



Highlights

Division for Internationalisation



Message from the Senior Director

In the third quarter of the year we looked towards the recruitment and admission of students for 2024. Several recruitment drives have been undertaken including visits to Eswatini and Namibia.

We have also hosted several delegations which include University of Exeter (UK), SOAS University of London (UK), the High Commissioner of Ghana to South Africa, City University of Hong Kong, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (USA) and the Brazilian Association of Rectors of State and Municipal Universities (ABRUEM)

In August, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof. Letlhokwa Mpedi, hosted H.E. Ms. Sandra Kramer, Ambassador of EU Delegation to South Africa for a luncheon at the Bunting Road Campus on the 17th August. The engagement provided an opportunity to discuss the current relationship between UJ and the EU and to discuss possibilities to strengthen this strategic relationship. On the sidelines of the BRICS meeting in Johannesburg, the Vice-Chancellor hosted two important visitors on the APK Campus. Mr Shen Haixiong, Vice Minister of Publicity Department of CPC Central Committee, President & Editor-in-Chief of CMG met with the VC and senior management to discuss developing collaboration activities between UJ and the Chinese Media Group (CMG). The lunch meeting took place on the 23rd August and culminated with the signing of a "Letter of Intent" which provides the platform to develop mutually beneficial cooperation.

UJ had the pleasure of welcoming Her Excellency, Anielle Francisco da Silva, Minister for Racial Equality, Brazil on the 24th August. The minister delivered a lecture in the Ubuntu Chambers under the theme "A diasporic perspective towards education & South-South cooperation". The minister reflected on the challenges of racial discrimination in Brazil and the broader multilayered impact it has on Brazilian society.

In August, the VC led a UJ delegation to the Ghana Communication Technology University (GCTU), where we were hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Emmanuel Ohene Afoakwa and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof Robert Ebo Hinson. In addition to signing a Memorandum of Understanding, I had the honour of delivering a keynote address on the topic of Ethics and Regulations in an AI Era. The trip's highlight was the launch of the UJ Alumni Chapter in Ghana to celebrate our esteemed alumni and establish new networks.

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"

The Division for Teaching Excellence received R14 million funding from the Erasmus Plus Capacity Building in Higher Education. The Division will lead a collaboration between Southern African and European universities and higher education councils. The project named Potential for Micro credentials in Southern Africa (PoMisa) aims to systemically develop principles and policies for the recognition, quality assurance and regulations of Micro credentials in Southern African countries.



Study Abroad and International Student Welfare

The Outbound Online Portal's Phase 4 development was implemented successfully. More enhancements are planned for 2024.

- This phase was aimed at enhancing the functionality of the system and creating a more user-friendly dashboard.
- Additional approval layers were added.
- Phase 5 will start in 2024. The aim of this development will be to include data from outbound programmes hosted outside of the Study Abroad Office and any adjustments highlighted through the implementation.
- The Inbound application system is running smoothly; however, delays are recorded at Faculty level (CBE, Science, Education and FEBE)

Outbound Application Process

<https://apps.uj.ac.za/studyabroad/student>

Inbound Application Process

https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup

Select token ISB999

Inbound:

- Second Semester:
Second-semester Exchange Students arrived on 11 July 2023.
Intake (9) nine.
The Student Residence Office did not have available rooms for the additional student. Accommodation was a challenge in terms of maintenance and response time to emergency calls.

Outbound:

- Outbound exchange mobility is mostly possible through reciprocal bilateral agreements due to budget constraints. Those programmes also must take into consideration that a 0 balance should be kept in most cases. Some partners are flexible i.e., ISEP. Semester exchange are also traded for more spots in short learning programmes, creating more opportunity for mobility
- Second Semester:
No applicants were able to convert credit transfers. Most Faculties are still finding it challenging to award credits to students for outbound mobility. Due to this reason 2 (two) applications in CBE had to be cancelled. Those students were accommodated in SLP's.

Africa by Bus

- Eswatini - Health Sciences
- Botswana - CBE
- Mozambique – Faculty of Science Zoology
- Botswana – Faculty of Engineering Civil Engineering

Short Learning Programmes:

- University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (U21)
- NICE Programme Italy (U21)
- IES Abroad
- 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 Strategic Retailing/Diploma in Retailing
- Abertay University
- Abe Bailey Travel Bursary
- Common Purpose – Global Leader Experience
- IES Abroad Inbound and Outbound

Leadership Programme:

- University of Appalachian State University – Global Leadership Programme

Semester Programmes:

- ISEP
- Bi-lateral Exchange
- Erasmus Exchange

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 Inbound programme runs around 4 orientation sessions, this programme consists of a week of 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. A total of 20 sessions have been hosted to date.

Chaperone Training Programme

As part of your ongoing Africa by Bus project, the Study Abroad Office has embarked on an intensive Chaperone training programme starting on 21 February.

The respective session focused on **First Aid Training, Safety, and Security, Culture Shock and Immigration.**

A manual was submitted for review and approval. The manual will be used by Chaperones as a how to guide for future trips.

Student Welfare

Accommodation confirmation letters are now automated and sent to Provisionally / Admitted students. This letter is required for the study visa application.

Communication is sent to Provisional / Admitted students on how to apply for a study visa within the Republic of South Africa and Abroad.

A list of visa tracking numbers was sent to the USAF to follow up with the Department of Home Affairs on pending visa applications.

Officer assistance to registered students to apply for study visa renewals

VFS Global officials visit the International House on 2nd and 3rd October for Mobile enrolments.



Academic Services

During the period July- to end of September we have concluded 23 agreements and processing 35 others that are in the pipeline for completion. 4 of these agreements are for new Erasmus+ mobility funded projects. Our strategic project to develop the Partnerships IMS has advanced, and we are currently in the process of data transfer. Academic services received positive feedback on the outcome of a funding proposal under the UCDP (lead by DUT and valued at 12 million rand). This will significantly advance our Pan-African partnerships and sector support for collaboration across Africa.

On UJELP we have facilitated a potential partnership between Olof Palme Institute Republic of Congo and a University in Algeria, both of which aim to train staff in English for academic purposes.

Miss Anisa Khan attended and presented on a panel at the IEASA conference. The session was on Strategic Frameworks for Comprehensive Internationalisation, an institutional lens. Miss Khan also submitted a joint paper co-authored with Prof Shireen Motala on Supporting International Research Collaboration for the Council of Graduate Schools Summit.

Dutch and Belgian Partnerships


Our Dutch and Belgian engagements have also seen more activity this quarter. The VC led a delegation to our Belgian partners, and this was followed up by Ms Khan who attended the KU Leuven partner day ahead of the European International Education Association conference which took place in Rotterdam. The KU Leuven partner day was of importance also ahead of the Una Europa Seed Fund call, as we participated in sessions for EU partners seeking partnerships in the global South. The engagement also strengthened our relationship with KU Leuven in terms of our U21 partnerships.

Academic services have been working more closely with the Dutch embassy in South Africa through the Science and Higher Education team. Ahead of EAIE, we were invited to meet with a delegation of Dutch Universities to discuss support for collaborative online international learning and we have been working with Vrije University and several other Dutch universities on a proposed knowledge hub. The EAIE conference provided an opportunity for follow-up with some of these partners and with our U21 partner, the University of Amsterdam. Ahead of the Dutch state visit, a delegation of universities from the Netherlands also visited South Africa and we were invited to participate in a workshop organized by the Neso office. The Dutch State visit takes place in late October.

US Partnerships

This quarter also saw an increase in engagements with US partners. The University of Cincinnati released its fellowship call and included UJ as part of its list of strategic partners. This is quite a positive development as UC invests funding and other forms of support for strategic partners. We also held an online meeting to discuss this and expect a visit from a senior delegation in February 2024. Through UC, Academic Services took forward a proposal to join the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict Zones. This was accepted by the MEC and we are excited to begin work with the network through the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law.

We also received an incoming delegation from the University of Illinois Urbana Champagne. Academic Services hosted a workshop to design a collaborative online learning programme which also involves the development of an app that will be used as part of the teaching methodology in the History Honours programme. This is an exciting partnership with the Siebel Centre for Design at UIUC.



A list of partnerships completed follows below.

1	China	China Academy of information and Communications Technology	MOU
2	Germany	Bielefeld University	MOU
3	Romania	University of Pitesti	MOU
4	England	University of Birmingham	MOU
5	Germany	Technische Hochschule Nuernberg Georg Simon Ohm	MOU
6	Germany	German Institute of Development and Sustainability	MOU
7	Philippines	University of the Phillipines	MOU
8	England	Sheffield Hallam University	MOU
9	China	Fujain University of Traditional Chinese Medicine	SEA
10	China	Nanjing Tech University	MOU
11	Belgium	Vives University of Applied Sciences	MOU
12	Croatia	University of Slavonski Brod	Erasmus+
13	Botswana	University of Botswana	MOU
14	USA	University of Illinois	MOU
15	India	Woxsen University	MOU
16	Netherlands	Hague Confrence on Private International Law	MOU
17	China	Shandong Jianzhu University	MOU
18	Uganda	Kyambogo University	MOU
19	Germany	Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences	MOU
20	Italy	University Network for Children in Armed Conflict	MOU
21	Georgia	Caucasus University	Student Exchange
22	Turkey	Sivas Cumhuriyet University	Erasmus+
23	Austria	Academy of Fine Arts Vienna	Erasmus+
24	Finland	Laurea University of Applied sciences	Erasmus+

International Student Registration and UJELP

Recruitment and Training trips

July	Eswatini School visits and Information Session
September	Namibia School visits and Information Session

Keystone Performance Report (Marketing)

Impressions	Clicks	Student Leads
5 546 253	21 6513	5 938

Top Countries

Impressions	
USA	1247084 (23%)
South Africa	985 159 (18%)
France	309655 (6%)
Germany	233229 (4%)
United Kingdom	226649 (4%)
Italy	171685 (3%)
Netherlands	143595 (3%)
Brazil	142799 (3%)
India	131374 (2%)

Clicks	
South Africa	65452 (30%)
USA	50536(23%)
France	12197 (6%)
United Kingddom	10133 (5%)
Germany	8150 (4%)
Netherlands	6796 (3%)
Italy	5503 (3%)
Brazil	3560 (2%)
Spain	2970(1%)

Click to School Websites – Student Leads

Cameroon	2 (100%)
South Africa	2139 (38%)
Nigeria	317 (6%)
Ghana	220 (4%)
Zimbabwe	192 (3%)

Kenya	146 (3%)
Botswana	122 (2%)
Pakistan	110 (2%)
Namibia	107 (2%)









Fundraising and Administration

International Research Funding

There has been an increase in EU funding applications submitted in particular to the Erasmus Plus Capacity Building in Higher Education as well as the US Federal Grant. During this period a total of R64 997 693 international funding proposals were approved. These include the Horizon Europe Africa Initiative, Erasmus Plus Capacity Building for Higher Education. UJ is the coordinator of Erasmus Plus Programme (R22million) and Intra Africa Scholarship Programme (R37 million).

Scholarship Programme


Total raised to-date is 5.7m, this includes the Chinese Consulate General, Zimbabwe Presidential Scholarship and the Gabon Scholarship.

Events

The following events were coordinated this year the

- Luncheon between the EU Ambassador and the VC.
- Ghana High Commissioner luncheon with the VCP
- Hosted the Erasmus Plus Regional Cluster Week
- Hosted Scholarship information sessions with the US Embassy Fulbright Programme, DHET and DSI.Communications and Marketing

Communications and Marketing

- UJ achieves all-time high global ranking in THE World University Rankings 2024
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-achieves-all-time-high-global-ranking-in-the-world-university-rankings-2024/>
 - US Ambassador highlights shared history to strengthen South Africa-US ties
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/us-ambassador-highlights-shared-history-to-strengthen-south-africa-us-ties/>
 - UJ hosts Brazil's Anielle Francisco da Silva: focus on global collaboration for equity
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/uj-hosts-brazils-anielle-francisco-da-silva-focus-on-global-collaboration-for-equity/>
 - UJ's Prof Hassina Mouri wins prestigious Hypatia International Award for Medical Geology research
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/ajs-prof-hassina-mouri-wins-prestigious-hypatia-international-award-for-medical-geology-research/>
 - Official Launch: Co-Impact Gender Fund Project
<https://news.uj.ac.za/news/official-launch-co-impact-gender-fund-project/>
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SOAS University of London visit



Anielle de Franco, Brazilian Minister for Racial Equality lecture at UJ



Ghanaian High Commissioner Lunch meeting



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign visit



City University of Hong Kong visit



Brazilian Association of Rectors of State and Municipal Universities (ABRUEM)



Luncheon with H.E. Ms. Sandra Kramer, Ambassador of EU delegation to South Africa



Mr Shen Haixiong, Vice Minister of Publicity Department of CPC Central Committee and President & Editor-in-Chief of China Media Group (CMG) visit to UJ