

NEW UFS-NGS UNIT FACILITY - GRAND LAUNCH AND 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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New UFS-NGS Facility address, Pharmacology Building, Ground Floor, Block D

Advancing genomics. Empowering researchers. Building capacity

The **UFS-NGS Unit** proudly opens its new facility - a modern, high-performance environment designed to accelerate genomic discovery and training. The launch coincides with the Unit's new designation as an UFS Sustainability Research Chair for Genomic Surveillance of Respiratory and Enteric Pathogens from Children in South Africa and its 10-year anniversary

LAUNCH OFFER

SEQUENCING OF 10 FREE GENOMES FOR TEN UFS INTERNAL RESEARCHERS FROM FoHS AND NAS

To celebrate our ten years anniversary, we will sequence **10 genomes at no cost** for **10 selected researchers**.

- ✓ High-quality shotgun metagenomic sequencing
- ✓ Expert technical support
- ✓ Access to advanced sequencing platforms

Who can apply

- Researchers affiliated with the UFS FoHS and NAS
- Projects involving environmental, clinical, agricultural, or microbial communities
- Applicants with extracted nucleic material from samples suitable for metagenomic sequencing