

UP Institutional & Faculty Research Themes

The University of Pretoria recently initiated a process designed to identify the unique research strengths of this institution and to support the development of research groups clustered around the identified strengths.

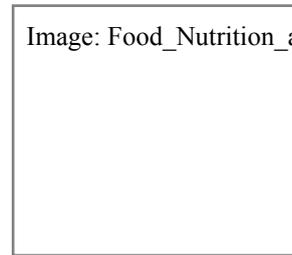
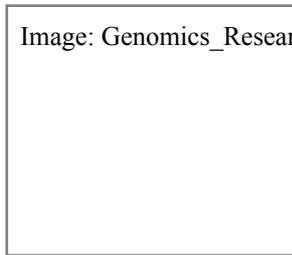
This process of clustering has two tiers:

- Institutional research themes (IRT), which are major initiatives involving a set of participating faculties
- Faculty research themes (FRTs), which involve participation on a more limited scale by a lesser number of faculties.

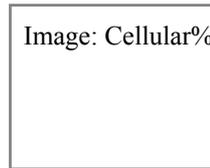
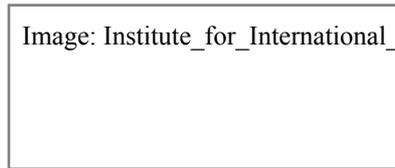
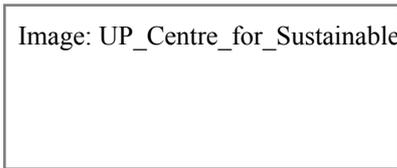
Both the IRTs and the FRTs are designed to recognise and foster excellence in research and to be led by acknowledged international leaders in their fields.

It is anticipated that these themes will add to the University's research reputation as they develop, and at the same time will engender a climate that attracts academic staff and postdoctoral fellows, and will also produce more doctorates.

Institutional Research Themes



Faculty Research Themes



News

Africa Day: A call for a more supranational AU (to better protect human rights on the continent) - 24/05/2013

The celebration of Africa Day this year marks 50 years since the elusive quest for African unity formally started on 25 May 1963, the day on which the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was inaugurated. Despite the acceleration of integration that came with the transformation of the OAU into the African Union (AU), the AU remains poised between two contradictory imperatives: the strengthening of continental institutions and reinforcing national sovereignty.

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Two new UP buildings honoured in national property awards - 22/05/2013

The development of infrastructure at the University of Pretoria (UP) is first class. This was confirmed once again when two of the new buildings on the Hatfield Campus walked away with prestigious South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) Innovative Excellence Awards.

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Official launch of the National Biodiversity and Business Network - 21/05/2013

The National Biodiversity and Business Network of South Africa was officially launched at the Gordon Institute of Business Sciences (GIBS) in Sandton on 15 May 2013. The University of Pretoria was represented by Dr Claudious Chikozho and Ms Anesu Makina, both from Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership (ALCRL), as well as Prof Don Cowan from FABI.



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Open Day was a success! - 21/05/2013

I am pleased to inform you that I received many messages conveying positive feedback on the UP Open Day 2013. I was especially pleased about comments that the UP team of staff, students and volunteers was especially helpful and friendly. My heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to a positive experience for parents, prospective students, families, school principals and teachers. I encourage you to keep up the good work. Open Day is an important event for the University for attracting good students, and for broadly enhancing the reputation and status of the University.



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World Kangaroo Mother Care Day celebrated by final year students - 21/05/2013

Staff and students from the Department of Communication Pathology at the University of Pretoria are involved in one of the most important evidence-based interventions for preterm and low birth weight babies in the world. The final year students are participating in Kalafong Hospital as audiologists and speech-language therapists in this very effective neonatal method to care for preterm and low birth weight babies.



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Open Day 2013: School learners encouraged to choose University of Pretoria - 20/05/2013

□ Making a choice to enrol at a university, and deciding which university to attend are the most important decisions any young person can make in their lifetime. Therefore, make a good decision: choose the University of Pretoria. □



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TuksGolf Training Centre officially opened at the University of Pretoria - 17/05/2013

The University of Pretoria prides itself on its publicly recognised achievements pertaining to its various sporting fraternities. These achievements can be attributed to the University's sporting facilities, which are of the highest quality among South African universities. To add to its quality achievements, the



University of Pretoria, through TuksSport and the High Performance Centre (hpc), has now officially opened a golf training centre.

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