**Top 10 Most Expensive Universities in Africa**

Africa is home to some of the most beautiful universities in the world, however tuition in these universities is very expensive because these schools get little or no assistance from the government to embark on research projects. Although higher education has greatly improved, this article will talk about ten of the most expensive universities in Africa in terms of tuition fees.

University education in Africa is important to the development of Africa because education especially in Africa is taking a fast-paced change and transformation.

As of 2018 there were one thousand six hundred and eighty-two universities in the African continent and it increased to seven hundred and eighty-four in the year 2000 and this statistic clearly shows that university or higher education has greatly improved in Africa.

Some challenges faced by these schools is that some faculties have underdeveloped infrastructure and this makes education not reach everyone and even some of the expensive schools are not excluded from some challenges like little data protection and sometimes the data available is not accurate.

1. **UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

The University of Nairobi in Kenya was founded in 1970 and it is a non-profit university that is situated in the urban area of Nairobi.  It is **a**[**collegiate**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/College)[**research university**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_university) based in [**Nairobi**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nairobi) and is the largest [**university**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_and_colleges_in_Kenya)**in**[**Kenya**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenya)**.** Their Vision is to becomea world-class university committed to scholarly excellence with a mission to provide quality university education and training and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge. Its Core Values are; Freedom of thought and expression, Innovativeness, Commitment, Trust, Care, and Teamwork.

The university has various branches in Kikuyu, Upper Kabete, Parklands, lower Kabete, Chiromo and Kisumu and all these branches are approved and recognized by the university education of Kenya, also with a range of enrolment at forty-five thousand.

The university offers various programs and courses like pre-bachelor degrees, bachelor degrees, master’s degrees, doctorate degrees and so on.

The fifty-year-old university’s admission policy is based on the student’s past academic performance and grades. It provides both academic and non-academic activities for her students like a library, exchange programs and so on.

It also provides online learning and administrative services. Local students in this school pay up to 2, 500 to 5,000 U.S dollars while international students pay almost the same amount.

Students pay tuition of about 184,700 Kenyan Shilling, equivalent to 1,551 Dollars, 13,303 Cedis, and 646,023 Naira

Link: [University of Nairobi UoN Fees Structure 2022/2023 - APPLYONLINEAFRICA.COM](https://applyonlineafrica.com/university-of-nairobi-uon-fees-structure/)



1. **UNIVERISTY OF CAPE TOWN**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) **is a**[**public**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_university)[**research university**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_university)**in**[**Cape Town**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_Town)**,**[**South Africa**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa)**. Established in 1829 as the**[**South African College**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_African_College)**, it was granted full university status in 1918, making it the oldest university in South Africa and the**[**oldest university in Sub-Saharan Africa**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_oldest_universities_in_continuous_operation)**in continuous operation.**

The university is made up of fifty-seven departments that are in six faculties. The University of Cape Town is the only member from Africa in the global university leader’s forum with the economic forum. It has a vibrant student community consisting of over 100 societies and clubs caters to diverse interests such as religion, politics, culture, community outreach and sport.

The main campus of the school is located in Rhodes estate on the slope of devil’s peak, it has 19 residencies for its students both for single-gender and mixed-gender accommodation of which the department of student housing all the affairs.

Described as the 'Harvard of Africa', UCT is consistently the highest-ranked African university in the [**QS World University Rankings**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QS_World_University_Rankings)**, the**[**Times Higher Education World University Rankings**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Times_Higher_Education_World_University_Rankings)**, and the**[**Academic Ranking of World Universities**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_Ranking_of_World_Universities)**. Its Commerce, Law, and Medicine Faculties are consistently placed among the hundred best internationally**.

Tuition cost initial payment R30,000 (or the full fee where this is lower than the initial payment), plus if applicable; • Residence (catering) initial payment R37,000, or • Residence (self-catering) initial payment R24,500 This is not the full cost.

Fees for international students at UCT are R28,000 for tuition with a further R7,000 for other related costs bringing the total to R35,000 per year. These are University of Cape Town fees for international students. Their school fees is about Rand 30,000 which is equivalent to Cedis 15,353, Naira 752,082and Dollars 1,806.



1. **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

The University of Pretoria was founded in 1908 and situated in Pretoria like the name states, the school has developed from just thirty-two students to fifty-three thousand in the year 2019.

The school kicked off its first NBA programme outside of North America and the school has a business school and nine faculties. The university's [**Gordon Institute of Business Science**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gordon_Institute_of_Business_Science)**(GIBS) has consistently been ranked the top business school in Africa for executive education, as well as being placed in the top 50 in the world. Since 1997, the university has produced more**[**research outputs**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_publishing)**every year than any other institution of higher learning in South Africa, as measured by the**[**Department of Education**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department_of_Education_(South_Africa))**'s** accreditation benchmark.

In the year 2008, the University of Pretoria graduated 15.8 per cent of all masters and doctorate degrees in South Africa.

Reading Medicine cost about Rand 60,000 which is equivalent to Dollars 3,613, Cedis 30,000, and Naira 1,505,340.

Link: [University of Pretoria Fees Structure 2022/2023 - Best Online Portal (ghanadmission.com)](https://ghanadmission.com/university-of-pretoria-fees-structure/)



1. **STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY**

The university was founded in 1918 and it is located in the city of Stellenbosch and has various branches in Sandalha, Bellville and Tygerberg.

The university is the first university in the whole of Africa to sign the Berlin declaration to open access to knowledge in the sciences and humanities.

In the latest edition of the [**Times Higher Education World University Rankings**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Times_Higher_Education_World_University_Rankings)**, Stellenbosch University was ranked in the 251-275 category in the world and third in Africa. Another reputable ranking system,**[**QS World University Rankings**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QS_World_University_Rankings)**recently ranked the university at 390 in the world and also third in Africa.**

Current fees are about Rand 69,076, equivalent to Dollars 4,155, Cedis 35,288, and Naira 1,728,711

Link: [Stellenbosch University Tuition & Fees: 2022/2023 | Explore the Best of South Africa (eafinder.com)](https://www.eafinder.com/za/stellenbosch-university-tuition/)



1. **UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL**

This university is located in Durban and was founded in the year 2004. The school also has various branches in Pinetown, Westville, and Pietermaritzburg.

The university is sixteen years of age and offers various opportunities for individuals to bag their degree, admission into this university is based on its entrance examination and past academic records. The university is made up of four colleges, which are in turn made up of several schools.

UKZN was ranked fourth out of **the universities in South Africa by the**[**Times Higher Education World University Rankings**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Times_Higher_Education_World_University_Rankings) **and ranked first in**[**Sub-Saharan Africa**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sub-Saharan_Africa)**in 2020.**

It is also open to international students who want to study there, the amount it costs for local and international students varies slightly to that of local students.

The cost of a university education will vary according to individual circumstances, and students are advised to calculate carefully the total financial provision they must make. The cost of a year at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2021 is approximately

In addition, they will also need to provide for books, stationery and equipment, personal expenses, laundry, transport, sports, subscriptions,­ medical expenses and, residence during short vacations.

Tuition fees is about Rand 70,000 which is equivalent to Dollars 4,202, Cedis 36,038 and Naira 1,749,858

Link: [UKZN Undergraduate Tuition Fees 2022-2023 - Updated (applicationstatus20.co.za)](https://applicationstatus20.co.za/ukzn-undergraduate-tuition-fees/#:~:text=University%20of%20Kwazulu%20Natal%20UKZN%20Undergraduate%20Tuition%20Fees%202022%2D2023&text=R70%20000%20for%20tuition%20and%20a%20bed%20in%20residence.&text=In%20addition%2C%20they%20will%20also,and%2C%20residence%20during%20short%20vacations.)



1. **UNIVERISTY OF THE WITWATERSRAND**

**Founded in 1896 as the South African School of Mines in**[**Kimberley**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kimberley,_South_Africa)**,**[**[2]**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_the_Witwatersrand#cite_note-ShortHistory-2)**it is the third oldest South African university in continuous operation. It is a multi-campus**[**South African**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa)[**public**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_university)[**research university**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Research_university)**situated in the northern areas of central**[**Johannesburg**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannesburg)**. It is more commonly known as Wits University or Wits.**

**Wits University is Internationally distinguished for research, high academic standards and commitment to social justice in Africa and beyond.**

**The 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) places Wits University, with its overall score, as the highest ranked university in Africa**

**As of 2018, the university admitted forty thousand two hundred and fifty-nine students and twenty lives in the school residences.**

Tuition Fees is about Rand 70,400 equivalent to Dollars 4,247, Naira 1,768,217, or Cedis 36,104

Link: [University of the Witwatersrand, WITS Fee Structure: 2022/2023 | Explore the Best of South Africa (eafinder.com)](https://www.eafinder.com/za/wits-fee-structure/)



1. **UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG**

The University of Johannesburg is fifteen years of age and it was founded in the year 2005 and is located in the city of Johannesburg Gauteng.  It is one of the largest [**comprehensive contact universities**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comprehensive_university)in South Africa from the 26 public universities that make up the higher education system.

The vision of the UJ is to be “an international University of choice, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future”. The mission can be described as follows: “inspiring its community to transform and serve humanity through innovation and the collaborative pursuit of knowledge”. These are underpinned by four values, namely: imagination, conversation, regeneration and ethical foundation.

It is recognized by the training of South Africa and the department of higher education. The university’s population is over fifty thousand students of which three thousand are international students from over eighty countries in the world.

Fees structure;Rand 110,330, Dollars 6,000, Cedis 56,363, Naira 2,761,201

Link: [University of Johannesburg Fees Structure 2022/2023 - updatesgh](https://updatesgh.com/university-of-johannesburg-fees-structure/)



1. **CAIRO UNIVERSITY**

Cairo University was founded on 21 December 1908 and the university is a non-profit college that is located in Giza. The university has been recognized by the ministry of higher education of Egypt. It is the second oldest institution of higher education in Egypt.

The university currently enrols approximately 155,000 students in 20 faculties and 3 institutions.

It offers different courses like the pre-bachelor degree, diplomas, certificates, associate, masters degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and doctorate degrees in different areas of discipline.

The university is one hundred and twelve years and its policy for admission is based on past academic records of intending students and an entrance examination.

The school also has room for non-academic activities like housing, sports activities, financial aids and scholarships. Local students pay 1000 U.s dollars while international students pay up to 2,500 U.S dollars.

Fees structure: Dollars 7,500, Egyptian pound 142,815, Cedis 64,312, Naira 3,123,000



1. **THE AMERICAN UNIVERISTY in CAIRO**

The American University of Cairo was founded in the year 1919 and it is a non-profit private university located in the small city of New Cairo. The university offers American-style learning programs at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels,

The university is recognized officially by the middle states commission on higher education. The University offers 40 undergraduate, 52 master’s and two PhD programs rooted in a liberal arts education that encourages students to think critically and find creative solutions to the challenges facing our region and the world.

The University is committed to teaching and research of the highest calibre, and offers exceptional liberal arts and professional education in a cross-cultural environment. AUC builds a culture of leadership, lifelong learning, continuing education and service among its graduates, and is dedicated to making significant contributions to Egypt and the international community in diverse fields.

Their vision is to be a world‐class University internationally recognized for its leadership and excellence in teaching, research, creative expression and service. They build on their existing strengths to become the leading University in the Middle East and the destination of choice for students and faculty members from around the world seeking in‐depth cultural exposure, combined with outstanding academic programs, cutting‐edge research, as well as an ethically engaged, diverse community of scholars.

The tuition rate is based on a flat rate of $667 for Egyptian students per credit hour and $735 for international students per credit hour. Tuition is Egyptian Pound 190,525, or Dollars 10,005, in Cedis 85,792, and in Naira 4,166,082

Link: [**Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2021 - 2022 | The American University in Cairo (aucegypt.edu)**](https://www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees/2021-2022)



1. **NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY**

Northwest University was founded in 2004, it is a non-profit public university located on three campuses in [**Potchefstroom**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potchefstroom)**, [Mahikeng](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahikeng" \o "Mahikeng) and [Vanderbijlpark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanderbijlpark" \o "Vanderbijlpark) in South Africa.  The North-West University became one of the largest universities in South Africa with the third largest student population (full-time and**[**distance education**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distance_education)**) in the country.**

Their core activities, teaching-learning and research, are intertwined with community engagement and innovation in our eight faculties, most of which serve our contact students and a select few that also include our distance learning students. Academically, students benefit from great choice and flexibility, enabling them to fulfill their potential and start preparing for their careers.

The university is recognized by South Africa higher education institutions. Admission policy may vary based on nationality, area of study, degree level and residence.

Tuition is about:

Undergraduate Tuition: $34,500 (12–18 credits)  
Room & Board: $10,140 (double occupancy in the residence halls)  
Student Fees: $500  
Total Direct Costs: $45,140

Summer Costs: $407 per credit

Link: [Tuition and Fees – Annual Costs (northwestu.edu)](https://www.northwestu.edu/cost)



**CONCLUSION**

In this research the survey made use of the database of international schools in the world to arrive at this result we have compiled here.