



# Zimbabwe Data profile 2012

## Higher education landscape

**Table 1:** Number and type of higher education institutions

Type of higher education institution	Number of institutions	Estimated percentage of students enrolled
Publicly-funded universities	9	77
Publicly-funded technical universities	0	0
Privately-funded, accredited universities or colleges	5	23

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 2:** Private higher education institutions

Private higher education institutions	Estimated number of students enrolled
Africa University	1200
Catholic University	600
Solusi University	1300
Women's University	1300
Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University	20
Reformed Church University	0

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 3:** Summary of higher education policy documents

Higher education policy documents	Copy available
Manpower Planning and Development Act	No
Individual University Acts/Charters	No
Ministry's Five Year Strategic Plan	No
ZIMCHE Act	Yes

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

## Enrolment patterns

**Table 4: Student enrolment by mode of study and nationality**

Student category	Number of students
Contact students	18 755
Distance students	11 604
Full-time students	28 878
Part-time students	2 789
National citizens	26 535
SADC country citizens	131
Other international students (excluding SADC countries)	3

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 5: Student enrolment by gender and major field of study**

Major field of study	Total number of students	Number of female students	Number of male students
Agriculture	1 822	598	1 224
Business, Management and Law	17 597	8 220	9 377
Education	4 820	2 457	2 363
Health Sciences	2 022	888	1 134
Humanities and Social Sciences	10 799	5 122	4 920
Science, Engineering and Technology	6 567	2 541	4 783
Other	745*	166	262

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

\*317 students at the University of Zimbabwe provided as total numbers only, not by gender. These students have been included in the total but are not reflected in the female and male student columns, hence the inconsistency.

**Table 6: Student enrolment by major field of study and level of study**

Major field of study	Number of students enrolled per level of study					
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Post-doctoral	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	1 450	0	29	3	0	0
Business, Management and Law	12 585	479	1 982	47	0	0
Education	4 350	46	330	213	0	0
Health Sciences	1 975	3	32	5	0	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	10 319	50	567	16	0	92
Science, Engineering and Technology	4 832	422	337	22	0	0
Other	581	0	0	0	0	28

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 7: Demand for higher education**

	Number of students
Number of applications received for undergraduate study	27 465
Number of applicants who met admissions criteria but could not be accepted	15 128
Number of new first-year undergraduate students	12 552
Number of applications for postgraduate study	5 013
Number of new postgraduate students admitted	1 801

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

## Qualifications/Graduation data

**Table 8: Number of qualifications awarded per field of study and level of study**

Major field of study	Number of qualifications awarded per level of study				
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Post- doctoral
Agriculture	571	5	47	0	0
Business, Management and Law	1680	123	516	1	0
Education	277	20	72	1	0
Health Sciences	219	0	32	0	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	1378	27	108	0	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	777	0	50	2	0
Other	309	0	1	0	0

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 9: Number of qualifications per qualification level, gender and field of study**

Field of study	Gender of student	Number of qualifications awarded per qualification level				
		Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral*	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	Female	181	3	16	0	0
	Male	454	2	31	0	0
Business, Management and Law	Female	777	52	236	0	0
	Male	1649	171	663	0	0
Education	Female	381	23	32	0	0
	Male	388	21	62	0	0
Health Sciences	Female	105	0	24	0	0
	Male	150	0	8	0	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	Female	1127	55	61	0	0
	Male	835	45	94	0	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	Female	399	0	21	0	0
	Male	987	0	48	0	0
Other	Female	115	0	0	0	0
	Male	172	0	0	0	0

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

\*Doctoral degree data was not available by gender so no doctoral degree qualifications are reflected in this table, although a total of 4 doctoral degrees were awarded (see Table 8).

## Higher education funding

**Table 10: Percentage of national budget allocated to education**

Year	Percentage of national budget allocated to education
2006	No data
2007	24
2008	15
2009	16
2010	19

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 11: Percentage of national education budget allocated to higher education**

Year	Percentage of national education budget allocated to higher education
2006	No data
2007	3
2008	3
2009	22
2010	27

Source: SARUA MoE questionnaire 2011

**Table 12: HEI funding sources**

Sources of funding	Percentage of total funding/income
Student fees	40.30
Government subsidy/grants	57.39
Donations – private individuals/trusts	0.25
Donations – private sector/businesses/corporation	0.17
Donations – international funders/donors	0.79
Loans	1
Other (no specification provided)	5.16

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 13: Universities' spending patterns**

Spending areas	Percentage allocation of institutional budgets
Salaries (academic staff)	45
Salaries (support services)	32
Salaries (management)	21
Student financial support	0
Institutional operational costs	43
Research	3
Community service-related activities	2
Other (no specification provided)	1

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 14: Sources of research funding**

Sources of research funding	Percentage of total funding/income
Government subsidy/grants	46
Donations – private individuals/trusts	0
Donations – private sector/businesses/corporation	1
Donations – international funders/donors	8
Loans	45
Other	87

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 15: Average tuition costs (US\$)**

	Local	Other SADC	Other foreign
Undergraduate:			
Agriculture	400	817	2 583
Business, Management and Law	600	2 500	1 500
Education	345	1 213	2 583
Health Sciences	435	1 263	3 250
Humanities and Social Sciences	346	1 213	2 583
Science, Engineering and Technology	388	746	2 583
Postgraduate:			
Agriculture	699	828	3 250
Business, Management and Law	649	1 675	3 350
Education	649	728	5 000
Health Sciences	2 825	1 785	5 000
Humanities and Social Sciences	655	1 652	5 000
Science, Engineering and Technology	669	1 719	5 000
Other	1 320	2 500	

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 16: Average amounts of additional student payments**

	Local	Other SADC	Other foreign
Application fee	18	34	28
Registration fee	17	38	30
International levy			
Examination levy	25	30	50
Other	30	15	11
Other	14	15	18
Other	10	22	

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 17: Student financial aid**

Percentage of students receiving financial aid	48
Percentage of students with student debt	28

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

## Staffing

**Table 18: Number of staff by nationality and type of post**

Staffing categories	Nationality	Number of staff
Academic and research staff	National citizens	2 407
	SADC citizens	16
	Other international	33
Management and administrative staff	National citizens	01
	SADC citizens	0
	Other international	0

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 19: Staff employment status and gender**

Staffing categories	Employment status	Number of female staff members	Number of male staff members
Academic and research staff	Permanent	465	2 696
	Contract/temporary	166	545
Management and administrative staff	Permanent	918	1 168
	Contract/temporary	23	95

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 20: Staff by employment status and gender**

Staffing categories	Employment status	Number of female staff members	Number of male staff members
Academic and research staff	Full-time	597	1 458
	Part-time	517	1 258
Management and administrative staff	Full-time	917	1 191
	Part-time	31	83

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 21: Staff by major field of study and gender**

Staff category	Major field of study	Number of female staff members	Number male staff members
Academic and research staff	Agriculture	67	194
	Business, Management and Law	91	359
	Education	73	150
	Health Sciences	80	173
	Humanities and Social Sciences	162	425
	Science, Engineering and Technology	155	443
	Other	35	20
Management and administrative staff	Agriculture	17	10
	Business, Management and Law	45	37
	Education	54	14
	Health Sciences	17	10
	Humanities and Social Sciences	68	51
	Science, Engineering and Technology	53	61
	Other	94	120

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

**Table 22: Highest level of qualification for academic and research staff**

Major field of study	Number of academic and research staff with this as their highest qualification				
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate < Masters	Masters	Doctoral	Other (e.g. short courses)
Agriculture	73	0	132	26	0
Business, Management and Law	79	26	289	19	0
Education	15	2	174	24	1
Health Sciences	36	11	120	41	0
Humanities and Social Sciences	105	11	384	124	0
Science, Engineering and Technology	146	75	303	63	1
Other	14	0	13	3	0

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

## Research output

**Table 23: Research output\***

Category of research output	2008	2009	2010
Peer-reviewed journal articles	100	116	146
Peer-reviewed books	9	17	22
Peer-reviewed book chapters	12	45	50
Patents	1	0	1

Sources: SARUA university questionnaires 2011

\* note that this table does not accurately reflect the research output of the public higher education sector in the country due to the fact that the University of Zimbabwe did not submit data on research output for this period.