

UKZN @ a Glance



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INSPIRING GREATNESS

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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.





EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

The University of KwaZulu-Natal Executive Management is led by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal who 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
- Executive Director: Institutional Planning and Governance
- Chief Finance Officer



SNAPSHOT

The University of KwaZulu-Natal 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

COLLEGES

UKZN is organised on a College model. The four Colleges are:

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

FACT FILE

- UKZN has 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.
- 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 form the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI).

- 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.

RATINGS

- UKZN has been named one of the top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2018. Ranked number 83, UKZN is the only South African university to feature in the top 100 list.
- URAP listed UKZN among the top 1 000 universities in the world across 61 fields of study. UKZN was rated as SA's best university to study Environmental Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, where no other South African universities featured.
- uniRank listed UKZN as the number one most popular university in Africa.



RESEARCH

UKZN is consistently rated amongst the top 500 universities of the world and amongst the top two most productive universities in South Africa in terms of research output.

In 2018, the UKZN Research Office officially launched four Research Flagships to further strengthen the University's research output and retain its status as a world-class and cutting-edge institution. The four Research Flagships are:

- 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

RESEARCH CENTRES

- African Vision Research Institute (AVRI)
- African Centre for Crop Improvement (ACCI)
- Centre for African Literary Studies
- Astrophysics and Cosmology Research Unit (ACRU)
- Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity
- Centre for Quantum Technology
- Centre for Composite and Smart Materials and Structures
- Ujamaa Centre for Contextual Hermeneutics
- DST-NRF Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems (CIKS)
- African Centre for Food Security
- Centre for Plant Growth and Development (CIKS)
- Centre for Radio Access and Rural Technologies (CRART)

- Centre for Research in Environmental, Coastal and Hydrological Engineering (CRECHE)
- Centre for Water Resources Research
- African Ombudsman Research Centre (AORC)

MAJOR HIV/AIDS RESEARCH CENTRES

- The Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI)
- Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD)
- Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)

STUDENTS

A key goal for UKZN is to create an enabling environment for all students to pursue their studies. This means that the University is committed to working with all students to ensure their personal intellectual development, while at the same time, preparing them for the responsibilities and challenges they will face in a world increasingly characterised by competition, change and diversity.

STUDENT FUNDING

UKZN offers student funding in the form of bursaries administered by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme of South Africa (NSFAS), including final year student funding and UKZN loan funding. UKZN also awards bursaries (sourced from corporates, NSFAS administration, social responsibility and deceased estate funds); as well as scholarships (UKZN, National Research Foundation and deceased estate funds).

STAFF

UKZN is committed to providing a working environment in which all staff members have the opportunity to perform at their best and reach their full potential. In this way, the University is in a good position to nurture a culture of commitment and high performance.

LANGUAGE POLICY

UKZN identifies with the goals of South Africa's multilingual language policy and seeks to be a key player in its successful implementation. There is a need to develop and promote proficiency in the official languages, particularly English and isiZulu. The benefits for students becoming proficient in English, the dominant medium of academic communication and of trade and industry internationally, and the *lingua franca* in government and institutions in South Africa, are clear. Proficiency in isiZulu will contribute to nation building and will assist the student in effective communication with the majority of the population of KwaZulu-Natal.

The University will continue to use English as its primary academic language but will activate the development and use of isiZulu as an additional medium of instruction together with the resources (academic and social) that make the use of the language a real possibility for interaction by all constituencies in the University.

INTERNATIONAL

The University is a multicultural environment. It is home to international students from various 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 provide opportunities for global academic exchanges which enhance both scholarship and the overall student experience. UKZN's major exchange partners are:

- University of Calgary – Canada
- Nipissing University – Canada
- University of Illinois – USA
- University of Denver – USA





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