### Student statistics as at 3 April 2023

#### TOTAL POSTGRADUATE

**First-time entering undergraduates**

- Bachelor’s degrees: 3,028
- Undergraduate diplomas: 705
- Undergraduate certificates: 3,058
- Total: 6,891

**Total postgraduates**

- Doctorates: 1,733
- Master’s: 10,659
- Postgraduate diplomas: 8,146
- Total: 20,538

**3rd highest number of students enrolled**

In 2021 the NWU was the fourth-largest university in South Africa based on the total headcount. Of the 53,469 students enrolled here in 2021, a total of 7,738,576 students were distance students.

**Highest number of graduates**

The NWU graduated 8,053 students in 2021, making it the third university in the sector.