



WHO IS CHELSA?

The Committee for Higher Education Libraries of South Africa (CHELSA) is a registered non-profit organisation representing the interests of libraries in the public higher education sector.

It is also recognised by Universities South Africa (USAf) as a community of practice of academic and research library directors.

WHAT DOES CHELSA DO?

CHELSA represents the interests of libraries in the public higher education sector and is a voluntary association. Its membership comprises the directors of libraries in public higher education institutions.

CHELSA is, therefore, involved in the development of high level and strategic thinking and planning in matters relating to libraries in this sector, as well as the formulation, *inter alia*, of relevant recommendations, guidelines, standards, and position statements.

WHAT DOES CHELSA NOT DO?

While CHELSA represents the interests of libraries in public higher education institutions, it does not speak on behalf of these institutions in operational matters.

CHELSA is not in a position to act on behalf of its members about the following:

- Distribution of surveys/questionnaires to South African university library staff on behalf of researchers.
- Receipt or delivery of curriculum vitae on behalf of job applicants to university libraries.
- Provision of advice to authors on copyright, sale, circulation, or other matters pertaining to publications.

For these and other queries, please consult the list of links on our [Contact Us](#) page.

WHO TO CONTACT:

If you are a **researcher** intending to distribute a questionnaire to South African higher education Libraries staff or students:

- Contact the university or university libraries directly: <https://chelsa.ac.za/members/>.

If you are a **job applicant** to a South African higher education institution:

- Contact the university human resources department, or the university library administration directly: <https://chelsa.ac.za/members/>.

If you are an **author** seeking advice on copyright, sale, or circulation of your publication:

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