

# Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support



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# BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

# CUADS

- Aim to co-create an inclusive environment where CUADS would be seamlessly and holistically integrated into every part of the University of the Free State.
- Strive to make a sustainable impact on all mindsets towards disability, the delivery of well-rounded students with disability, as well as on the overall institutional culture of UFS.

# WHAT DO YOU DO AND HOW?

# ~~Dis~~Ability focused

- Universal access our business
  - Disclosure and confidentiality
  - Reasonable accommodation applications

# ~~Dis~~Ability focused

- Coordinate, facilitate and render support services to students with disabilities:
  - Disability support
  - Accessible transport
  - Advocacy and awareness
  - Accessibility
  - Accessible study material production

# **~~Dis~~Ability focused**

- Coordinate, facilitate and render support services to students with disabilities (continue):
  - Communication access
  - Alternative assessment arrangements
  - Student academic support

# HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO WELL-BEING



# Individualized support

- Inaccessibility experienced (either physical or attitudinal) exacerbates mental health challenges

# Individualized support

- Disability support coordinators per disability category with expertise
  - Soft landing for students with disabilities
  - Ensures students are referred to available support
  - Mediate accessibility of support

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