

In June this year, Dr Ngcobo accepted an invitation from MUT's Faculty of Management Sciences to be part of a panel of judges to adjudicate the internal rounds of the 2021 EDHE Entrepreneurship Intervarsity competition. Eighteen shortlisted participants pitched their business innovations under the categories of "business idea", "existing business – technology", "existing business – social impact" and "existing business – general." Dr Ngcobo was more than impressed with the level of maturity displayed by the aspiring entrepreneurs.

"This was a day well spent. The passion in the faces and stories of these young entrepreneurs brings me joy that through entrepreneurship we are on the right path to [alleviate]

graduate unemployment. One can never be too busy to mentor and coach MUT student entrepreneurs; I am looking forward to holding the hands of these students to make sure that their business ideas flourish. Of course I can never do it alone, so I will be getting into contact with my networks and friends to also avail themselves in mentoring and guiding MUT student entrepreneurs," Dr Ngcobo said.

He wished all MUT participants the best of luck for this year's intervarsity competitions and assured the students that they are already winners and must see their business innovations through to fruition regardless of the outcome of the competition.

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