

UJenius Club

Top Achieving Students



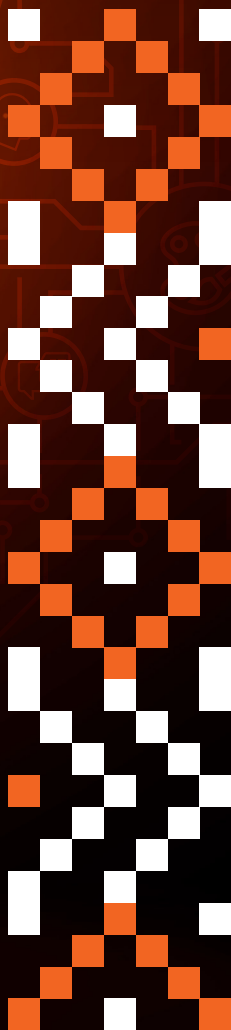
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1. WHAT IS THE UJENIUS CLUB?

The UJenius Club is a Vice-Chancellor's initiative to acknowledge undergraduate students' outstanding academic performance and offer members additional opportunities for intellectual and professional development. The UJenius Club focuses on:

1. Acknowledging and promoting academic excellence as a core component of the UJ student identity.
2. Bringing together students from a diverse range of disciplines to stimulate interdisciplinary discussion and collaboration.
3. Promoting the UJ values.
4. Creating opportunities for UJenius Club members from different faculties and campuses to interact with one another and build partnerships and friendships.
5. Creating opportunities for closer contact with members of the broader UJ community.
6. Providing UJenius members with privileged connections and benefits, given their academic performance.

1.1 How are you selected to be in the Club?

After first-year registration, Orange Carpet members become members of the UJenius Club, which hosts all UJ's top-achieving students.

To join or keep UJenius Club membership, you must have achieved an average of 75% in the preceding year, on a full course load, and with no module below 70%. Also, second-, third-, and final-year students are nominated for membership into the UJenius Club by their respective faculties or colleges.

Furthermore, to qualify for UJenius membership, 100% registration and completion of all subjects are required for the specific qualification and study period registered for, according to the UJ prospectus.

Therefore, you must have passed all the required modules of a particular year's level for that specific academic programme in the previous year, i.e.:

- To qualify for membership in the second year of study, you must have passed all the first-year modules for the specific academic programme that you are registered for.
- To qualify for membership in the third year of study, you must have passed all the second-year modules for the specific academic programme you are registered for.

- To qualify for membership in the fourth year of study (in the case of 4-year undergraduate degrees), you must have passed all the third-year modules for the specific academic programme you are registered for.

Students are usually informed and welcomed by email. Membership for the UJenius Club is reviewed on an annual basis.

1.2 What part of UJ does UJenius fall under?

UJenius is a partnership between the Division of Academic Development and Support (ADS), the seven faculties and CBE.

1.3 When did UJenius begin?

The initiative was first approved by Senate in 2010 and was piloted as the 'Top Achievers' Club' in 2011. In 2012, a high-profile welcome event served as the launch for the name change of the Club to 'UJenius'. Since 2012, alongside annual UJenius events, the UJenius Club has developed new partnerships with several broader UJ structures to provide Club members with privileged benefits and special events.

1.4 What does it mean to be part of the Club?

The UJenius Club is hoping to continue to develop a special relationship with top performers, seeking to contribute to their further academic and professional development while offering benefits and opportunities for members to find ways to connect with other UJ stakeholders. This means that UJenius members can access benefits due to partnerships between the UJenius Club and other UJ stakeholders. Over and above these benefits, UJenius members will also receive rewards for their academic achievements, which may include:

- A certificate outlining the achievements of UJenius Club members, which can be used when seeking employment.
- Opportunities to listen to and network with high-quality guest speakers and leaders in various fields.
- Invitations to prestigious social functions and opportunities where UJenius members are prioritised for selection.
- Invitations to various workshops focused on self-development and preparation for the world of work.

1.5 Does the UJenius Club offer any bursaries?

Based on their outstanding academic achievements, UJenius Club students meet the criteria for UJ's **academic merit bursaries**, which apply to **tuition fees only**.

The merit bursaries are allocated according to the following criteria:

- 100% Tuition fee bursary for students who obtain 86% and above (full course load and no subject below 70%)
- 75% Tuition fee bursary for students who achieve between 81% and 85% (full course load and no subject below 70%)
- 50% Tuition fee bursary for students who achieve between 75% and 80% (full course load and no subject below 70%)

Bursaries for qualifying UJenius Club students are allocated on or before 31 August annually.

Please note:

- If students cancel their studies at the end of the first semester, the second half of the bursary (in respect of the second semester) will not be paid out.
- If students cancel their studies before writing the June examinations, the bursary will be cancelled for the relevant semester; in other words, the whole UJ bursary will be cancelled.
- Students who possess **other internal and external funding** that exceeds the university's maximum value **will not be eligible for a merit bursary**. This amount will be determined by Student Finance on an annual basis.
- If the other bursary does not cover the full cost of study for the academic year, a "top-up" merit bursary will be awarded to qualifying students up to the maximum value as determined by the University.

The following refund process is implemented for UJenius Club members:

- Students who possess other internal or external funding that covers full tuition fees and all allowances will not be eligible for the refund – the **UJ merit bursary is to be reversed**.
- Cash-paying students are eligible for a full refund provided all necessary documents are submitted to Student Finance.
- The refund process takes up to 14 working days. Should students not receive feedback after 14 working days, they may follow up with the refund office.

1.6 How can I get more information about UJenius?

To find out more about the UJenius Club, you may contact your respective Faculty or College or send an email to the UJenius Team at ujenius@uj.ac.za. For urgent queries, contact the UJenius Office at the Centre for Academic Technologies (CAT), **D Ring 355, APK on 011 559 4422**.

The UJenius Club also uses social media platforms to connect with its club members. If you are a current UJenius Club member, you will be able to join the UJenius WhatsApp Group. This can be done by following a link that is sent out regularly via email. The UJenius Team shares news, updates and important information on these platforms.

2. LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

The Library is a gateway to a wealth of information! In fact, the Library is a student's best friend because it can help students find all the information and facilities they need to excel academically. The Library offers students across all campuses study spaces, access to electronic resources, Wi-Fi, facilities to photocopy and print, and books.

Library benefits for UJenius Club students include the following:

- Extended loan period (up to 30 days)
- Extended number of items (up to 16 items)
- Access to the research common areas (postgraduate section)

To find out more about the Library and to access additional Library tools, visit the Library webpage at <http://www.uj.ac.za/library>.

3. CENTRE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT (PsyCaD)

UJ's Centre for Psychological Services and Career Development (PsyCaD) offers various career development services to enrolled students across all four UJ campuses, as well as to external clients. These services include career assessments, career counselling and education, access to comprehensive career resource centres, a job portal and various graduate recruitment programmes. Furthermore, PsyCaD Career Services provides students with opportunities to prepare and develop their employability skill set, while linking students to incredible employment opportunities. Considering this, UJenius was very glad to partner with PsyCaD for the long-term benefit of UJenius Club members. This partnership means that:

- UJenius Club members have the privileged opportunity to be put in contact with prospective employers, and where interview processes might possibly be facilitated by PsyCaD.
- Members also have the opportunity to attend career fairs and career-related workshops to ensure that they are well-prepared for employment prospects.

For more information on the activities and services offered by PsyCaD, email them at psychservices@uj.ac.za.

You can also follow PsyCaD Career Services on X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook at the following links:

- [@UJCareerServices](https://x.com/UJCareerService)
- www.facebook.com/PsyCaDCareerServices

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