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Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we work hard to ensure that all our international students have a rewarding experience at our university.

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## **CORNELIUS HAGENMEIER** Hello, I am...

### Director of the Office for International Affairs at the University of the Free State.

Welcome to the international section of the 2021 UFS virtual open day. We are excited that you are interested in learning about what the UFS offers to international students. At our university, we provide opportunities for growth through worldclass learning and teaching. We invite you to join our caring and diverse university, which is centrally located in the heart of South Africa.

The UFS provides an excellent, intellectually enriching and culturally inspiring experience to international students. The Office for International Affairs is the first port of call for all international students and offers a wide range of services to international students.

We value the intellectual and cultural diversity that international students bring to our university community. We appreciate our international students' contribution to achieving our vision of every student having an international experience during UFS studies in the future.

Being far from home can become lonely. We strongly believe in supporting our international students through various activities and structures. The Umoja Buddy Programme socially integrates our international and local students. This programme is a fun and easy way to form friendships and is an enriching cultural exchange experience. We also celebrate diversity through our annual Africa Month commemoration and International Cultural Diversity Festival. The university offers a variety of practical support programmes to maintain emotional and physical wellness. Academically, we support our students through academic advice in the faculties as well as the mentoring programmes in residences, which will keep you on track.

Enjoy learning about the opportunities that our university offers, and don't hesitate to call on us for further information. I hope to see you on one of our three campuses soon!



Where can you find the Office for International Affairs?

Our offices are located on the second floor of the Theology Building on the Bloemfontein Campus and on the second floor of the Administration Building on the Qwaqwa Campus.

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