to invite your school to participate in the 2019 Rhodes University High School Quiz.

Rhodes University is a 114-year old institution with a well-established reputation for academic excellence. The institution is located in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape. Rhodes is a small university which enjoys the distinction of having among the best undergraduate pass and graduation rates in South Africa, outstanding postgraduate success rates, and the best research output per academic staff member. This is testimony to the quality of students that Rhodes attracts and of academic provision, and to the commitment of Rhodes staff to student development and success.

The quiz, comprised of a Junior High School Category (Grade 8-10) and Senior High School Category (Grade 11-12), is open to three (3) learners per team from high schools (maximum three teams per category per school).

Each quiz will consist of two rounds, namely a qualification round in the form of a written quiz completed by teams at their school on Friday, 8 February 2019, and a final round, which will see the top four teams in each category travel to the National Science Festival on Monday, 11 March 2019.

Please find enclosed the entry form you require to enter the teams representing your school. Both the entry form and entry fee amount of R30.00 per team must be received by 16h00 on Friday, 1 February 2019.

Great prizes are up for grabs, including a one-year scholarship (tuition only) to Rhodes University for each member of the winning team in the Senior High School Category.

We look forward to receiving your entry!

Yours sincerely,



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### Rhodes University High School Quiz Entry Form

Is your team entering the Junior or Senior High School Quiz?

Junior  
(Gr. 8-10)

Senior  
(Gr. 11-12)

School:			
Postal Address:			
Postal Code:			
Tel.:			
Fax:			
Educator:			
Mobile:			
E-mail*:			
<b>Team Member 1</b>			
Name:		Surname:	
Grade:			
<b>Team Member 2</b>			
Name:		Surname:	
Grade:			
<b>Team Member 3</b>			
Name:		Surname:	
Grade:			

\* Please Note: Question papers will be emailed to the address provided above by no later than 10h00 on Friday, 8 February 2019.

### Entries and Payment

An entry fee of R30-00 per team is payable.

Entry forms and proof of payment of the entry fee must be emailed to Gcobisa Dumeko at [logistics@scifest.org.za](mailto:logistics@scifest.org.za) or faxed to 086 206 8707 by no later than 16h00 on Friday, 1 February 2019.

Bank Details:

Bank: Standard Bank  
Account type: Cheque account  
Account name: Grahamstown Foundation  
Branch code: 050917  
Account number: 081 996 071

**Reference:** Please use Scifest and the name of your school as reference.



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