



# Highlights

## Division for Internationalisation



### Message from the Senior Director

The division focused on two strategic areas in the 2nd quarter, being partnership development and international student recruitment. With the easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions, the division resumed international travel which included an executive delegation visit to U21 which was hosted at the University of Birmingham. Prof Ylva Rodny-Gumede also visited Loughborough University, King's College London, the Nous Group and ACU after attending the U21 event. Further executive trips took place to Zimbabwe, USA and France for the French Research week.

Ms Anisa Khan, Director: Academic Services attended the International Staff Erasmus Training Week from 23-27 May 2022 hosted at Birzeit University, Palestine. The "Training Week" provided helpful guidelines for the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between UJ and Birzeit University. With a renewed focus on global partner engagement and programme development, we have had several international delegation visits to UJ which included the University of Potsdam – Germany, University of Edinburgh, VIVES University of Applied Sciences – Belgium as well the Ambassador France and the Consul General of China.

### Study Abroad and Welfare

The Study Abroad office facilitated an Africa by Bus programme to Lesotho with the Faculty of Health Sciences. Both physical inbound and outbound mobility numbers are starting to increase as the COVID-19 restrictions have now been relaxed. We welcomed ten new semester study abroad students, 14 UJ students participated in the George Mason Summer School in Washington and four students participated in the University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus summer school, a U21 partner.

The unit also facilitated the participation of 15 UJ students in U21 Micro internships. The University of Johannesburg in partnership with the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study presented our second virtual World Café on the 21st April with Prof. Zakes Mda, author of the book *Wayfarer's Hymns*. After a rigorous application process, **Ms Samkelisiwe Precious Temba**, a final year BSc student, majoring in Mathematics and Psychology at the University of Johannesburg (UJ), was awarded the 2022 ABE Bailey Travel Bursary. The opportunity seeks to broaden the horizons of young South Africans and effect greater cooperation and understanding of varying perceptions among individuals from diverse backgrounds. The 3-week programme includes tours in and around Cambridge, Oxford and Edinburgh and the group will be hosted by Goodenough College in London.

The unit also facilitated an Immigration Workshop on the 09th June for newly admitted students for 2023, and their parents. The session provided an opportunity for students interact with divisional staff and ask pertinent questions.





## Academic Services

The Academic services Division completed five new partnership agreements; three of which are new Pan-African partnerships. Agreements were concluded between UJ and Kumasi Technical University, Ghana; University of Energy and Natural Resources, Ghana; Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone; FH Dortmund, Germany; and University of Southern Denmark.

Partner meetings also took place virtually and in person. Dr Mohamed Shahid Mathee (Head of Department, Religious Studies at UJ) and Anisa Khan (Director Academic Services at UJ) met with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Birzeit University, Dr Munir Fakher Eldin, as part of the Erasmus Staff Training Week held from the 23rd to the 27th of May. The discussions focused on an implementation plan for linking researchers and academics at UJ with peers at Birzeit University. Topics identified for further exploration are: Apartheid comparisons; Post-colonial education; decolonizing international development; Indigenous studies and settler colonialism; critical community psychology- Psychology of incarceration studies; and postcolonial literature.

Academic Services also formed part of the delegation of South African university representatives that attended the South- Africa-France Research Week held from the 27 June to the 2nd of July. This coincided with the 25th anniversary of the PROTEA joint research programme and the meeting of the French Presidency of the European Union Council to discuss a new Euro-African scientific partnership. Academic Services and the Research Office jointly led meetings with seven French research institutions, namely: Grenoble INP; EFREI; SCBS Y Schools; Paris- Saclay; ENSE Paris; Science Po; Campus Alsace; and INSA Lyon. We also had focused meetings with the Science, Engineering and Health Sciences faculties of Paris Sarclay.

In an effort to provide support to UJ academics in developing Pan-African partnerships, Academic Services worked together with a consortium of international offices, led by the Durban University of Technology on a submission for the University Capacity Development Programme aimed at strengthening Africa Partnerships. Two presentations were delivered to support internationalisation strategies for the History Department and for the Faculty of Health Sciences as part of their postgraduate programme.

### **Other meetings and engagements:**

- Sofia University, Bulgaria
- US Dept of Défense, Army and Navy Research
- Tampere University, Finland
- Delaware State University
- Loughborough University
- Institute for Information, Telecommunications and Media Law at the University of Muenster
- University of the Creative Arts, UK
- The Russian Embassy
- IT, Madagascar
- The Human Sciences Research Council





Erasmus Staff Training Week held from the 23rd to 27th May at Birzeit University, Palestine.

## International Student Registration and UJELP

The International Student Recruitment team visited Lesotho from the 4th to 8th April to host information sessions at the following schools:

- Lesotho China Fellowship Collegiate
- Lesotho High School
- Machabeng College
- Soofia International School

The team also visited Botswana from the 20th to 25th June to host information sessions at the following schools:

- Legae Academy
- Livingstone Kolobeng College
- Maru A Pula
- Regent Hill International School

An open session was also hosted in Botswana for potential students to engage with our International Student Recruitment team.

The International Admissions team hosted a Matriculation Exemption Application webinar for prospective international students in partnership with Universities South Africa (USAf), on the 31st May.

As of the **1st of July 2022**, our registration and headcount numbers for formal programmes were at **4166 (UG 2420, PG 1746)** and non-subsidise programmes **184 (UG 157, PG 27)**, respectively. The total headcount for formal and non-subsidise programmes is **4350**. We have met and exceeded the overall Strategic Planning target of 4305. UJELP currently has 31 registered students across all levels (i.e. elementary to advanced level).







# Fundraising and Administration

## Research Applications

*IDRC Women Rise* invited the Faculty of Health Science (PACER) as the lead applicant to submit a full proposal with the University of Toronto (Division of Infectious Diseases) to conduct a study that examines and respond to the differential impact of Covid-19 in South Africa using an Equity and Gender Lens. Total requested R10 million.

*Co-Impact*: invited to submit a full proposal, this is a joint application between the Faculty of Law and Humanities the project aims to develop a New Generation of Women in Law in Africa. Total requested R33 million.

*Lego Challenge*: submitted a proposal with the Faculty of Education the project will focus on problem solving play-base modalities for preschool educators. Requested amount R14 million

*DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme*: two Masters Programme from Faculty of Humanities namely Social Impact Assessment and Anthropology and Development Studies have been shortlisted to submit a full proposal.

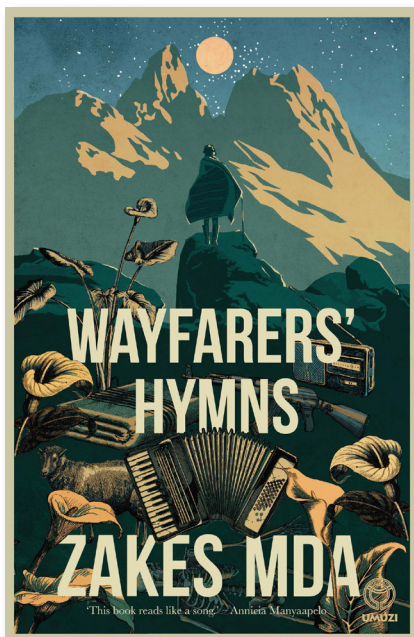
## Regional Scholarship fundraising

The Chinese Consul General has donated R240 000 towards the international scholarship fund, this is an increase from the R110 000 donation received last year.

In line with the Fundraising Strategy and Roadmap to garner support for resources from industry, local and international communities, alumni and philanthropists, the Division for Internationalisation and the Development and Fundraising Office, coordinated a fundraising initiative in Zimbabwe from the 26th to 27th of May. The purpose of the trip was to engage with Zimbabwean corporates to identify funding opportunities for students, industry research collaboration and human capital development. The team met with the CEO's and Heads of Corporate Affairs of Delta Corporation, National Foods, BancABC, TM PnP and CBZ Holdings.

# Communications and Marketing

- Chinese Consulate makes donation to UJ to support top performing students  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/chinese-consulate-makes-donation-to-uj-to-support-top-performing-students/>
- UJ and CNBC Africa partnership for student bursaries and internships  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-and-cnbc-africa-partnership-for-student-bursaries-and-internships/>
- UJ surges ahead with gains in QS World University Rankings – now ranked second in SA and in Africa  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-surges-ahead-with-gains-in-qs-world-university-rankings-now-ranked-second-in-sa-and-in-africa/>
- UJ's top athletes included in Team SA squad headed to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/ujs-top-athletes-included-in-team-sa-squad-headed-to-the-commonwealth-games-in-birmingham/>
- FISU awards a Healthy Campus Bronze Label to UJ in Brussels  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/fisu-awards-a-healthy-campus-bronze-label-to-uj-in-brussels/>
- UJ climbs globally in 2022 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-climbs-globally-in-2022-times-higher-education-the-impact-rankings/>
- UJ subjects ranked amongst the world's elite  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-subjects-ranked-amongst-the-worlds-elite/>



## INVITATION

The Division for Internationalisation's World Café series in partnership with the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study invites you to a virtual discussion with Prof Zakes Mda, author of the book *Wayfarers' Hymns*

**DATE** • Thursday 21 April 2022 | **TIME** • 15:00 – 16:30 (SAST)

**REGISTER TO ATTEND THE DISCUSSION** • <https://bit.ly/3JcUK5B>



**About the Speaker:** Zakes Mda is a South African writer, painter, filmmaker, and music composer based in Appalachian USA. He holds a BFA (Painting and History of Art), an MFA (Theatre) and an MA (Telecommunications) from Ohio University, and a PhD from the University of Cape Town. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Cape Town, Wits University, University of the Free State, Central University of Technology, Dartmouth College and Durban University of Technology. He has published 25 books, eleven of which are novels and the rest are collections of plays, poetry and a monograph on the theory and practice of theatre-for-development. His paintings have been exhibited publicly and in private collections in South Africa, Lesotho, Sweden, Spain and the USA. His writings have been translated into 22 languages. They have won many awards in South Africa, the USA and Italy, including the Amstel Playwright of the Year Award, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Africa, the M-Net Prize, Sanlam Prizes (twice), The Pringle Award, the Sunday Times Literary Prize (twice), the Zora Neale Hurston Richard Wright Legacy Award, Premio Narrativa Sud del Mondo, the University of Johannesburg Literary Prize, and the American Library Association Notable Book. He is a recipient of the National Order of Ikhamanga in Silver. Prof Mda is also a Visiting Professor in the English Department and the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Johannesburg.



Dr Stephen Mkhulu  
(Moderator)

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Ambassador of France visit





*US Department of Defense Office of Naval Research Global (ONRG)*



*University of Edinburgh visit*





*VIVES University of Applied Sciences, Belgium visit*



*University of Potsdam, Germany visit*



*Chinese Consul General visit*