

1 April 2020

## CONTINUATION OF SERVICES TO SCHOOLS AND GRADE 12 LEARNERS

### Dear School Principal

The Department of Student Recruitment Services of the University of the Free State (UFS) hopes that you are keeping a level of calmness in this difficult and exceptional time. The announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 March 2020 that South Africa will enter a nationwide lockdown for 21 days from midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020, has left many Grade 12 learners anxious. It has, on the other hand, made South Africans work together towards the common goal of flattening the COVID-19 curve so as to ease the immediate pressure on the country's health system.

In these difficult times and future uncertainty, one thing that remains constant that you can rely on, is that the UFS cares about you, your staff and your learners.

Our duty is to do everything we can to keep your Grade 12 learners on track in their preparations for post-school education.

Our team remains ready and committed to re-assure and assist you, your staff and learners with any information and guidance, especially to limit the levels of distress and anxiety amongst the Grade 12 learners.

Online applications for undergraduate studies in 2021 opened on 1 April 2020. Please visit <https://apply.ufs.ac.za>. We endeavor to assist learners with no or limited access to the internet to complete the application through personal visits and application centres - more information on this will be provided at a later stage.

Note, that the admission requirements will remain unchanged for selection and non-selection programmes until further notice, as upholding academic standards and integrity will continue to be our main driver.

Please visit the Prospectus 2021 at [www.ufs.ac.za/prospective/prospective-home/academic-information/prospectus](http://www.ufs.ac.za/prospective/prospective-home/academic-information/prospectus)

for all admission requirements and the closing dates for selection programmes. Note that the closing date for all selection programmes offered in the Faculty of Health Sciences, is 31 May 2020.

Therefore, we strongly encourage you, your staff and Grade 12 learners to make use of our guidance, advice and various services through the following platforms:



WhatsApp or email



Calls



Kovsie2B Facebook



Website – [www.ufs.ac.za/prospective](http://www.ufs.ac.za/prospective)



Chat to us facility: Complete the information required at [www.ufs.ac.za/leads](http://www.ufs.ac.za/leads) and we will get back to you



Pop up info centres: Once the national lockdown period is over, we plan to take the UFS to your doorstep. There will be opportunities for Grade 12 learners and their parents/guardians to access programme information and to apply online for undergraduate studies. More specific details will be personally communicated to you as well as through mainstream media and digital platforms



UFS Call Centre: Our friendly Call Centre staff are ready to assist you at T: +27 51 401 9666 or E: [studentadmins@ufs.ac.za](mailto:studentadmins@ufs.ac.za)



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We are intensifying our communication through mainstream media such as newspapers and radio, as well as our digital platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Be on the lookout. It is imperative that we keep our channels of engagement open for effective conversation and communication.

Your health and safety is paramount to us. We promise to keep you informed of any information or changes that can impact you.

Look after yourself and your family and stay safe. Together we are stronger.

Kind regards

**Ms Nomonde Mbadi and team**

*Student Recruitment Services*

## **Our Team**

