



**Tshwane University  
of Technology**

## TUT Update

### Corporate Affairs and Marketing

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Dear colleagues

#### **Minister announces measures to curb spread of COVID-19 in post-school sector**

Today, Minister of Higher Education, Science & Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande announced a number of measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the post-school sector.

One of the key announcements was that all universities and colleges would be closed for an extended break from tomorrow, 18 March to 15 April 2020 based on the assessment of the course of the virus. However, certain activities such as postgraduate and research work, among others, will continue. Please see attached statement.

This follows a meeting between the Minister and Deputy Minister with stakeholders in the post-school education sector, amongst others Universities South Africa (USAf), the South African College Principals Organisation (SACPO), the South African Union of Students (SAUS), and labour unions (NEHAWU, PSA and NTEU), to discuss ways to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the Minister's announcement, the University's Executive Management Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the decisions taken today and the practical implications for TUT. An update on the institutional arrangements will be published during the course of tomorrow.

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