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UCT Summer School Programme

Supporting the South African public to access higher education

UCT's Centre for Extra-Mural Studies is working with the Development and Alumni Department to raise the ZAR 1 million in co-funding required to ensure that the UCT Summer School Programme can continue.

The Challenge

The University of Cape Town is an exciting site of learning and debate. One of its goals is to remain accessible and affordable to diverse South African audiences, in line with the principles of an open and transformed University.

The annual UCT Summer School Programme, which has been running for over 70 years, includes a combination of paid and free courses for adult learners in a 'festival of knowledge'.

The Summer School Programme is traditionally held on campus for three weeks each January. In 2014 this programme was extended to provide public lectures and short courses to adult learners throughout the year. Both programmes make it possible for the public to engage with a range of subject areas such as philosophy, literature, astronomy, science and history, taught by well respected experts from UCT and beyond.

Since the COVID-19 lockdown, the extended Summer School Programme has successfully been taken online, with over 2 000 people joining webinars from their homes in just two months. The feedback from participants indicates that the opportunity for learning remains more relevant than ever, particularly under the current circumstances.

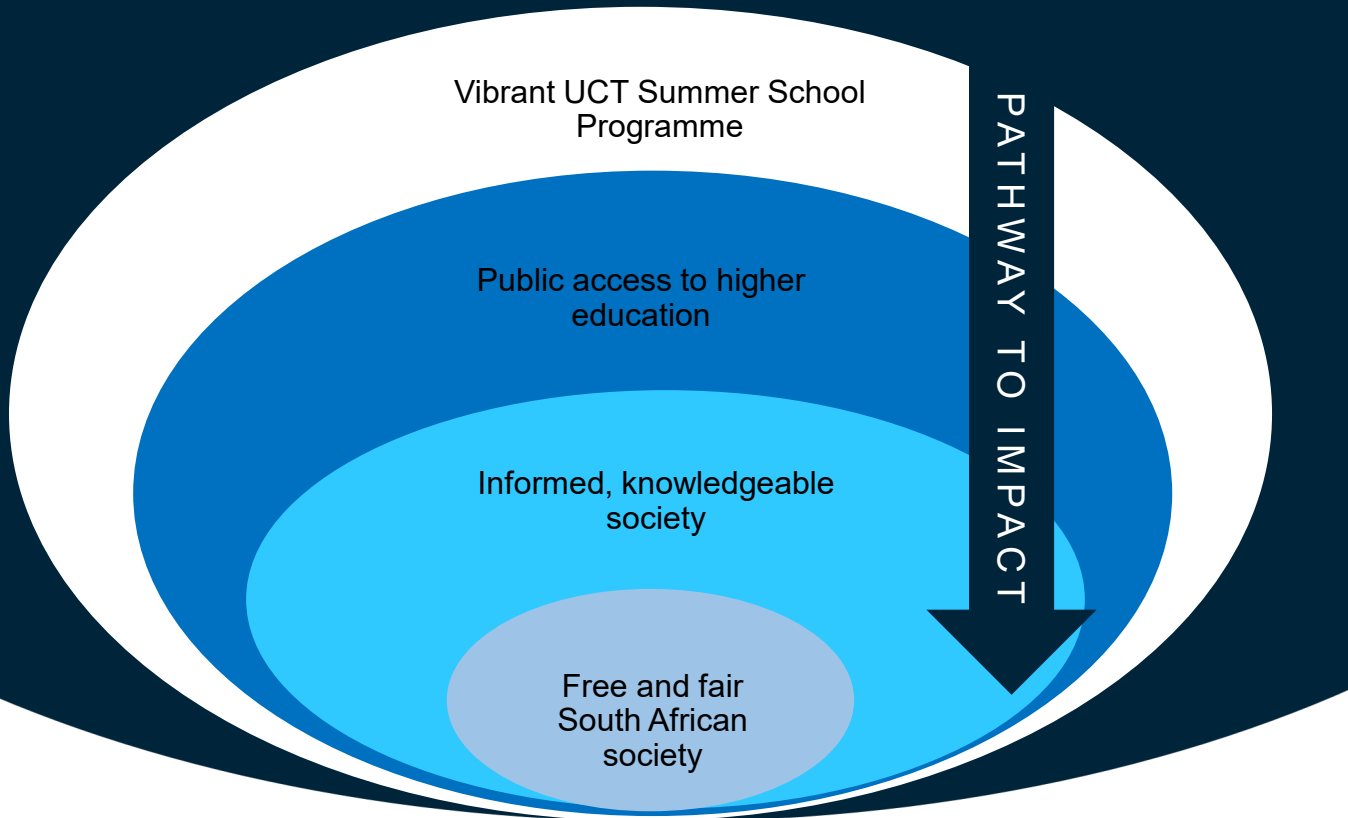
The Summer School Programme makes the research and the academic knowledge resources of the University accessible to the broader public

At present the shortfall for funding the extended Summer School Programme annually is ZAR 1 million. Once raised, this funding will help to cover lecturer fees and honoraria, stipends for student assistants, and the development of educational materials. Any contribution to this amount will help to keep the vibrant Summer School Programme alive and well.

"A most wonderful experience – unexpectedly attended on Monday and then could not miss a day. I found the programme excellent, charming and completely engaging."

Summer School participant





Financial request

The University of Cape Town is currently seeking funding to support the continuation of the Summer School Programme, which has been running for over 70 years.

We invite you to contribute towards the ZAR 1 million required to enable the programme to continue.

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“[The aspects most valuable to me were] the lecturer’s brilliant grasp of his subject, his superb slides and his wonderful wit and deeply engaging lecturing style.”

Summer School participant