



Highlights

Division for Internationalisation



Message from the Senior Director

During this period the Division for Internationalisation has continued the work done on engaging foreign missions based in South Africa, and we were honoured to host the Embassy of Bulgaria and Her Excellency, Ambassador Maria Pavlova Tzotzorkova for a lunch with the VC and several members of the MEC. The VC and several members of the MEC including several Ambassadors of the European missions in South Africa were also hosted by the Swiss Embassy and His Excellency, Ambassador Nicolas Bruhl for a high-level luncheon in Pretoria during which the VC gave a talk on the work done by the presidential Commission on 4 IR in South Africa and Africa and the work done by UJ in this field.

This period has also seen a lot of work going in to finalizing our council targets for 2022 and beyond. Work has also focused on planning ahead for 2022 and our international student admissions. In addition, we have finalized several partnerships and partnership agreements as well as joint degrees, including work centred on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Division was also very pleased to be able to facilitate two Africa by Bus trips to Namibia in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Education.

Study Abroad and International Student Welfare

While most study abroad mobility took place in the second and third quarter due to the relaxing of the Covid restrictions, more physical mobility in the Africa by bus programme took place in the beginning of the fourth quarter.

At the time of writing this report the mobility numbers are reflected as follows:


STRATEGIC PLAN INSTITUTIONAL (COUNCIL) MOBILITY TARGETS AND ACTUALS			
	TARGET	ACTUAL	TARGET VS ACTUAL
INBOUND	1500	6416	428%
OUTBOUND	3000	11514	384%
TOTAL	4500	17930	398%

The following African by bus projects took place:

- Namibia: MAPS Digital Storytelling, Academic Development Centre – Faculty of Humanities,
- Namibia – Educational Psychology, Faculty of Education.

Regrettably, due to the increase in COVID-19 infections, the Academic Development Centre programme for College of Business and Economics students to Mozambique had to be postponed to February 2022.





The Study Abroad Office has also supported and chaperoned three UJ Sport programmes for participation in the FASU Games:

- 2nd Kings of Rugby Africa University 7s 9th -10th October, Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda qualifier for World Cup in Kazan Russia in 2022.
- 4th Afro Varsity 3X3 Basketball Challenge 6th -7th November, Nairobi-Kenya Qualifier for the World University Championship in Xiamen China 2022
- 5th FASU Cross Country Championships 20th November, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) in Kenya

While Study Abroad is mostly known for out of country participation, the Study Abroad team has been exploring "Study Away" as an alternative and had a very successful collaboration with the Nelson Mandela University where more than 20 students participated in a seven-day cultural immersion programme in Gqeberha. The programme will expand to Durban and Cape Town in 2022. It will ultimately be written up as an inbound short learning programme for international partners, to be offered in 2023. Through this unit, the Division participated in all U21 mobility initiatives and meetings.

The area of international student services continues to support international students with continuous onboarding and virtual orientation. The UJ International Student Virtual Orientation programme has been finalized - <https://uj.goorientation.com/>. The unit continues to facilitate the planning and recording of the Virtual Campus Tours of APB, DFC and SWC. This period was also used to support students with recess accommodation and 2022 accommodation applications. Immigration support remains the biggest area of work in student services. The section has also continued to support international staff, PDRFs and Distinguished Visiting Professors.


Academic Services

The Academic Services unit conducted a training workshop co-hosted with the Directorate for Academic Planning, Quality Promotion and Academic Staff Development. The session included expert guest presentations from Durban University of Technology (DUT). This two-hour introductory workshop was intended to support early-career and emerging researchers with developing international links and partnerships through virtual mobility and collaborative online international learning (COIL). The topics covered included:

- An Introduction to the Division for Internationalisation and the Academic Services Unit
- An overview of UJ's International partnerships portfolio
- A discussion on changes in Internationalisation Trends- virtual partnerships
- Provided case examples of virtual and hybrid mobility at UJ
- Shared the DUT Internationalisation Strategy and COIL@DUT- Dr Lavern Samuels, DUT
- Discussed COIL as a pedagogy- An overview of the underpinning principles of the design of a COIL project- Dr Lavern Samuels, DUT
- And shared support in navigating the DUT/ACU COIL Toolkit-Divinia Jithoo, DUT

Academic Services began working with the ICS project management office and business analysts to develop a Global Engagement Integrated Information Management System (GEIIMS). The GEIIMS was presented to the MEC Academic Committee on the 13th of October and three stakeholder consultation sessions were held. The purpose of these sessions was to present the business case for the development of the system and to identify all the users of global engagement data, the scope of needs across the university and to refine the business case. The results of these sessions are being used to develop the functional needs of the system. The system is due for development in 2022.

During the period October to December the Academic Services Division processed 12 International collaboration agreements, namely:



- Worcester Polytechnic
- Université Grenoble Alpes
- Strathclyde University
- Manchester Metropolitan University and Mangosuthu Tech
- Vrije University
- Cincinnati University
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- New University in Exile/ Scholar Rescue Fund
- University of Hong Kong
- Nanjing Tech and
- Ghent Univ
- I-DAIR

Partner meetings were also held with the following stakeholders:

1. The Embassy of Palestine and DHET Directorate for International Relations
2. Birzeit University
3. Oxford Martin School, Future of Development Programme
4. Edinburgh University
5. Cincinnati University
6. New University, New York
7. University of Padua
8. UC Davis
9. Pune Institute of Computer Technology
10. Eastern Mediterranean University
11. Duke Executive Education
12. Carnegie Mellon University, Rwanda
13. Illinois-Urbana Champagne
14. Pimpri Chinwad College of Engineering
15. National Forensic Sciences University
16. University Nazionale De Rafeala
17. Bulgarian Embassy in SA
18. EU Delegation in SA
19. Embassy of France in SA
20. Lahore University of Management Sciences
21. Linnaeus University
22. Groningen University

International Student Registration

All necessary arrangements for the 2022 registrations are well underway and the International clearance process will be communicated to all New and returning students. The required compliance documents will be submitted via ULINK and processed accordingly. Registration letters for UG and PG students will be sent centrally with information on dates, registration venues, links, contact details and steps to follow.

2021 Headcount

Formal Programmes

UG	2431
PG	1697
Total	4128

Whole Programmes (Nonsubsidised)

UG 163
PG 15
Total **178**

Total International Students Headcount (Formal + Whole Programmes)

UG 2594
PG 1712
Total Headcount **4306**

2022 International Admissions (Positive Status)

UG 3356
PG 1311

Fundraising and Administration

Embassy Outreach

Key to the work of the Division is to build strategic partnerships. This entails the identification, initiation and coordination of partnerships as well as facilitating agreements and delegation visits (inbound and outbound) To this end, we propose VC's Roundtable Discussion with the Ambassadors. The aim of this is to build diplomatic relations and to promote the work of the University.

The first event was hosted by Ambassador H.E. Dr Nicolas Brühl, Switzerland in South Africa. The VC addressed a high-level delegation comprising ambassadors (EU Delegation, France, Italy, Germany, Finland, Denmark) and deputy heads of mission (Norway, Sweden, Austria). The address focused on the eight recommendations from the Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (PC4IR) as well as UJ's strategic focus on the 4IR. Mr Daan Du Toit, Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, Department of Science and Innovation, provided South Africa's positioning on Science Diplomacy and how the PC4IR recommendations are already being implemented.

Other events

The unit hosted an information session webinar on the Horizon Europe Africa Initiative Funding Calls. As a strategic partner, the EU seeks to enhance cooperation with Africa to promote actions targeted to finding locally adapted solutions to challenges that are global in nature, but which often hit Africa hardest. The programme will start from 2021-2027 with a total budget of €350 million.

We also partnered with Embassy of France and hosted an information session webinar regarding the French Scholarship Programme. The session focused on scholarship opportunities for South Africans to pursue their Masters and PhD studies at a university in France.

Co-hosted the launch of Crypto Valley Venture Capital Africa (CV VC) with The Institute for Intelligent System (IIS). CV VC is an investment company based in Zurich, and will invest \$11 million over the next 4 years to support 100 African startups and this will include setting up incubation hubs, mentorship and investment opportunities.

Funding received

The Centre for Entrepreneurship at JBS in partnership with the University of Warwick received funding from the British Council to support entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Partnered with The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF) as well as and the New University in Exile, New School. The aim of the collaboration is to provide support to endangered scholars within the network by hosting a scholar. Both organisations have committed to fund a scholar for a year and will contribute \$25 000 each. CBE has committed to host one scholar in 2022.



Engagement with Ambassadors at the residence of the Ambassador of Switzerland



*Co-hosted the launch of Crypto Valley Venture Capital Africa (CV VC) with
The Institute for Intelligent System (IIS) at UJ*



Meeting with the Ambassador of Bulgaria



Meeting with EU Delegation



Meeting with delegation from the Embassy of France

Communications and Marketing

- UJ rugby 7s and Basketball teams jet off to Uganda and Kenya for continental tournaments
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-rugby-7s-and-basketball-teams-jet-off-to-uganda-and-kenya-for-continental-tournaments>
- UJ reign supreme in 2021 Kings of Africa Kampala 7s rugby tournament
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-reign-supreme-in-2021-kings-of-africa-kampala-7s-rugby-tournament/>
- UJ hockey star, Jivanka Kruger, to represent Namibia in the 2022 Indoor Hockey World Cup
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-hockey-star-jivanka-kruger-to-represent-namibia-in-the-2022-indoor-hockey-world-cup/>
- Two UJ Netball jewels represent Namibia in the netball Pent Series tournament in Windhoek
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/two-uj-netball-jewels-represent-namibia-in-the-netball-pent-series-tournament-in-windhoek/>
- World Netball appoints Bongiwe Msomi as Africa's official Athlete Ambassador prior to 2023 Netball World Cup in SA
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/world-netball-appoints-bongiwe-msomi-as-africas-official-athlete-ambassador-prior-to-2023-netball-world-cup-in-sa/>
- Design Education and 4IR within an African context
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/design-education-and-4ir-within-an-african-context/>