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KWAZULU-NATAL™
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INSPIRING GREATNESS



The University of KwaZulu-Natal Executive Management is led by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld (pictured) and he is supported by the:

- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of College: Humanities
- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of College: Law and Management Studies
- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of College: Health Sciences
- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of College: Agriculture, Engineering and Science
- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research
- ▶ Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching and Learning
- ▶ Registrar
- ▶ Executive Director: Human Resources
- ▶ Executive Director: Corporate Relations
- ▶ Executive Director: Student Services
- ▶ Chief Finance Officer
- ▶ Executive Director: Institutional Planning and Governance

Siyakwamukela eNyuvesi yaKwaZulu-Natali

Welcome to UKZN

Vision

To be the Premier University of African Scholarship.

Mission

A truly South African university that is academically excellent, innovative in research, critically engaged with society and demographically representative; and is redressing the disadvantages, inequities and imbalances of the past.



UKZN is recognised as one of South Africa's top research-focused universities. It is one of the largest universities in sub-Saharan Africa, with five campuses in the two cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg:

- ▶ Edgewood
- ▶ Howard College
- ▶ Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine
- ▶ Pietermaritzburg
- ▶ Westville.



UKZN is organised on a College model.

The four Colleges are:

- ▶ The College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science
- ▶ The College of Health Sciences
- ▶ The College of Humanities
- ▶ The College of Law and Management Studies.



Research

In 2016, funding from the National Research Foundation (NRF) increased by 22% compared to 2015. The University received approximately R201 million from the National Research Foundation in 2016 and nearly R294 million for non-governmental research grants and contracts.

Research Flagships

- ▶ Social Cohesion – Addressing Inequality and Promoting Nation Building
- ▶ African Health – Saving Lives
- ▶ Big Data and Informatics – Computing Solutions
- ▶ African Cities of the Future – Most liveable cities

Fact File

- ▶ UKZN enjoys more than a century of historical academic advancements. It was formed in 2004 as a result of a merger between the University of Durban-Westville and the University of Natal. The merged institution has a total student body of more than 45 000.
- ▶ The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) has been placed 3rd among 16 universities in South Africa and 369th among 2 000 Higher Education Institutes (HEI) across the world by the world body, University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP).
- ▶ The University of KwaZulu-Natal is rated as South Africa's best university to study Physical Sciences and Engineering.
- ▶ In the latest DHET Report on the Evaluation of the 2015 Universities' Research Output (published March 2017), UKZN was the 2nd most productive university in South Africa and 4th in terms of weighted research outputs.
- ▶ UKZN has 15 South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) chairs and 320 NRF-rated scientists.

- ▶ UKZN's KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH) and the Africa Centre for Population Health have been at the forefront of AIDS and TB research. The two research bodies have now united to the Africa Health Research Institute.
- ▶ UKZN is the only university in South Africa to offer a degree in Agricultural (Bioresources) Engineering that is fully accredited by the Engineering Council of South Africa.

UKZN Research Centres

- ▶ The African Vision Research Institute (AVRI)
- ▶ The African Centre for Crop Improvement (ACCI)
- ▶ The Centre for African Literary Studies
- ▶ Astrophysics and Cosmology Research Unit
- ▶ The Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity
- ▶ Centre for Quantum Technology

- ▶ Centre for Composite and Smart Materials and Structures
- ▶ The Ujamaa Centre for Contextual Hermeneutics
- ▶ DST-NRF Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)
- ▶ The African Centre for Food Security
- ▶ The Centre for Plant Growth and Development
- ▶ The Centre for Radio Access and Rural Technologies (CRART)
- ▶ The Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research (CAIR)
- ▶ The Centre for Research in Environmental, Coastal and Hydrological Engineering (CRECHE)
- ▶ The Centre for Water Resources Research.

UKZN's Major HIV and AIDS Research Centres

- ▶ The Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI)
- ▶ Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD).



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Student Funding

In 2016, 84.57 % of funding recipients were African students, of whom 55.44% were women, and 72.67 % undergraduates.

FUNDING RECIPIENTS IN 2016



55.44%
WOMEN



72.67%
UNDERGRADUATES



84.57%
AFRICAN STUDENTS

A total of R611 million was awarded to students as LOANS administered by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme of South Africa (NSFAS), including final year student funding and UKZN loan funding. An amount of R442 million was awarded in BURSARIES (sourced from corporate, NSFAS administration, social responsibility and deceased estate funds); and R161 million in SCHOLARSHIPS (UKZN, National Research Foundation and deceased estate funds).

LOANS

R611 million

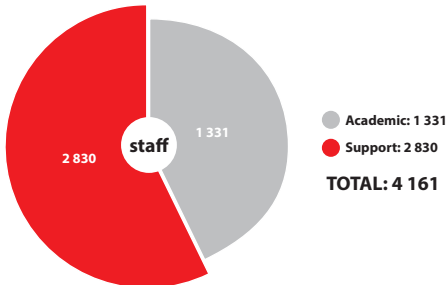
BURSARIES

R442 million

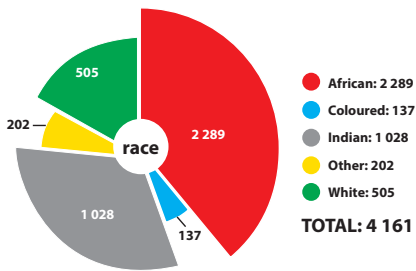
SCHOLARSHIPS

R161 million

Academic and Support Staff (2016)

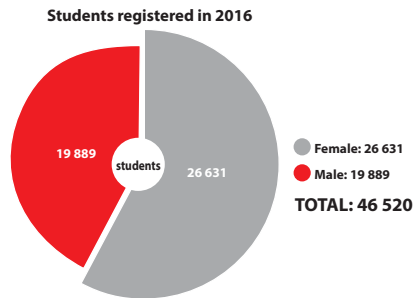


Staff by Race (2016)

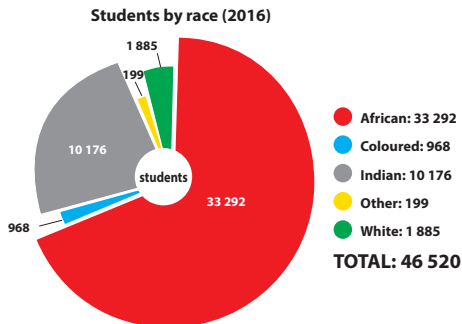


Students

Of the 46 520 students registered in 2016 at UKZN, 13 064 were postgraduate students. Women made up 26 631 of the student body.



Composition and Size of the Student Body (2016)



Alternative access programmes cater for learners from socially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds; and those who are academically under-prepared.

The Disability Unit has developed and facilitated a range of services for special needs students, and 364 disabled students were registered at the University in 2016.

2016 Graduations (Research)



2017 Graduations (Research)



This was a 7% and 5% increase from 2016.

In 2016, UKZN had:



One of the highest numbers of postdocs in the country.

Student Headcount by College

College	
College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science	9 779
College of Health Sciences	6 567
College of Humanities	19 101
College of Law and Management Studies	11 073
Total	46 520

International

The University is a multicultural environment. In 2016, it was home to 2 209 international students from 71 countries. While most full-time students are from the SADC region and the rest of Africa, UKZN also attracts full-time students from China, India, Europe, the USA and elsewhere.

The University's international partnerships with institutions in 39 countries provide opportunities for global academic exchanges, which enhance both scholarship and the overall student experience.

UKZN's major exchange partners are:

1. University of Calgary – Canada
2. Nipissing University – Canada
3. University of Illinois (USA)
4. University of Denver (USA).



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