

## Media Statement

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**Attention** : **News Editor/Reporter**  
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### **UMNGENI RESILIENCE PROJECT TOP-UP BURSARIES**

The uMgungundlovu District Municipality Council (uMDM) in line with the Skills Development Act invites students (postgraduates, researchers, interns, and academics) already registered within tertiary institutions to apply for the uMngeni Resilience Project (URP) top-up bursaries. The overall objectives of the uMngeni Resilience Project is to reduce the vulnerability of communities and small scale farmers to the impacts of climate change. This is to be achieved by increasing climate resilience and adaptive capacity by combining traditional and scientific knowledge in an integrated approach to adaptation. The intention of the top up bursaries is to assist uMDM with specific research that will feed back into the URP to inform implementation and policy. The top-up bursaries are for a period of 12-24 months.

Climate projections indicate that within the District a warmer future with uncertain changes will be experienced. These include increased incidents of flash floods and storm disasters related to an increase in intense, short duration rainfall. Floods, severe storms and wildland fires are already the main hazards in the District. Projections are of concern as they indicate an increased risk of these climate-driven events.

In line with the UMDM Council's 10 point plan 'achieving sustainable development and climate change mitigation'. It is against the aforementioned background that the District offers top-up bursaries through the URP programme. The closing date for applications is 24 November 2017. Application forms can be downloaded from the uMDM website ([www.umdmd.gov.za](http://www.umdmd.gov.za)). Navigate to 'Opportunities' then 'Vacancies' and click on 'Bursaries'. For further enquiries contact the Project Manager: Ms Lungi Ndlovu via email at [URP@umdmd.gov.za](mailto:URP@umdmd.gov.za).

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