



# Highlights

## Division for Internationalisation



### Message from the Senior Director

In the second quarter of the year we finalised the main registration cycle and also looked towards the recruitment and admission of students for 2024. Several recruitment drives have been undertaken including visits to Lesotho and Uganda.

We have also hosted several delegations which include Rutgers University (USA), University of Connecticut (USA), the Ambassador of Jordan to South Africa, Constructor University (Germany), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA), Anhui Medical University (China), Carleton University (Canada) and Universities UK International (UK).

In May, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and Senior Director Internationalisation, Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede Attended the Universitas 21 (U21) Presidential meeting and AGM in Brisbane Australia and met with, and apart from the main event, also attended several separate meetings with partners out of the network including host University of Queensland, University Catholica Pontificia de Chile and Technological de Monterrey, Mexico. Prof. Rodny-Gumede also visited the University of Sydney, University of New South Wales and University of Western Sydney while in Australia to talk about potential as well as ongoing collaborations.

In May Prof. Rodny-Gumede and Prof. Mpedi also participated in the regional meeting of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) in Cairo, Egypt. On the agenda was furthering Higher Education in the wake of the Covid pandemic and Prof. Mpedi also joined a panel to address the challenges and opportunities for furthering Higher Education on the African continent.


The Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Rodny-Gumede also travelled Slovenia in June to sign an MoU with the university of Ljubljana. In Ljubljana, Prof. Mpedi participated in a Law conference and Prof. Rodny-Gumede met with eight faculties at the university to discuss potential partnerships, including the faculties of Law, Education, Engineering, Science, Social Work, Humanities and Architecture.

In June we also launched the co-impact gender fund project. The fund is to assist aspiring female law students in progressing through their studies and legal career. Led by the UJ Faculty of Law in collaboration with the UJ Faculty of Humanities Women in Law (WOZA) and in partners across the legal fraternity in Southern Africa, this is a project that truly stands to have impact.

The university also has a close relationship with the National School of Government (NSG) and in June we had the great pleasure of attending the graduation of students from the joint NSG and French Institute Nationale du Service Public (INSP) diplomacy course at the French Residency in Pretoria. The University of Johannesburg fully support the work of the NSG and INSP and lend support to our government and civil service structures to build capacity and strengthen democratic governance. Our partnership with the French Government and French Industry partners have also been strengthened from the signing of the renewed MoU with French company Schneider Electric.

In June, we also hosted Prof. Tomás D. Morales, the President of California State University, San Bernardino. Prof. Morales met with the colleagues in the International Office, and we were





delighted to have him join us and Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof. Letlhokwa Mpedi for the occasion of the conferral of a Special Honorary Doctorate Degree on Economist Prof. Mariana Mazzucato.

In April, we had the distinct pleasure of hosting H.E. Mrs. Monica Geingos, First Lady of the Republic of Namibia. As part of the official visit, the University engaged in dialogue with the First Lady on how our practices inculcate equitable spaces for women. The dialogue presented an opportunity for delegates to deliberate on gender-based violence (GBV), our stance as a University in responding to GBV and the support measures/ interventions that are available in higher education.

We also hosted Dutch-SA TVET roundtable discussion in partnership with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The discussion focused on “How the Higher Education System is Positioning itself for the Energy Transition in South Africa?”

## Study Abroad and International Student Welfare

The Outbound Online Portal’s Phase 4 development was implemented successfully. Further enhancements are planned for 2024. The new developments included streamlining of approval processes to follow the correct hierarchy.

The unit are currently finalising the planning phases for 2023 Africa by Bus programmes. In September we will deliver two programmes,

- Botswana - CBE
- Mozambique – Faculty of Science Zoology
- Botswana – Faculty of Engineering Civil Engineering

This, following a successful Faculty of Health Sciences programme to eSwatini.


The unit delivered a number of inbound and outbound Short Learning Programmes for diverse groups of students. The inbound programmes included the IES Cape Town cultural immersion programme. The second 2023 iteration of this programme will take place in September 2023. The varied outbound programmes were;

- University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (U21)
- NICE Programme Italy (U21)
- Zoology - University of Hong Kong
- Joint PhD Intensive Writing Workshop – University of Makerere History Department
- Research Engineering – University of Regina Canada
- Transdisciplinary Intercultural International Partnership Project Social Work – University of Applied Sciences in Ludwigsburg
- Technische Hochschule Nurnbert – Postgrad Statagic Retailing/Diploma in Retailing
- Abertay University
- Abe Baily Travel Bursary
- Common Purpose – Global Leader Experience

A new Global Leadership Exchange Programme co-developed and funded by Internationalisation and Student Affairs Divisions at UJ and Appalachian State University will be delivered this coming September.

Semester Programmes in the second semester included receiving students through the ISEP Exchange, Bi-lateral Exchanges, and through the various Erasmus+ mobilities.

While Study Abroad is mostly known for out of country participation the Study Abroad team has been exploring “Study Away” as a alternative and had a very successful collaboration with IES Abroad and we are planning the second programme for September 2023



## Orientation

The programme runs around 4 orientation sessions, this programme consists of a weeks planned activities.

Orientation for all outbound programmes consist of a 2 hours intense presentation, this session is planned for each group taking part in mobility.



The University of Johannesburg invites you to the second in a series of conversations titled

### **WORLD CAFÉ – “Zebras: Are they just horses in striped pajamas?”**

*“An exploration into what makes zebras special, why they show so much variation and flexibility in how they respond to environmental variation and how their adaptability affects how they respond to human landscape impacts”.*

**DATE** Wednesday 26 April 2023  
**TIME** 14:00 – 15:00 (SAST), 8:00 – 09:00 (US)  
**ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK**  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bhaauR07Tr6\\_BcByIU5LAQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bhaauR07Tr6_BcByIU5LAQ)

Once you have registered, you will receive an email with details to join the virtual discussion.

**SPEAKER** Prof. Daniel I. Rubenstein, *Professor of Zoology, Princeton University*  
**FACILITATOR** Prof. Cobus van Dyk, *Head: Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of Johannesburg*



**About the speaker:** Prof. Rubenstein is the Class of 1877 Professor of Zoology at Princeton University. He is former Chair of Princeton University's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and has served as Director of Princeton's Programs in African Studies and Program in Environmental Studies. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1972 and his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1977 before receiving NSF-NATO and King's College Junior Research Fellowships for post-doctoral studies at Cambridge University. As the Eastman Professor, he spent a year in Oxford as a Fellow of Balliol College. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as well as Fellow of the Animal Behavior Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has received Princeton University's President's Award for Distinguished Teaching and he has recently completed his term as president of the Animal Behavior Society and now serves on the AAAS and Ecological Society Councils as well as on the board of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Honor Research Society. He has also recently received the Animal Behavior Society's Exemplar Award and the Sigma Xi Honor Society's McGovern Science & Society Award.

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## Academic Services

The primary role of academic services is to support partnership development. During this period, we worked on more than 50 international agreements that are in various stages of development, with seven of these being fully-signed. New agreements were concluded with:

Europe	Belgium	Ghent University	SEA
Europe	Sweden	Linnaeus University	MOU
Oceania	Australia	University of Melbourne	MOU
Europe	Germany	Protestant University of Applied Science	MOU
North America	USA	San Jose State University	MOU
Europe	Slovenia	University of Ljubljana	MOU
Europe	France	Schneider Electric South Africa	MOU

### CANADA AND NORTH AMERICA

A highlight during this period was the South Africa-Canada Research week held from the 24-28th April in Toronto, Canada, and follow up meetings with potential new partners in New York and Michigan, USA. At the time of the visit UJ had no formal partnerships in Canada and since then four are in the pipeline and should be fully signed by next quarter. We have also had an increase in engagement with the Canadian High Commission and with universities in Canada regarding collaboration. The research week led to an immediate follow-up visit from Carleton University and we are exploring projects linked to the proposed SA-Canada Universities Network.


Discussions with the New York Institute of Technology led to an application to the Fulbright Specialist programme to host a leading scholar at UJ for two weeks. The visit to the University of Michigan was to discuss a faculty-led short programme with the Dept. of History, led by prof Natasha Erlank. Our US U21 partner from the University of Connecticut, Dr Ngozi Taffe, Associate Vice President for Global Affairs, also visited UJ to learn more about internationalisation at UJ.

### FINLAND

UJ also joined the GINTL project consortium, led by Haaga Helia University, Finland. Prof Kat Yassim is the academic lead on our engagement in the network. Currently this focuses on teaching and learning and on the development of communities of practice on: the world of work; entrepreneurship education in higher education; innovations in higher education pedagogy; leadership in higher education; the quality of education in higher education; and sustainability in higher education. Finish partnerships are also developing steadily with UJ also joining SAFINET and successfully submitting a funding proposal for the project "Towards better inclusion of children and youth. Partnership for strengthening public health and social policy university education in Tampere, Finland and Johannesburg, South Africa (TAMJO)." The principal investigator and project manager at UJ is Dr. Sadiyya Haffjee, Senior Lecturer, at the Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA).

### ERASMUS/ EU

Erasmus mobility peaked during this quarter as we had more than a dozen staff members undertaking outbound mobilities and an equal number requiring us to find host departments and matching programmes for those coming to UJ. The Division hosted two groups, one Italy and one from Turkiye, with Academic Service hosting colleagues from Afyon Kocetepe University (AKU Turkiye). Dr Penn Mafor (Faculty of Education) and Mr Tshepang Marumo (IO) also attended programmes at AKU. Mr Masango (Academic Services) was one of six staff members who attended the Erasmus Staff Training week at the University of Pisa, Italy and the Director for Academic Services also attended an Erasmus Staff Training week and Polito De Torino, Italy. These are



valuable staff training opportunities, particularly for this unit that manages Erasmus agreements, partnerships and Erasmus staff mobilities.

EU engagement included a discussion at Polito regarding the potential for UJ to engage with the UNITE Alliance and our continued involvement in the UNA Europa Africa working group. Academic Services provided support to the Director Fundraising who lead UJ's inputs on the development of a funding proposal submitted by the group for virtual exchange grants (UnaVex).

## **UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND**

Academic services hosted Ms Dajana Dzanovic, Head of Strategic Partnerships at Universities UK International (UUKi). A few key discussion points included UJ's bilateral links with universities across the UK, our interest in developing models for student exchange that could link with the Turing Scheme with options for UK universities to divert some of their internal funding to part-support UJ students (the rest would come from UJ's Study Abroad budget). Joint programmes with UK universities were also discussed and the difficulty that SA does not allow (by law) dual degrees but does allow for joint degrees. We also discussed models for UK based students to do an outward student mobility to UJ/SSA either through Turing and/or partake in the 'Africa by bus programme'. UUKi helped to promote UJ as a study abroad destination through their Africa network and a presentation on UJ was shared at their Regional meeting.

Academic Services also held an online meeting with Paul Deane, who leads the Trade, Education and Skills portfolio at the Embassy. This was a follow-up to the visit by Irish Minister of State for Disability to the UJ Neurodiversity Centre on the Soweto campus, hosted by the Faculty of Education. This was a general discussion on various areas that the embassy is focusing on, in particular, entrepreneurship and incubation. The embassy was linked with Ms Rosemary Wolson to take discussions forward.

## **PAN-AFRICAN PARTNERSHIPS**

Academic Services helped support applications under the EU Intra-Africa Mobility Call in finding partners who could work with UJ on proposals.

## **SWEDEN**

As a follow-up to the SASUF conference held in March, follow up partner discussions were held with Gothenburg University and Linköping University.


## **FRANCE**

Academic Services contacted Université Paris Saclay and Grenoble Alpes regarding an opportunity to apply for the NRF-France Protea Cross-Mobility programme. Unfortunately, UPS declined although still are keen to enter into a student exchange agreement with UJ. Université Grenoble Alpes, likewise did not make the deadline in time but was in principal in support of a joint application. We are also working very closely with FEBE on the submission of a joint funding proposal with Schneider Electric.

## **BRICS**

Academic Services supported a meeting coordinated through the National School of Government with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the China Africa Institute. A proposed way forward is to develop joint programmes in China- Africa studies by building a programme focusing on political economy and politics. Scholars from the China-Africa Institute could come to UJ to help build this programme. As small immediate actions can also start with online World Cafes and build from there.

Dr Varoshini Nadesan also helped coordinate an inter-faculty meeting with Ganpath University, India. Several potential areas were identified in addition to Social Work. This included entrepreneurship and nanomaterials (links with ALD lab)



## NETHERLANDS

The Dutch embassy is coordinating a series of policy dialogues and roundtable discussions on higher education and skills partnerships between SA-Netherlands as a lead up to a high-level delegation expected this September. This visit will also be to sign an bilateral MoU on science, education and innovation between our two countries. UJ (through resolution circle) attended the skills and labour market roundtable discussion and Academic Services attended the Policy Dialogue. This also links to ongoing discussions led by Vrije University on a Dutch-SA “Knowledge House”.

## International Student Registration and UJELP

### Recruitment and Training trips

- May Lesotho School visits and Information Session
- May Erasmus+ Staff Mobility to Afyon Kocatepe University
- June Uganda School visits

### Keystone Performance Report (Marketing)

Impressions	Clicks	Student Leads
2 338 144	95 744	2 528

### Top Countries

Impressions		Clicks	
South Africa	502792 (22%)	South Africa	39333 (41%)
USA	406394 (17%)	USA	11060 (12%)
Germany	126986 (5%)	Germany	4696 (5%)
France	125815 (5%)	France	4380 (5%)
Italy	89140 (4%)	United Kingddom	4364 (5%)
United Kingdom	88506 (4%)	Netherlands	3878 (4%)
Netherlands	76822 (3%)	Italy	2890 (3%)
Brazil	76550 (3%)	Japan	2383 (2%)
India	59462 (3%)	Brazil	1890 (2%)

### Click to School Websites – Student Leads

Cameroon	2 (100%)	Pakistan	63 (3%)
South Africa	872 (36%)	Botswana	60 (2%)
Nigeria	133 (6%)	Kenya	58 (2%)
Ghana	96 (4%)	Namibia	52 (2%)
Zimbabwe	73 (3%)		

### University of Johannesburg English Language Programme (UJELP)

Advance – 7, Intermediate – 15 and Elementary – 12











*Mr Tshepang Marumo attended the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility programme  
hosted at Afyon Kocatepe University*

## Fundraising and Administration

The following funding applications were submitted during this period:

- EU-Intra Africa Mobility Scholarship Programme (3)
- Erasmus Plus Virtual Exchange and (1)
- US Public Affairs Notice of Funding (4)

In partnership with the US Embassy, the unit hosted a hybrid information Session on the Fulbright Scholarship Programme. We also hosted online information sessions on the EU Intra Africa Mobility Scheme to academics and a virtual information session on the Postgraduate Scholarship Programme and German Chancellor Fellowship, with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

In May, the unit hosted colleagues from University of Pisa, Italy. The visit was under the Erasmus Plus Staff Training.



*Hosted colleagues from the University of Pisa, Italy as part of the Erasmus+ programme*



## Invitation

The Division for Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg invites you to a virtual information session focusing on **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD Postgraduate Scholarship Programmes)** and the **German Chancellor Fellowship**

DATE ■ Tuesday 11 April 2023

TIME ■ 14:00 – 15:30

ZOOM LINK ■ <https://zoom.us/j/98701325470>

Join us for an informative session

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The Division for Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg invites you to a virtual information session focusing on

## Academic Scholarship Mobility Scheme for students and staff

TITLE ■ Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

DATE ■ Tuesday 16 May 2023

TIME ■ 14:00 – 15:00

REGISTER TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL SESSION:

<https://bit.ly/3ns5JUc>

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## Communications and Marketing

- SoE's Dr Abieyuwa Ohonba part of UN Economic Commission for Africa meeting  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/soes-dr-abieyuwa-ohonba-part-of-un-economic-commission-for-africa-meeting/>
- UJ comes tops in the new university rankings  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-comes-tops-in-the-new-university-rankings/>
- Fourteen UJ athletes, coaches, medical staff in Team SA squad for FISU World University Games in China  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/fourteen-uj-athletes-coaches-medical-staff-in-team-sa-squad-for-fisu-world-university-games-in-china/>
- UJ honours renowned economist Mariana Mazzucato with Honorary Doctorate  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-honours-renowned-economist-mariana-mazzucato-with-honorary-doctorate/>
- UJ tops global THE Impact Rankings, takes first spot for SDG 1: No Poverty  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-tops-global-the-impact-rankings-takes-first-spot-for-sdg-1-no-poverty/>
- UJ's rising star, Ramakgahlela Betty Sebati ready to shine at 72nd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-s-rising-star-ramakgahlela-betty-sebati-ready-to-shine-at-72nd-lindau-nobel-laureate-meeting-2/>
- UJ ranks in top 3.1% worldwide in latest rankings by CWUR  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-ranks-in-top-3-1-worldwide-in-latest-rankings-by-cwur-2/>
- UJ honours Sir Hillary Beckles for lifelong dedication to Education and Social Justice  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-honours-sir-hillary-beckles-for-lifelong-dedication-to-education-and-social-justice/>
- UJ student Moma Molabe heads to Thailand after winning Humanitarian Affairs Competition  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-student-moma-molabe-heads-to-thailand-after-winning-humanitarian-affairs-competition-2/>
- UJ-AU Model Summit advances Agenda 2063 and fosters leadership skills in students  
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-au-model-summit-advances-agenda-2063-and-fosters-leadership-skills-in-students-2/>





*Visit of H.E. Mrs. Monica Geingos, First Lady of the Republic of Namibia*



*Rutgers University visit*



*Visit of H.E. Ms. Samar Al-Zibdeh, Chargé d'Affaires  
a.i Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Jordan*



*University of Connecticut visit*



*University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign visit*



*Carleton University visit*