

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Governance Board (GB) and Management Operating Committee (MOC) iYunivsithi Walter Sisulu Research Leadership Chair – Eastern Cape

The **Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA)**, in partnership with **iYunivsithi Walter Sisulu**, hereby invites nominations for suitably qualified and experienced individuals to serve on the **Governance Board (GB) and the Management Operating Committee (MOC)** of the **Eastern Cape Wholesale and Retail Research Leadership Chair**.

INTRODUCTION

iYunivsithi Walter Sisulu and **W&RSETA**, in partnership with **King Sabata Dalindyebo TVET College, Lovedale TVET College, Ikhala TVET College, King Hintsa TVET College, and the Eastern Cape CET College**, are establishing a Wholesale and Retail Research Leadership Chair aimed at advancing research, skills development, and innovation within the sector.

This initiative seeks to position **iYunivsithi Walter Sisulu** and its strategic partners as a leading hub for industry-relevant research and capacity building, contributing to inclusive economic growth and sector competitiveness in South Africa, particularly within rural and peri-urban contexts.

The key objectives of the Research Leadership Chair include:

- Conducting internationally recognised, programmatic research in wholesale and retail
- Establishing and strengthening public-private partnerships
- Expanding the pipeline of skilled researchers and industry specialists
- Producing evidence-based sector research
- Facilitating strategic international collaborations aligned to sector needs

GOVERNANCE BOARD (GB)

PURPOSE

The Governance Board provides strategic oversight and ensures alignment of the Research Leadership Chair with sector priorities and governance standards.

COMPOSITION

The Governance Board will comprise representatives from:

- W&RSETA Industry Representatives (Large Business)
- W&RSETA Industry Representatives (SMMEs)
- TVET College Representative
- Community Education and Training (CET) Representative
- W&RSETA Representatives
- Higher Education Representative
- Employer and Business Associations

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

- iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu Research Leadership Chair
- Head of Department: Relevant Academic Department, Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Approve the strategic direction of the Leadership Chair
- Approve policies, implementation plans, and budgets
- Monitor and evaluate performance against deliverables
- Provide oversight on the Management Operating Committee (MOC) decisions
- Review and approve audit outcomes and reports

The Governance Board will elect a Chairperson from among its members.

MEETING FREQUENCY

The Governance Board will meet quarterly (four times per year). Meetings will be held at iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu or via virtual platforms where necessary.

MANAGEMENT OPERATING COMMITTEE (MOC)

PURPOSE

The MOC serves as the advisory and operational support structure, ensuring effective implementation and coordination of the Research Leadership Chair.

COMPOSITION

The MOC will comprise representatives from:

- W&RSETA Industry Representative (Large Business)
- W&RSETA Industry Representative (Small Business)
- W&RSETA Regional Office Representative
- Municipal/Local Government Representative
- Chamber of Commerce Representative (Wholesale & Retail Sector)
- TVET College Representative
- CET College Representative
- Previously Disadvantaged Institution (PDI) Representative
- Ex officio Members:
 - iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu Research Leadership Chair
 - Head of Department: Relevant Academic Department, Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences, iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide strategic guidance on research priorities and outputs
- Monitor operational performance and financial accountability
- Support research project development and collaboration with industry and academic partners
- Advise on marketing, outreach, and knowledge dissemination strategies
- Facilitate stakeholder engagements, seminars, and events
- Identify opportunities for partnerships and sector influence

The MOC will elect a Chairperson from among its members.

MEETING FREQUENCY: The MOC will meet monthly or as required.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The objective of the nomination process is to appoint individuals with relevant expertise, sector insight, and strategic leadership capability.

A joint selection committee comprising representatives from W&RSETA and iYunivisithi Walter Sisulu will review all nominations and appoint members based on merit and alignment with the objectives of the Research Leadership Chair.

Nominations must be submitted via email to embebe@wsu.ac.za and Thabang Motsoeneng, Senior Specialist: Research and Innovation on TMotsoeneng@wrseta.org.za

Submission deadline: 30 June 2026