



LIRA UNIVERSITY

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Vice Chancellor's End of Year 2025 Message: Why you should choose Lira University?

I bring you the warmest of the season's greetings from the Lira University family, including the Council, Senate, and the entire Community. Specifically, I extend my warm wishes to our partners and other key stakeholders, who form an integral part of our connected university community.

This time of the year is an opportunity for reflection. As Lira University, we have come a long way because of the tremendous support of people like you, our industrious students, dedicated staff, and other members of our community. At this moment, we have every cause to celebrate our collective accomplishments.

The NRM Government, under the visionary leadership of H.E. President Yoweri Museveni, has established Lira University, a Public University and a Teaching Hospital that is set to become the second specialist hospital in Uganda. We further appreciate the President's vision in setting in motion a fast-growing economy that has catapulted Uganda to a Middle-Income Status.

By ensuring the return of peace, particularly in Northern Uganda, the Government has created conditions for the very serious development that is seen all over Uganda, including Lango. Lira University is home to students from all over Uganda and beyond.

Lira University Main Campus is located on 621 acres of land in Lira City, West Division, northern Uganda. The University also has a 344-acre land campus in Amolatar district, the Faculty of Agriculture and Marine Sciences, with its Master Plan already developed.

The University is now fully established with about 2437 (1502 Male, 61.6% and 935, 38.4% female) students. This is in line with the government policy of "achieving equitable expansion of higher education to all Ugandans".

On support and leadership, we are grateful for the continued support of the University Chancellor, Justice Dr Benjamin Josse Odoki, to the university, as well as his leadership in guiding our strategic plan and re-strategising for the future.

The 7th Graduation Statistics

On 21st November 2025, a total of 456 students graduated; 256 Male, 56.6% and 198 females, at 43.4 % from Six Faculties, which are Medicine, Public Health, Nursing & Midwifery, Education, Computing and Information Sciences and Management Sciences. The students offering MBChB (Medicine and Surgery) are now in their 3rd year and will complete in the next two years. Students who completed postgraduate studies in Midwifery, Public Health, Management Sciences and Nursing also graduated.

The University Governance

Lira University is governed as stipulated in the Universities and Other Institutions Act, Cap 262, of the Laws of Uganda (UOTIA) by three major organs:

The University Council, which is the supreme organ of the University and is responsible for the overall administration and ensuring the due implementation of the objects and functions of the University. The current 3rd Council is Chaired by Mr. David Geoffrey Opiokello and deputised by Ms. Nellie Florence Okullo.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Lira University was started in partnership with SEED Global Health, which provided the first lot of Lecturers in Nursing and Midwifery.

The University also works with other partners, including Vice Chancellors Forum, Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL), Research in Education Network (RENU), Erasmus/AHEAD-European Union, Public Universities in Uganda, Makerere University Business School, Bournemouth University, Pool Charity Hospital, University of Odisee Belgium, Rotterdam University, Ministry of ICT, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and Ministry of Public Service etc.

The institution has a strong partnership with the local community that is providing accommodation to our students and staff, being typically a non-residential entity. There are 51 gazetted hostels around the Campus. Seven of them are provided with wireless internet by the University with support from the Research Education Network, Uganda (RENU).

Yes, as a young University experiencing a steadfast development, we are undertaking strategic approaches to resource management, curriculum development, and stakeholder engagement in delivering quality higher education during the current challenging economic environment.

The University Team emphasises producing well-rounded graduates equipped with academic, moral, and entrepreneurial skills for societal impact, highlighting the importance of integrity, innovation, continuous learning, and service to community and nation.

On resource optimisation, Lira University considers efficiently managing financial, human, and infrastructural resources as being vital. This includes exploring alternative funding models (winning grants from partners), optimising staffing (filling critical positions in the structure to handle the most urgent and needed activities), and leveraging technology to enhance learning experiences. For example, procuring more computers and IT equipment at all faculties and departments.



Main Administration building

Curriculum Relevance

We ensure that the curriculum content and delivery methods are aligned with current and future industry needs. For example, the programmes' curriculum development is done by experienced staff with wide consultations and benchmarking. This involves incorporating practical skills training, promoting interdisciplinary approaches, and fostering critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Stakeholder Engagement

At Lira University, we cherish building strong relationships with students, employers, government bodies, and the broader community, as crucial for aligning educational goals with societal needs. This includes actively seeking feedback, incorporating stakeholder input into decision-making processes, and fostering a sense of shared ownership in the quality of education.

Promoting innovation

We focus on and encourage research and innovation within the university. This is vital for driving economic development and addressing societal challenges. This includes supporting faculty research, fostering entrepreneurial activities, and promoting the translation of research findings into practical applications.

Ensuring Access and Equity

There are Policies to guide gender, disabilities, and fees payment, among others. This is aimed at addressing barriers to access, such as financial constraints, geographic limitations, and disabilities. We are aware that it is essential to ensure that all students have the opportunity to benefit from quality higher education.

Internationalization
As the University of the 21st Century, we are expanding international collaborations and partnerships to enhance the quality and global relevance of our institution. This includes facilitating student and faculty exchange

programs, engaging in joint research projects, and attracting international students.

Quality Assurance

For attaining standards, we are implementing robust quality assurance mechanisms, including continuous monitoring, evaluation, and improvement processes. These initiatives are essential for maintaining and enhancing the quality of higher education. It includes establishing clear standards (Policy Guidelines), conducting regular assessments using effective Assessment tools, and incorporating feedback into program development

Beloved, indeed, I acknowledge that the year 2025 came with its fair share of challenges, both at the students' front and in our collective stride to steer our university toward the path of Excellence. By the grace of God and with your special support, we stood together, working side-by-side to weather the storm. We pulled through on the back of your sweat, dedication, and innovations.

In the year 2026, I look forward to greater laurels and seeing every one of you better, healthier, and with a stronger resolve to unleash the touch of Excellence to propel our university to achieve its vision and mission.

On behalf of the University Council and the Management Team, I wish to sincerely thank you all for your excellent support in 2025.

Conclusively, I wish you a blessed, cheerful, and auspicious Christmas celebration and festive period. May the season bring many more joys and cheers to you and your families.

**Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

Prof. Jasper Ogwal Okeng
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