



Highlights

Division for Internationalisation



Message from the Senior Director

The division continued focusing on partnership development, international student recruitment and student mobility in the 3rd quarter. Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede continued engaging and collaborating with embassies in order to strengthen relationships. An important project moving forward is the establishment of the Nobel Laureate Lecture series. Discussions have taken place with the Embassy of Sweden to South Africa to partner with them for the series, further discussions will take place with other strategic stakeholders.

The Director for Study Abroad, Mr Lebethe Malefo, led a delegation of UJ and Wits student entrepreneurs to The Netherlands to take international business classes, engage with Dutch students and staff and pitch Upcycling business ideas to industry.

From the 9th to 12th September, Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede attended the yearly U21 Senior Leaders meeting hosted by the University of Zurich. The discussions focused on how to strengthen multi partner collaborations within the network among other things. She also met with the university of Zurich leadership to discuss University of Johannesburg's involvement with the Una Europa Africa working group.

Ms Anisa Khan, Director: Academic Services and Prof. Ylva Rodny-Gumede attended the European Association for International Education conference held in Barcelona, Spain from the 13th to the 16th of September. The conference provided the colleagues an opportunity to re-engage with established partner universities but to also explore potential partnerships with strategic universities. With a renewed focus on global partner engagement and programme development, we have had several international delegation visits to UJ which included the King's College London – UK, Carnegie Mellon University Africa - Rwanda, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – USA, Sciences Po - France as well as the Ambassador Turkey, Ambassador of France and the Consul General of the USA.

Study Abroad and International Student Welfare

The unit delivered three co-funded Africa by Bus programmes with the Faculties of Humanities (Botswana), Engineering and the Built Environment (Zimbabwe) College of Business and Economics (Namibia). The programme also delivered a Upcycle challenge programme with eight student entrepreneurs in The Netherlands in collaboration with NUFFIC Neso, Wits University and Fonty's University. At the start of the second semester in July the Division welcomed study abroad students with a week long orientation and onboarding programme. Ms Samkelisiwe Temba a final year BSc student majoring in Mathematics and Psychology has been awarded the 2022 Abe Bailey Travel Bursary.

At the end of August 2022, the recorded virtual and physical mobilities were; Inbound: 19235 and Outbound: 22900 on Council approved targets of Inbound: 1650 and Outbound: 3300. Of these numbers, physical mobilities were; Inbound: 1133 and Outbound: 681.



In line with providing support to international students, VFS South Africa conducted a mobile service on campus to assist students apply for their visas, there has been bi-monthly immigration webinars with newly admitted applicants to prepare them for their visa applications, so they meet the 2023 registration deadlines and the Division provides accommodation support to new and returning students.

Academic Services


Over the period July to September, working closely with academics from across UJ, we have concluded eleven partnership agreements, namely with:

Ghana	Akenten Appiah-Menka University of Skills Training and Entrepreneurial Development (AAM-AUSTED)	Science	MOU
Ghana	Bolgatanga Technical University	FEBE	MOU
Mauritius	Open University of Mauritius	CBE	MOU
Kenya	University of Nairobi	CBE	MOU
Scotland	Abertay university	CBE	MOU
USA	University of Florida	FEBE	MOU
Kenya	University of Nairobi	CBE	MOU
USA	University of North Georgia	CBE	MOU
Georgia	Caucasus University	Humanities	MOU
USA	University of Cincinnati	Humanities	MOU
France	Schneider Electric, DHET and AFD	FEBE	Mandate Agreement

Prof Marwala led a senior delegation to the Caucasus University, Georgia from the 28th to 02nd August. The programme included the signing of an MOU between both universities and further discussions regarding collaboration. Prof Marwala was also bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate by Caucasus University. During the visit, Dr Chris Burry of US Market Access, who invited four students and two staff members to attend the EIA Leadership Bootcamp. The bootcamp was facilitated by faculty from the University of California (Berkeley) Sutardja Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, along with senior leaders from multiple leading Silicon Valley organizations. The UJ team were also invited to attend the Bridge to Silicon Valley conference and Startup World Cup national competition for Georgia.

The Vice-Chancellor together with senior colleagues from the Division for Internationalisation met with H.E. Ms Ayşegül Kandaş, Ambassador of Turkey to South Africa. This follows the consultations with Turkish Higher Education institutions, namely: Istanbul University, Istanbul Technical University, Ankara University, Bogazici University and Bahcesehir University. Turkey is of strategic importance as a potential EU funding partner (Turkey is a programme country for Erasmus funding). The Vice-Chancellor and his senior management team also met with Mr Vincent Spera, Consul-General, US Consulate in Johannesburg to discuss US – UJ engagements, fundraising and alumni engagement.

The Embassy of France to South Africa, in participation with the Department of Science and Innovation, the National Research Foundation, the Council on Higher Education, Universities South Africa and the South African Qualifications Authority, hosted a senior delegation of South African university representatives for 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. 120 representatives from 23 South African Higher Education institutions and 38 French Higher Education institutions gathered at venues across Paris and Montpellier to reinforce the mutual knowledge and understanding of the respective academic landscapes and to give more opportunities for academics to develop new ideas and projects of mutual interest. Prof Tshilidzi Marwala led the UJ delegation and delivered a keynote address at the Université Paris Saclay on the 4IR landscape in South Africa and identified challenges and opportunities for strengthening cooperation between France and South Africa in Digital Innovation.

Several partner meetings were also held at the European Association for International Education conference held in Barcelona, Spain from the 13th to the 16th of September. The conference is the largest gathering on European University Internationalisation practitioners. Meetings were held with Sussex University, UK; University of Paris Saclay, France; NH Stenden, Netherlands; Leiden University, Netherlands; Western Sydney University, Australia; Saxion University, Belgium; KU Leuven, Belgium; London School of Economics, UK; Northwestern University, USA; Montpellier University, France; University of Grenoble Alpes, France and the University of Toronto, Canada. We also attended the Catalanian University group reception which are all good opportunities to profile the work of UJ and expand our global engagement.

International Student Registration and UJELP

The International Student Recruitment team visited Eswatini from the 2nd to the 06th of August. The visit included seven (7) International school visits for presentations at identified schools and a UG and PG Information Session hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn, Mbabane.

- Enjabulweni High School
- Ka-Zakhali Private School
- Sisekelo High School
- St. Francis High School
- St. Marks High School
- Sifundzani High School
- Waterford Kambala United World College Career Fair

An open session was also hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn, Mbabane for potential students to engage with our International Student Recruitment team. As of the **07th of September 2022**, our total headcount numbers for formal programmes were **4245 (UG 2437, PG 1808)** and non-subsidised programmes **184 (UG 157, PG 27)**, respectively. The total headcount for formal and non-subsidise programmes is **4429**. We have met and exceeded the overall Strategic Planning Headcount target of **4305**. UJELP currently has 29 registered students across all levels (i.e. **Elementary – 2, Intermediate – 12 and Advance – 15**).





Fundraising and Administration

The Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment received a total of R16 213 648 from the Erasmus Mobility and Mundus Programme towards virtual mobilities and joint Masters and PhD programme.

The Faculty of Law has been shortlisted for funding under to the Co-Impact Gender Fund. UJ is a lead applicant in a consortium project with The South African Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges (SAC-IAWJ), Women in Law South Africa (WOZA and Mapongwana Attorneys. The project focuses on *Developing a New Generation of Women Legal Leaders in Africa*.

DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme invited the Faculty of Humanities to submit two applications for a Master's programme in Social Impact Assessment and Anthropology and Development Studies.

Communications and Marketing

- UJ Doctoral Student Awarded Life-Changing Fulbright Scholarship
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-doctoral-student-awarded-life-changing-fulbright-scholarship/>
- ABE Bailey Trust awards UK- SA bursary to UJ student
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/abe-bailey-trust-awards-uk-sa-bursary-to-uj-student/>
- Faculty of Health Sciences students participate in Africa By Bus tour to Lesotho
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/faculty-of-health-sciences-students-participate-in-africa-by-bus-tour-to-lesotho/>
- Prof Funmi Olonisakin of King's College London, visits UJ to discuss leadership strategies in addressing global challenges
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/prof-funmi-olonisakin-of-kings-college-london-visits-uj-to-discuss-leadership-strategies-in-addressing-global-challenges/>
- Prof Tshilidzi Marwala awarded honorary doctorate from the Caucasus University in Tbilisi, Georgia
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/prof-tshilidzi-marwala-awarded-honorary-doctorate-from-the-caucasus-university-in-tbilisi-georgia/>
- UJ Professor of Epidemiology honoured as Queen of Research, paving new path for SA/Ghana collaborations
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/uj-professor-of-epidemiology-honoured-as-queen-of-research-paving-new-path-for-sa-ghana-collaborations/>
- IT Law and Legal Informatics experts meet at Saar University, Germany
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/it-law-and-legal-informatics-experts-meet-at-saar-university-germany/>
- SAMRC/UJ PACER, is excited to host Haley Irene Sisel and Kathrine Scarlett Gourney, graduate students from John's Hopkins University for 4 months from 22 Aug 2022
<https://www.uj.ac.za/news/samrc-uj-pacer-is-excited-to-host-haley-irene-sisel-and-kathrine-scarlett-gourney-graduate-students-from-johns-hopkins-university-for-4-months-from-22-aug-2022/>



Carnegie Mellon University Africa visit



Turkish Ambassador visit



King's College London visit



Luncheon with the French Ambassador



US Consul General visit



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign visit