

## **GSU Launches US Embassy-Supported Resource Programme**

Gwanda State University has successfully launched the US Embassy University Library Resource Programme Grant Implementation project, a significant initiative expected to further enhance academic excellence and digital transformation.

The event which was officiated by the Vice-Chancellor Professor DZ Moyo marked a significant milestone in strengthening the institutional capacity through international partnerships.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the unwavering support from the US Embassy acknowledging that the grant was a major milestone in the university's academic journey.

“Through this grant, our University Library has successfully subscribed to the Wiley Online Library, giving our academic community access to thousands of peer-reviewed journals across a broad spectrum of disciplines,” the Vice-Chancellor said.

Professor Moyo further highlighted that the resource was vital for both the Faculty of Natural Resources, Management and Agriculture and the Faculty of Engineering and the Environment, where up-to-date, evidence-based knowledge is crucial for driving research and innovation in sectors that are central to Zimbabwe's economic development.

In addition to expanding scholarly resources, the Vice-Chancellor announced the acquisition of three high-capacity Wi-Fi access points, a critical step in promoting digital inclusion and supporting e-learning and collaborative academic work, whether on campus or remotely.

“However, having access alone is not enough,” she cautioned. “What truly matters is effective utilisation.”

She also commended the Library team for their proactive training campaigns aimed at equipping faculty and students with the skills to make full use of these resources — ensuring the investment delivers lasting value.

Professor Moyo concluded by linking the initiative to Education 5.0, Zimbabwe's visionary higher education framework focused on teaching, research, community service, innovation, and industrialisation.

“By strengthening access to academic resources and digital infrastructure, we are not only enhancing academic performance but also laying a firm foundation for research-driven development, particularly in key fields like agriculture and mining,” she alluded.

The Deputy Librarian Mr. P Ndhlovu also reflected on the broader significance of the grant for Gwanda State University.

“This generous grant is more than a financial contribution; it is an investment in the intellectual growth and innovation capacity of our students and staff. It helps us bring world-class research closer to our users, strengthen teaching, and broaden our academic horizons”, he said.

Mr Ndhlovu formally unveiled the new GSU Library motto — “*Your Gateway to Knowledge, Discovery and Innovation*” — which he described as capturing the library’s renewed mission: to go beyond providing information and actively open doors to deeper understanding, creative exploration, and ideas that can transform communities and the nation.

“It reaffirms our promise to stand as a dynamic partner in learning and research, connecting our university community to global knowledge and local solutions,” he said.

He also highlighted the practical impact of the Wiley Online Library subscription and the improved Wi-Fi infrastructure, which together create an environment where all members of the academic community can thrive.

Mr Ndhlovu expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor’s Office for strategic leadership, the Bursar and Registrar for administrative support, the Faculty of Natural Resources Management and Agriculture for helping shape the proposal, and the Library team for their commitment to expanding resource access.

The launch event also included interactive demonstrations to introduce faculty and students to the new digital resources and explored how they could be integrated into research, teaching, and learning.

The Acting Director: Research, Innovation and Industrialisation, Dr P. Zanamwe underscored the transformative potential of these resources:

“Access to these resources will elevate our academic pursuits and enrich the educational experience for our students.”

The launch marks a turning point in Gwanda State University’s mission to become a hub of research, innovation, and inclusive education. With enhanced scholarly resources and digital infrastructure, GSU faculties and students are better positioned to engage in global academic dialogue, conduct impactful research, and contribute to national development goals.

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