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VIDEO NOTE FROM PROFESSOR ADAM HABIB

[\[WATCH\]](#) Wits Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Adam Habib thanks academic, professional and administrative staff who have gone beyond the call of duty to [take the academic programme online](#). He speaks on social justice and the inequalities in our society, and elaborates on [Wits' efforts to ensure that all students have access](#) to mobile computing devices, access to data and free access to Wits' library and learning management systems and sites. He elaborates on the 5 000 laptops that are being delivered to students who are disadvantaged, and the [30GB of data available to every Wits student](#) (at no cost to students) on any of the four major networks for one month from 20 April 2020, in order to kick-start the online learning process. Professor Habib also explains why it is important to complete the academic programme and encourages students to rise to the challenge and to defeat the effects of the pandemic through online learning. He concludes by saying that Wits University is ready to support students and to walk this journey together.

Watch the full video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/uV0-l0qdhPU>