**Statement of Interest: University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)**

**A brief history of UKZN**

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is one of the leading institutions of higher learning on the African continent and was formed on 1 January 2004 due to the merger between the University of Durban-Westville and the University of Natal. The new University brings together the rich histories of both the former Universities.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal is a multi-campus, residential, teaching and research-led University located in the picturesque province of KwaZulu-Natal. The University has a proud and rich heritage of academic excellence. The year 2010 marked the centenary of Higher Education in the province of KwaZulu-Natal – a centenary of scholarship, innovation and community engagement. This vast wealth of knowledge production lies at the heart of the University’s success as one of the top institutions on the African continent.

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