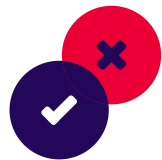


# South Africa university innovation ecosystem mapping

Survey and focus group key findings to inform research commercialisation capacity strengthening

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Survey



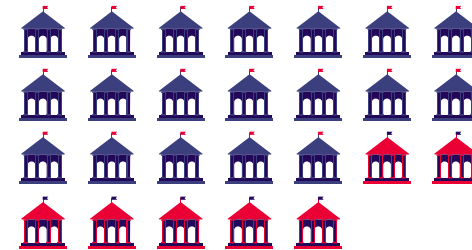
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Focus groups



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Out of 26 South Africa universities took part in the survey and focus groups



36%

Of survey respondents were technology transfer managers



21%  

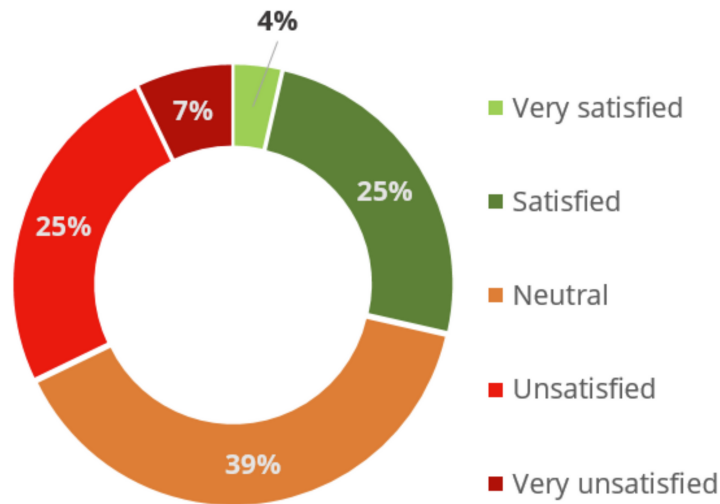
Of survey respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the level of research commercialisation at their university

60%



Of survey respondents indicated that their university supports social sciences, arts and humanities research commercialisation

## Commercialisation of academic research presents huge opportunity for economic and social impact



A quarter of survey respondents were satisfied with the level of research commercialisation at their university. Most felt neutral or unsatisfied

## Opportunities to increase the impact of academic research, from survey and focus group feedback:



**Building relationships, connections and partnerships** with industry and non-governmental organisations



**More funding** needed to support early-stage, pre-seed innovations and even distribution of funds across all universities



**Culture and incentives** needed to support, motivate and encourage research commercialisation