

NEWS RELEASE
**UP recognised in global rankings for providing international students with
affordable, top-quality education**



A group of international students from the University of Pretoria

PRETORIA - University database Study Abroad Aide has placed the University of Pretoria (UP) in seventh position in South Africa and in the top 8% globally among universities that provide international students with high-quality education within their budget. This recognition highlights UP's commitment to delivering exceptional education that remains affordable for students from all over the world.

Study Abroad Aide is the most comprehensive database of universities globally. Its rankings and content has garnered widespread recognition by numerous institutions in Asia and Europe. The assessment covered 8 060 private and public higher education institutions across 69 countries, identifying those that offer top-quality education while remaining within most students' financial means.

"As a leading research-intensive university in South Africa and on the continent, we are proud to kick-start 2024 with this recognition of our distinction in the provision of high-quality education that remains affordable

for international students from all corners of the globe,” said Professor Sunil Maharaj, UP Vice-Principal for Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Education.

Roxanne Naguinlin, university database lead at Study Abroad Aide, explained the evaluation process, stating that universities were assessed based on two key indicators: the academic quality of institutions – which accounts for 75% of the evaluation and is based on academic reputation – and the difference between the university’s tuition fees and the country’s average tuition fees, comprising 25% of the evaluation and included to gauge an institution’s affordability.

“Quality education and affordability are the top factors that learners consider when choosing a university,” Naguinlin said. “As such, being part of the best value ranking would not just expose a university to greater numbers, it also reflects where an institution stands among its peers, emphasising the excellence its offers to students.”

“This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a globally inclusive academic environment, where students can access top-notch education without compromising on quality,” Prof Maharaj added. “It is a testament to our dedication to shaping future leaders and fostering a diverse community of learners. We look forward to continuing our mission of excellence and affordability in education.”

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of the largest contact and residential universities in South Africa, with its administration offices located on its Hatfield Campus in Pretoria. This 115-year-old institution is also one of the largest producers of research in South Africa.

Spread over seven campuses, it has nine faculties and a business school, the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS). It is the only university in the country with a Faculty of Veterinary Science, which is ranked the best in Africa. UP has 120 academic departments and 92 centres and institutes, accommodating more than 56 000 students and offering about 1 100 study programmes. It has the most academic staff with PhDs (70%), NRF-rated researchers (613).

The 2024 Times Higher Education subject rankings placed UP first in South Africa in the fields of Law, Veterinary Science, Accounting and Finance; Agriculture and Forestry and Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ranked the University among the top five in Africa, as part of their 2024 World University Rankings (WUR). UP was the only South African university featured in the 2023 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), falling within in the 101-200 range of innovative universities.

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