

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**  
**COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
**SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**BRIEF HISTORY**

The School of Biological Sciences (SBS) is located in two buildings (Block 1 and 2) in the College of Biological and Physical Sciences, Chiromo Campus. The School is part of the former Faculty of Science which was one of the oldest institutions in the University of Nairobi prior to the major restructuring of the University in the early part of 2006. Access to the school is from Riverside Drive, off Chiromo Road. Set in the quiet, serene and forested area between two rivers, this is the natural home of biological sciences.

The School is the proud product of the notable merger of the two of the oldest and well-known departments of this University – Botany and Zoology that occurred in 2006. The School is therefore carrying the mantle of great experience and excellence in the biological field. Its mandate is twofold: firstly to train personnel in the biological field so as to meet the job market in both the academic and industrial spheres, and secondly, to conduct research in relevant basic and applied biological fields.

The School offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the following broad areas: systematic and economic biology, physiology and biochemistry, phytochemistry, cell sciences, molecular sciences and biotechnology, virology, bacteriology and mycology, parasitology, immunology and insect sciences.

The School is involved in a number of researches within the biological arena and has links with several local and international institutes. In addition it offers services to the general public such as consultancies in various areas, identification of plants and animals, and the sale of biological products, such as seedlings, mice, insects, fish among others.