

# FADA STUDENTS SHINE AT THE 2024 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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On the 1st of October 2024, several undergraduate students from the Faculty of Art, Design, and Architecture (FADA) participated in the Undergraduate Student Research Conference 2024. The conference aimed to showcase undergraduate research at UJ and to prepare students for potential postgraduate studies. This cross-disciplinary event featured participation from all UJ Faculties and the College.

FADA had strong representation, with 12 student groups from four different departments submitting research papers for consideration. After a rigorous double-blind peer review process, seven papers were selected for presentation at the conference.

Architecture students Caitlin Hamilton, Kyle Pillay, Nosipho Mshengu, Tsholofelo Tloome, and Nonkanyiso Nyide presented their project titled Reviving Marlboro. From the Department of Graphic Design, Ditshegofatso Maoto showcased a paper titled Bridging the Gap: Accessible Sustainable Design for South African Impoverished Communities. In session 27, Graphic Design students Nazeema Bismilla and Khaalid Harris presented their work on A Guide to Designing for Accessibility in South Africa: Practices for Inclusive Graphic Design.

Industrial Design student Morgan Potgieter presented her paper Paper Pulp Plastic Bag, which was followed by a presentation from Interior Design students Jessica Pinker, Che-Yi Lee, and Husnaa Kathrada on Integration of Design Technologies in Three Interior Design Projects.

Architecture student Precious Ramushu presented research on Assessment of Land Degradation Using Multi-Sensor Remote Sensing Data and Random Forest Classifier in Modder River Basin, South Africa. This was followed by another Architecture student, Johannes Schoeman, with his paper titled Banyana Banyana Elective. The final presentation came from Fashion student Njabulo Dlamini, who showcased a retail collection titled Marine Mythology.



This conference provided an invaluable learning experience for our students, and we extend congratulations to all participants and lecturers involved in this initiative for their achievements. Ms. Ilse Prinsloo, Head of the Department of Interior Design, who attended the conference, shared her thoughts:

“The FADA students presented excellent topics and delivered beautiful presentations. We can be proud of the work we do and the projects our students produce. One audience member even remarked that the Reviving Marlboro project, led by Architecture students Caitlin, Kyle, Nosipho, Tsholofelo, and Nonkanyiso under the guidance of Dr. Finzi Saidi, was of exceptional quality. They added that the lecturers should be extremely proud of how well the students executed and managed the project.”