

## UON - Embracing ICT and Innovativeness

The University of Nairobi has in the recent years made concerted effort in positioning itself as the regional innovation and technology hub. This has seen the institution continually develop system after system to ease operations and also push the university to the next level in matters technology.

The University of Nairobi has now fully integrated Information Communication and Technology in most of its operations. This year alone, the University has launched two systems; Online Application Information System and Research Grant Management Information System (RGMIS).

The launch of Online Application Information System is a good example of the effort the university has made to ease applications process for learners. The system allows applicants to apply for courses without coming physically to the university. That way, so anybody can apply from any corner of the country without the hustle of coming to Nairobi. The system is also flexible in terms of payment systems as students can either pay using credit cards, cash or M-pesa.

The Research Grant Management Information System is another major milestone realized by the university. This is a system that has catered for the needs of researchers and scholars. The system will ease generation of research, help in tracking the progress of grants, streamline research process and also help the university increase the number of successful proposals.

The University has also centralized its services by opening a Huduma Centre. The centre was opened in February 2015. This automated system has made work easier as it is directly connected to various schools, faculties and departments thus making access to records very easy.

A dedicated team of technologists, Management Information Systems experts and Communications practitioners based at the ICT centre, Chiromo and across all 6 campuses work very hard to ensure all systems developed centrally are embraced and used to achieve the intended purpose- To position the University as a regional technology and Innovation Hub.