

20 YEARS OF IGNITING POSSIBILITIES



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As we celebrate 20 years of the University of Johannesburg, I can't help but feel a deep sense of pride and excitement for all that we have accomplished together. UJ's journey has been nothing short of extraordinary—an inspiring story of a young institution that has quickly risen to become a beacon of innovation, Pan-Africanism, and leadership in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) for societal impact. In the landscape of South Africa's democratic history, UJ might still be considered relatively young, but our impact has been profound, igniting possibilities that are shaping not only the academic world but also the future of our society.

For our next move we are poised to begin a new chapter one that builds on the incredible legacy we've established while looking boldly to the future. As we continue to strive for excellence and innovation, we also recognize a fundamental responsibility: to ensure that everything we do is grounded in humanity.

As Nelson Mandela wisely reminded us, the African philosophy of Ubuntu teaches that “we are human only through the humanity of others.” This spirit of Ubuntu is what will guide UJ as we align our strategic initiatives to create real societal impact, far beyond the confines of academia.

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perfectly captures the essence of what UJ stands for and what we aim to achieve. Our focus is not just on leading in technology or education, but on ensuring that our innovations make a tangible difference in the world around us. Just as we have embraced the challenges and opportunities of the 4IR and championed transformation and Pan-Africanism, we now dedicate ourselves to advancing technology in ways that emphasize humanity. Our Global Excellence and Stature (GES 4.0) initiatives are designed to help us address the great challenges of our time, with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as our guiding light.

UJ is more than just a university; it is a dynamic community where critical thinkers and change-makers come together to reimagine the future. As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded that our journey is far from over. There is still much work to be done, and our mission is clear: to drive Africa's socio-economic and human capital development through impactful, purposeful actions. This mission is one that the entire UJ community is committed to, and together, we will continue to ignite possibilities for the next 20 years and beyond, always guided by the principles of Ubuntu and the belief that our work must leave a lasting, positive impact on the world.



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VISION

An international University of choice, anchored in Africa and the global south, dynamically shaping the sustainable future.

MISSION

To transform and serve humanity through innovation and the collective and collaborative pursuit of knowledge.

VALUES

- Impact
- Innovation
- Inclusivity
- Integrity



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UJ is a research-intensive university hosting 70 Research Centres and Institutes (including a DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence), 26 Research and Innovation Chairs (including SARCHI, Industry and UNESCO Chairs), as well as various Centres of Excellence, Technology Stations and Flagship Research Institutes. UJ's seven Faculties, College of Business and Economics and the Johannesburg Business School (JBS) are also home to 333 National Research Foundation (NRF) rated researchers.



Scholars



Research entities



Research output



Press/Media



Equipment & facilities



Prestigious awards

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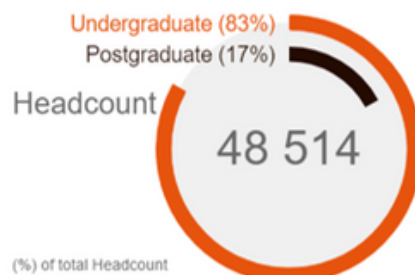
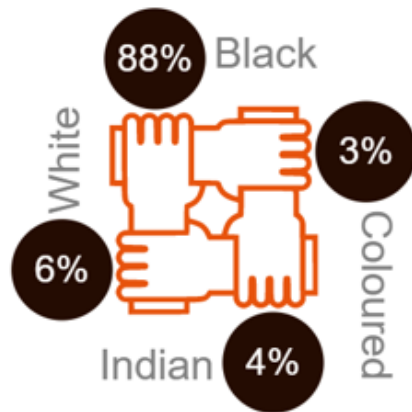
- Ranked #1 in South Africa for nationally accredited published research output.
- Ranked #1 in South Africa for the most productive scholars of nationally accredited published research output
- Ranked #1 in Africa and South Africa (Times Higher Young University Rankings)
- Ranked #2 in sub-Saharan Africa (Times Higher Education World University Rankings).
- Ranked #3 in the world for the United Nation's SDG Goal 1 – No Poverty (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings).
- Ranked #6 in the world for the United Nation's SDG Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings).
- Within the top 3.1% universities globally (Centre for World University Rankings).
- One of only four South African universities ranked among the top 500 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings).



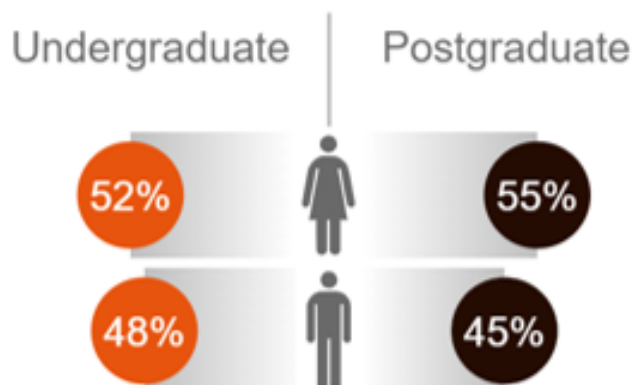
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INTERNATIONAL students



A photograph of a modern, multi-story university building with a concrete and glass facade, surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky. The building has several tall, narrow vertical structures and large windows.

OUR IGNITION OF POSSIBILITIES: THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT

UJ has consistently been at the forefront of embracing the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), positioning itself as a leader in digital transformation and innovation with societal impact. As we transition into our third decade, UJ's commitment to 4IR remains unwavering. We are dedicated to driving change through cutting-edge research, fostering innovation, and developing the next generation of leaders who will tackle the global challenges of tomorrow.

OUR FUTURE REIMAGINE FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT

Pioneering AI and Digital Transformation:

UJ has established itself as a leader in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and digital innovation. Our AI Hub is at the center of groundbreaking research that is shaping industries and society.

World-Class Research: UJ is home to world-class researchers who are solving some of the most pressing challenges of our time. From health sciences to sustainable development, our research has a real-world impact, both locally and globally.

Community Engagement and Impact: UJ's commitment to its community is evident in our outreach programs, which have provided education, food security, and healthcare to thousands of people across South Africa.

Advancing Social Justice and Inclusivity:

UJ's commitment to social justice is reflected in our diverse student body and our initiatives aimed at reducing inequality. We are proud to have one of the most inclusive campuses in South Africa, with students from all walks of life.

Transforming Education: UJ has revolutionized education through the integration of technology and innovative teaching methods. Our focus on lifelong learning ensures that our graduates are not just employable but are leaders in their fields.

EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS THROUGH EDUCATION

As the University of Johannesburg (UJ) approaches its 20 years of we reflect on our remarkable growth and look toward the future. Central to our mission is the belief that education is the most powerful tool to transform lives, empower communities, and drive socio-economic growth. One of the most profound ways to support this mission is through our bursary programmes, providing much-needed financial assistance to deserving undergraduate and postgraduate students.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF OPPORTUNITY

At UJ, we are committed to nurturing a diverse and inclusive student body that reflects the socio-economic realities of South Africa. We believe that access to world-class education should not be limited by financial constraints. Bursaries are critical lifelines for many talented students who might otherwise be excluded from pursuing their academic dreams.

For our next we seek to establish an enduring legacy by building sustainable bursary funds, ensuring that future generations of South African students can receive the education they deserve.

UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES: BRIDGING THE GAP

UJ's undergraduate bursary programme is designed to address financial barriers and enable students to focus on their studies. Undergraduate bursaries not only help cover tuition fees but also support accommodation, textbooks, and meals—basic necessities that often stand between a student and academic success.

These bursaries are essential to bridging the gap for students from disadvantaged communities, offering them the opportunity to access higher education and equipping them with the tools needed to thrive in South Africa's economy. By investing in these students, we are cultivating the next generation of skilled professionals, leaders, and innovators who will shape the country's future.

POSTGRADUATE BURSARIES: ADVANCING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Postgraduate bursaries at UJ play an equally critical role. With South Africa's growing need for advanced research in key areas such as the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) for societal impact, climate change, and public health, postgraduate students contribute significantly to solving complex societal challenges.

Postgraduate bursaries enable UJ students to engage in cutting-edge research and pursue advanced degrees, furthering the university's commitment to knowledge production and innovation. Which enhances the university's research contribution to national and global development.



TARGET R1.5 BILLION

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT DECADE THROUGH RESEARCH

DRIVING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

We will continue to lead in the adoption and development of digital technologies, ensuring that our students and faculty are at the cutting edge of research innovation.

FOSTERING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

UJ will expand its support for entrepreneurship, particularly in the technology sector, to create jobs and drive economic growth.

ADVANCING EQUITABLE HEALTHCARE ACCESS

UJ's health sciences faculty will continue to tackle the most pressing health challenges facing Africa, from infectious diseases to non-communicable diseases.

ADDRESSING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

UJ is committed to finding solutions to global challenges such as climate change, food security, and sustainable development, with a particular focus on the African context.

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

We will continue in developing the next generation of leaders focuses on equipping individuals with the skills, knowledge, and vision to drive meaningful change in an evolving world. By fostering research and innovation, we empower future leaders to address global challenges, promote sustainable solutions, and shape a more prosperous future for all.



TARGET R1 BILLION

CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: AN ENGAGED UNIVERSITY



As a supporter of engagement, the University of Johannesburg is committed to achieving closer contact with the community as embedded in its vision, which embraces the advancement of freedom, democracy, equality and human dignity. This is realised through the application of its human capital in adding value to external constituencies by entering into strategic contractual partnerships and relationships that are mutually beneficial to the University community,

Our community engagement initiatives ensure that students not only benefit personally but also contribute to the well-being of their communities. Through these programs, they apply their knowledge to drive social change, foster innovation, and uplift the communities around them. Our community engagement initiatives empower students to address real-world challenges, from tackling food insecurity to leading transformative Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) projects. We're not just shaping graduates; we're creating innovators who actively impact lives across Southern Africa, making a tangible difference in society.

TARGET R75 MILLION

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

At the University of Johannesburg (UJ), we recognize that the future of education and research relies heavily on strong partnerships. As we strive to enhance our infrastructure and technological resources, we are reaching out to visionary stakeholders who share our commitment to advancing learning and innovation. The need for modern, state-of-the-art facilities has never been greater. Our ambition to create an inspiring learning environment, equipped with cutting-edge technology and resources, demands collaborative efforts. By partnering with us, you are investing in a transformative vision that will shape the next generation of leaders. Our infrastructure initiatives are not just about bricks and mortar; they are about creating spaces that foster creativity, collaboration, and groundbreaking research. With your support, we can build labs that facilitate pioneering research, classrooms that inspire dynamic learning experiences, and facilities that promote community engagement.



TARGET R300 MILLION

OUR NEXT

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS (CBE)

Future-ready graduates to drive a responsive, innovative, and solution-oriented future.

With the future being more relevant today than ever and a challenging global economic climate, it is up to us as higher education educators to transform lives and landscapes around us globally for a sustainable future. With great expectation, we develop researchers and future-fit graduates to catapult our country and the world into a responsive, impactful, innovative, sustainable, caring, and solution-driven future for all. We do all of this in the broader context of making a societal impact and bettering the lives of all we touch. The College of Business and Economics aims to develop critical thinkers and problem solvers who address business, economics, and societal challenges. The 46 NRF-rated researchers underscore the CBE's goal of increasing innovative, relevant research excellence for societal impact. Impactful and sustainable relations, collaborations, and partnerships nationally, continentally, and internationally make this possible.

OUR WINS

Affiliations with South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the Health Professions Council of South Africa, the Financial Planning Institute of Southern Africa, the International Coaching Affiliation, and the Certified Financial Analyst Institute with the aim to contribute to societal impact.

The Department of Industrial Psychology and People Management as the Best Academic Industrial Psychology Department by the Society for Industrial and Organisational Psychology of Southern Africa (SIOPSA).

OUR NEXT

Women and Entrepreneurship Education

Through our Eagles Fly Above the Storm Women's Conference, we empower women to excel professionally and personally, aligning with four UN SDGs: 3, 4, 5, and 8. CBE's SARChI Entrepreneurship Education champions the inaugural Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: South African Women in Entrepreneurship Report 2024, further advancing women's empowerment and entrepreneurship education.

Inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (SDG4): The School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy Public Leadership and Governance provides municipal councillors with expert management and leadership skills. This programme also offers access to formal undergraduate degree programs, benefiting previously disadvantaged communities and contributing to the national transformational agenda.

OUR WINS

We proudly teamed up with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) to deliver financial literacy project, empowering Stokvel members with vital financial skills and setting a new standard for financial education.

Taking 'Be Money Wise' certificate program and business clinics are expertly tailored for small- and medium-sized enterprises, leading the way in financial planning and business development strategies.

Leading the charge and at the forefront of directly contributing to SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), our Green Transport Short Learning Programme (SLP) empowers individuals with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in sustainable transportation practices.

OUR NEXT

Beacon of the tech innovation landscape

The School of Consumer Intelligence and Information Systems and its Technopreneurship Centre (TPC) bridges the gap between academia and industry by empowering students to design real-world solutions that tackle pressing business, economic, and societal challenges. Through hands-on projects, students collaborate with industry partners to create cutting-edge technologies, ranging from intelligent software systems and video games to mobile apps and more. Our focus on innovation drives progress in local communities and meets the evolving needs of industries and government.



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HEALTH SCIENCES

Advancing Equitable Healthcare Access

At the forefront of advancing equitable healthcare access, committed to training future health professionals who are equipped to meet the diverse needs of our society. By leveraging cutting-edge research and innovative solutions, the Faculty is dedicated to bridging healthcare gaps and ensuring that quality care reaches all corners of our communities. Your support will help us continue to lead in transforming healthcare for a more inclusive and healthier future.

OUR WINS

Establishment of Innovative Programs

UJ's Faculty of Health Sciences cutting-edge academic programs, focused on public health, emergency medical care, and biomedical technology have been designed to address the evolving healthcare needs of South Africa and the broader continent.

State-of-the-Art Facilities for training world class health care professionals

The faculty onsite Health Training Centre/clinics that are open to the public ensures students receive a wide-range of relevant experience under supervision of qualified practitioners, complemented by placements in relevant services rendering facilities.

OUR NEXT

Leading the Fight against the Stem Cell Therapy and Infectious diseases

The Laser Research Centre is leading efforts to investigate the field of phototherapy with specific emphasis on Photobiomodulation (PBM), Photodynamic Therapy (PDT), Phyto-Photodynamic Therapy (P-PDT) and Stem Cell Therapy. Phototherapy is utilised by very few disciplines and the full spectrum of uses is yet to be realised in South Africa.

Excelling in high-angle rescue, hazardous materials and motor vehicle rescue

In collaboration with Rescue SA, UJ is launching a first-of-its-kind in-the-continent sea air and rescue centre. The centre has been designed to cater for teaching, learning, assessment and research of a multitude of specialised rescue disciplines.



OUR WINS

Increased global networks through research and collaboration

By connecting like-minded universities, U21 enables our members to achieve more together through a portfolio of activities which connect three core university priorities: student experience, researcher engagement and educational innovation. This unique combination ensures our members remain at the forefront of the latest international developments in higher education. Universitas 21 (U21) is a unique global network that brings together 29 world-leading, research-intensive universities who share a common belief in the value of collaboration and internationalisation.

First-of-its-kind programmes

A pioneering Sea, Air, and Rescue Centre, the first of its kind on the continent, has been established to support the teaching, learning, assessment, and research of various specialized rescue disciplines. This state-of-the-art facility will offer training in high-angle rescue, hazardous materials handling, and motor vehicle rescue. Additionally, the centre will focus on disaster and mass casualty preparedness, fostering innovation, and providing comprehensive training in these critical areas.

UJ remains the only university on the continent that offers specialized programs in both Podiatry and Chiropractic.



OUR NEXT

Safeguard vulnerable communities from this significant public health hazard

UJ researchers are working to understand, predict, and mitigate the public health risks associated with gold mine tailings, a legacy of the mining industry that harbors significant amounts of radon gas, a known human carcinogen. Radon exposure, particularly in areas near these tailings, poses a serious public health threat, potentially increasing the risk of lung cancer, leukemia, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). UJ will develop the capacity to lead this critical research, solidifying UJ's Faculty of Health Sciences as a leader in health research, development, clinical innovation, training, and technological advancements in health care.

Leveraging healthcare technology for enhanced patient

The faculty's Biomedical Engineering and Healthcare Technology (BEAHT) Research Centre utilises healthcare technology towards improving systems and innovations for enhanced patient care and well-being in the 4IR.



ART, DESIGN, AND ARCHITECTURE

Creativity is embracing each other's differences.

The Faculty of Art, Design, and Architecture unites eight dynamic creative disciplines—Architecture, Interior Design, Industrial Design, Multimedia Design, Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Visual Art, and Jewellery Design—under one roof. Committed to sustainability and global relevance, we push boundaries through innovative collaborations and engage with Johannesburg's vibrant creative community and beyond. Your support will fuel our mission to expand the horizons of design and art, driving creativity and impact across the world.

OUR WINS

Innovation and creativity at the Intersection-engage with 'wet biology practices'

The CMRC biolaboratory, located in the Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture (FADA) FABLAB is a fully equipped microbiology lab, which offers creative practitioners access to the kinds of specialised scientific equipment and expertise required to engage with 'wet biology practices'.

Founded by Prof Leora Farber, Director of the Visual Identities in Art and Design (VIAD) Research Centre, FADA, and Prof Tobias Barnard, Director of the Water and Health Research Centre (WHRC), Faculty of Health Sciences, the CMRC is based on the conviction that bioart holds enormous potential to generate new insights, perspectives, scholarly and Indigenous knowledge that arise from and pertain to, an African context.

Harmonizing Excellence

The UJ Choir is a shining example of musical excellence and cultural diversity. Renowned for its dynamic performances and rich harmonies, the Choir has achieved remarkable success, including prestigious awards and standout performances at national and international festivals. From captivating audiences at the World Choir Games to winning accolades at local competitions, the Choir consistently demonstrates UJ's commitment to fostering artistic talent and cultural engagement. Your support will ensure the continuation of this legacy, enabling us to expand our reach, enhance our musical programs, and continue inspiring audiences around the world.

Celebrating Excellence: UJ's Hlakanyana – The Musical

Arts & Culture and Madevu Entertainment have triumphed with eight Naledi Theatre Awards for *Hlakanyana – The Musical*. Premiered on June 5, 2023, at the Mandela Stage, Joburg Theatre, this exceptional production, developed during the Covid-19 lockdowns, highlights our innovative Faculty of Art, Design, and Architecture (FADA) Interdisciplinary Theatre Programme. Conceived and produced by UJ Arts & Culture and Madevu Entertainment's Zolani Shangase and Michael William Wallace, with MoMo Matsunyane as head writer and Janice Honeyman as director, this musical celebrates UJ's commitment to artistic excellence and creativity. Your support will help us continue to push the boundaries of theatre and enrich our cultural landscape.

HUMANITIES

Build Capacity to address Social Justice, Well-being and Development Challenges facing Southern African Communities.

The Faculty of Humanities at UJ leads the charge in tackling Southern Africa's social, economic, and environmental challenges through cutting-edge research and dynamic teaching. By enhancing staff and student capacity, our work empowers agents of change and fosters community engagement. Our initiatives, including collaborations, innovative short learning programmes, and the Distinguished 4IR Seminar Series, address critical issues like 4IR's impact, mental health, and inequality, driving meaningful transformation and development across the region.

OUR WINS

Enhancing Sustainable and Innovative Environmental Change Solutions

The Faculty has embarked on various projects and endeavours to invest in staff and student development, and training in the area of climate change, and social and environmental justice, while simultaneously driving doctoral capacity development through two of its multi and international stakeholder projects – TESIECS (Towards Enhancing Sustainable and Innovative Environmental Change Solutions) and UCDP (University Capacity Development Programme).

Leading the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

The Faculty is driving impactful change through a pioneering collaboration groundbreaking research initiative that ignites a national conversation on the critical role the private sector plays in combating GBV and advancing gender equality in South Africa. The Faculty work is shaping policy, influencing corporate responsibility, and championing the cause of a safer, more equitable society.

OUR NEXT

Innovative Learning at the Methods Lab

The Methods Lab at UJ's Faculty of Humanities empowers staff and students by providing dynamic networking opportunities and cutting-edge resources. Focused on open science, big data, AI, and computational methods, the lab is a vital hub for capacity development and knowledge-sharing in the digital age, tailored to African communities.

Voice2Action: Empowering Communities through Technology

The innovative Voice2Action Chatbot, accessible via WhatsApp, serves as a critical platform for communities to log complaints and queries on pressing local issues. Powered by advanced AI, legal safeguards, and a rich directory of government functions, it's a game-changing tool designed to empower South African communities with real-time information and support, including a glossary of informal local terms.

OUR WINS

Exemplary Scholarship in Literature and Multilingualism

We celebrate linguistic diversity through the revitalized language awards, including prestigious prizes in isiZulu, Sesotho sa Leboa, Afrikaans, and Literary Translation. Our excellence is further highlighted by two faculty members winning the South African Literary Award for Best Creative Non-Fiction, underscoring our leadership in literature and multilingualism.

OUR NEXT

Empowering Reclaimers for a Sustainable Future

The ARO-UJ Reclaiming Praxis Network, a collaboration between UJ and the African Reclaimers Organisation, champions the invaluable role reclaimers play in South Africa's economy and environmental sustainability. By addressing their marginalization and advancing key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this partnership drives both social justice and environmental impact on a national scale.

Girls 4 Girls (G4G): Empowering Future Leaders Globally

The Girls 4 Girls Mentorship Initiative is transforming lives worldwide by fostering leadership in young women through dynamic mentoring circles. With professional women from diverse sectors guiding the next generation, this program champions gender equality and aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5.



BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING

Igniting possibilities- Engineering the Future of Africa

At the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering we're strive to ignite possibilities and shape Africa's future through cutting-edge research and innovative solutions. Our transformative projects include developing sustainable infrastructure with our 3D printing of RDP houses, enhancing water access through the Water from Air project, and pioneering advancements in nanotechnology at our Atomic Layer Deposition Centre. These initiatives not only address critical challenges but also drive progress across the continent.

OUR WINS

Revolutionizing Housing through 3D Printing

Pioneering the use of 3D printing technology to tackle one of South Africa's most pressing challenges: the lack of adequate housing. By innovating in construction, we're transforming the RDP housing landscape, offering faster, more sustainable, and cost-effective solutions to meet the urgent need for affordable homes across the nation.

Centre for Ecological Intelligence leading sustainability

Centre for Ecological Intelligence is driving sustainable solutions in the critical areas of food, water, waste, and energy. Focused on growing nutritious food and addressing South Africa's water scarcity, the Centre is at the forefront of tackling the nation's most urgent environmental challenges. Your support will enable us to continue innovating for a sustainable future, ensuring resources for generations to come.

OUR NEXT

Igniting world class research - at the Forefront of Nanotechnology

The Atomic Layer Deposition Centre is pioneering advancements in nanotechnology, pushing the boundaries of materials science with cutting-edge deposition techniques. This Centre is driving breakthroughs in electronics, energy, and beyond, positioning UJ at the forefront of technological innovation.

Revolutionizing building codes to scale 3D housing innovation nationwide.

Our cutting-edge research in 3D printing for RDP houses offers a transformative solution to South Africa's housing crisis, with the potential to build durable, weather-resistant homes in just one day. By collaborating with industry leaders and students, we are revolutionizing building codes to scale this innovation nationwide.



OUR WINS

Pioneering Tomorrow - Igniting Cities “UJ for Societal Impact: Gwakwani, Matatani & Mbodi Project ”

For over a decade, the University of Johannesburg's UJ for Societal Impact: Gwakwani, Matatani & Mbodi project has been bridging the digital divide in a remote village, transforming it into a model of smart living. Through innovative technology and sustainable solutions, we're empowering the community with access to education, health, and economic opportunities. Your support will help us continue this journey, driving progress and connectivity where it's needed most.

Revolutionizing water access by harnessing moisture from the air.

Our Cutwini, Eastern Cape - Water from Air Project is revolutionizing water access by harnessing moisture from the air. This innovative solution addresses critical water scarcity in remote areas, providing a sustainable and reliable source of clean water. Your support will help expand this groundbreaking initiative, ensuring life-saving water for communities in need.

Driving the Future- moving from ICE to EV

UJ's student-led initiative is at the cutting edge of sustainable mobility, transforming internal combustion engine (ICE) cars into electric vehicles (EVs). This project advances green technology and empowers students to lead the way in the shift toward cleaner, more efficient transportation.



LAW

OUR WINS

Revolutionizing Legal Education with the VR Courtroom Game

The VR Courtroom game, a cutting-edge teaching innovation, has garnered widespread acclaim both within UJ and from external stakeholders, including a government department. Its impact extends to national and international media, showcasing its transformative potential in legal education through immersive gamification.

Advancing Social Justice in Mbodi Village

The establishment of the Social Justice Centre in Mbodi village, part of the UJ UJ for Societal Impact: Gwakwani, Matatani & Mbodi Village initiative, is empowering the community by providing vital access to civic services like birth certificates and ID cards. Additionally, residents will benefit from assistance in securing social services, including Department of Social Development (DSD) grants, fostering greater equity and support.

OUR NEXT

Innovating Justice for a Sustainable Future

Empowering students to develop digital solutions that promote justice, peace, and inclusivity, advancing the vision of UN SDG 16 for a more equitable and sustainable world.

Legal Hackathon is set to redefine legal innovation, with multidisciplinary student teams creating cutting-edge smartphone applications to tackle critical issues aligned with UN SDG 16. By promoting justice, peace, and inclusivity, this initiative empowers future leaders to develop real-world solutions for a better society.



JOHANNESBURG BUSINESS SCHOOL

OUR WINS

The Raymond Ackerman Academy of Entrepreneurial Development

Empowering entrepreneurs with with ideation, business registration, and business growth. The academy is designed to help young people start, grow, and maintain a business by instilling a culture of entrepreneurship and teaching business management skills.

OUR NEXT

Enhancing SA Technical Vocational Training through Innovative Digital 5 IR Education

UJ's ProTelde Project is revolutionizing digital education in South Africa's TVET colleges, driving innovation and transformation across the sector. Through a powerful collaboration with global partners like Pixel, LA Sapienza University, and local TVET institutions, we're equipping educators with cutting-edge tools to shape the future of education.



SCIENCE

The Faculty of Science at UJ is a leader in advancing pure and applied sciences through innovative teaching, research, and community engagement. Flagship projects like the Soweto Science Centre and the Manguzi Indigenous Knowledge Innovation Centre (MIKIC) make a significant impact. The Soweto Science Centre enhances science education for underprivileged learners and offers professional development for teachers, while MIKIC preserves and commercializes indigenous knowledge, supporting SMEs and community development. The Faculty is driving progress in both education and local economies. Additional successes, such as the GEMES Geography educator training, further highlight the Faculty's role in shaping South Africa's STEM future.

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Empowering Future Innovators through Transformative Science Education

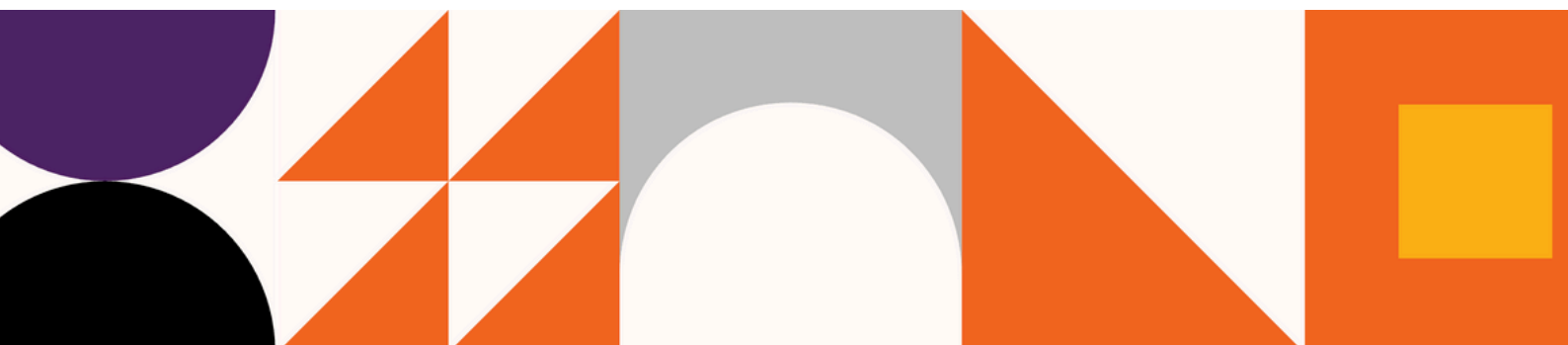
The Soweto Science Centre is transforming the future of education by giving underprivileged learners the tools to excel in math and science, unlocking opportunities that can change their lives. By supporting teachers and engaging the public through dynamic initiatives like science bootcamps and National Science Week, the Centre is shaping the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers, driving progress for South Africa

Igniting future possibilities through Indigenous Knowledge Innovation

The Manguzi Indigenous Knowledge Innovation Centre (MIKIC) is where tradition meets innovation, offering a unique platform for entrepreneurs to turn indigenous knowledge into market-ready solutions. With cutting-edge lab space, product development facilities, and tailored skills programs, MIKIC is driving the commercialization of traditional wisdom. This project not only supports SME growth and sustainable development but also plays a pivotal role in preserving and advancing indigenous knowledge that holds untapped potential for global impact.

Driving sustainable futures through empowering Educators

The Geography Education and Matric Enhancement Scheme (GEMES) has proudly delivered a game-changing training and subject knowledge enhancement opportunity for educators teaching Geography at the matric level in the Moretele Local Education School Circuit.





JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY

UJ@20 is more than a celebration; it is an opportunity to invest in the future of Africa and the world. We invite you to join us on this journey, to be part of a movement that is shaping the future. Your support will help us continue to provide world-class education, conduct groundbreaking research, and make a real difference in the lives of our students and the broader community.

The University of Johannesburg has come a long way in just 20 years, and our journey is far from over. As we look to the future, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we can make UJ@20 a turning point in the history of our university and our continent.



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