In July 2013, Professor Jace Pillay was appointed as the South African Research Chair for Education and Care in Childhood.

In the Faculty of Education. Here are some significant highlights of the Chair’s achievements thus far. Students: Doctoral (12): 2014 Intake, ten (10) new doctoral students covering all research aims and objectives of the Chair. Six (6) students presented their 1st doctoral seminar with their proposals being approved. Four (4) proposals are in the final stages of approval. Previous Intake: One doctoral study passed and one doctoral study to be submitted for examination. Masters(8): 2014 Intake, three (3) new proposals are in the review process. 2013 Intake, three (3) proposals were approved in 2013, with students working on their first three chapters. Five (5) studies were completed and submitted for examination of which three students received passes, one being a cum laude pass. Two studies are pending examiners reports. Honours (4): 2014 Intake, 4 new students working closely with the Post Doctoral Research Fellows (PDRF’s). PDRFs (2): 2014 Intake, appointment of 2 Post-Doctoral Research Fellows. One from Kenya and the other from Nigeria.

Public Announcement

The Public Announcement of new Research Chairs under the South African Research Chairs Initiative, took place at the Sheraton Pretoria Hotel on 7th March 2014. Professor Jace Pillay stands tall with the Minister of Science and Technology, the honourable Derek Hanekom (left) and his excellency, Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe (right).
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Having the right chairs in our higher Education Institutions can secure South Africa’s seat at the world’s economic table.

Publications & Collaborations

Publications

3 Journal Articles
1 Conference Proceeding
1 Chapter in International Book

International Collaborations

Engagement with Cambridge University on a research project on ‘vulnerable children with disabilities’.

Joint collaboration with domestic NGO and UK international partner on research focused on ‘SA children at risk due to poor exposure to literacy and numeracy in their formative years’.

Visiting Professor Caven McLoughlin from Kent State University to conduct a workshop on NRF ratings on 19 May 2014.

Additional Grants:

Submitted a joint application for a travel grant with Cambridge University

Other:

Guest edited a special issue on School Instructional Leadership in Education as Change with Prof Mistry from the Department of Educational Management and Leadership.

Guest edited special issue on Children’s Rights in Africa for School Psychology international.

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