



Ikusasa Student
Financial Aid
Programme



Other funding



STUDENT FINANCIAL

UCT GAP funding



ASSISTANCE FOR 2023



UCT sibling
rebate bursary



NSFAS



01 NSFAS funding for first time entering (FTENS)

- Applicants from households with R350 000 annual income or less.
- First-time applications handled centrally via NSFAS. Status must be tracked through myNSFAS portal.
- Appeals for rejected but eligible students must be made directly to NSFAS through myNSFAS .
- Closing date for applications: 31 January 2023.

02 UCT NSFAS continuing students &

- NSFAS will make funding decisions as academic results are received and processed.
- Students can track their NSFAS funding eligibility via myNSFAS portal.
- Results for supplementary and deferred exams will only be submitted to NSFAS once available.

03 Transferring Students

- Previously NSFAS funded students transferring must verify eligibility for continued funding; the N+1 funding rule still applies, as all years of study at a university are counted.



UCT GAP funding

UCT's financial assistance programme for the "missing middle". It covers students from families with an annual gross income above the NSFAS threshold of R350 000 household income per annum, but no more than R600 000 per annum.

Allowance also made for families where siblings are concurrently registered for undergraduate study at UCT.

Students who are financially ineligible for NSFAS will be considered for GAP funding if they meet the household income threshold.

Information on UCT's GAP funding programme is available on the financial aid web pages.





UCT sibling rebate bursary



The programme provides reduced tuition costs to undergraduate siblings who do not qualify for NSFAS financial aid or GAP funding.



This is for students from families with a combined annual household income of between R600 000 and R750 000 per annum with two or more undergraduate siblings at UCT at the same time.



Qualifying students are eligible for a bursary equivalent to 20% of the tuition fee for the year.



Further information on the Sibling Rebate Bursary programme and the sibling rebate application form is available on UCT's Department of Student Affairs website.



Applications close on 15 May 2023.



ISFAP is a private sector funded bursary scheme

It provides finance to designated "missing middle" students and students studying towards degrees in scarce skills professions

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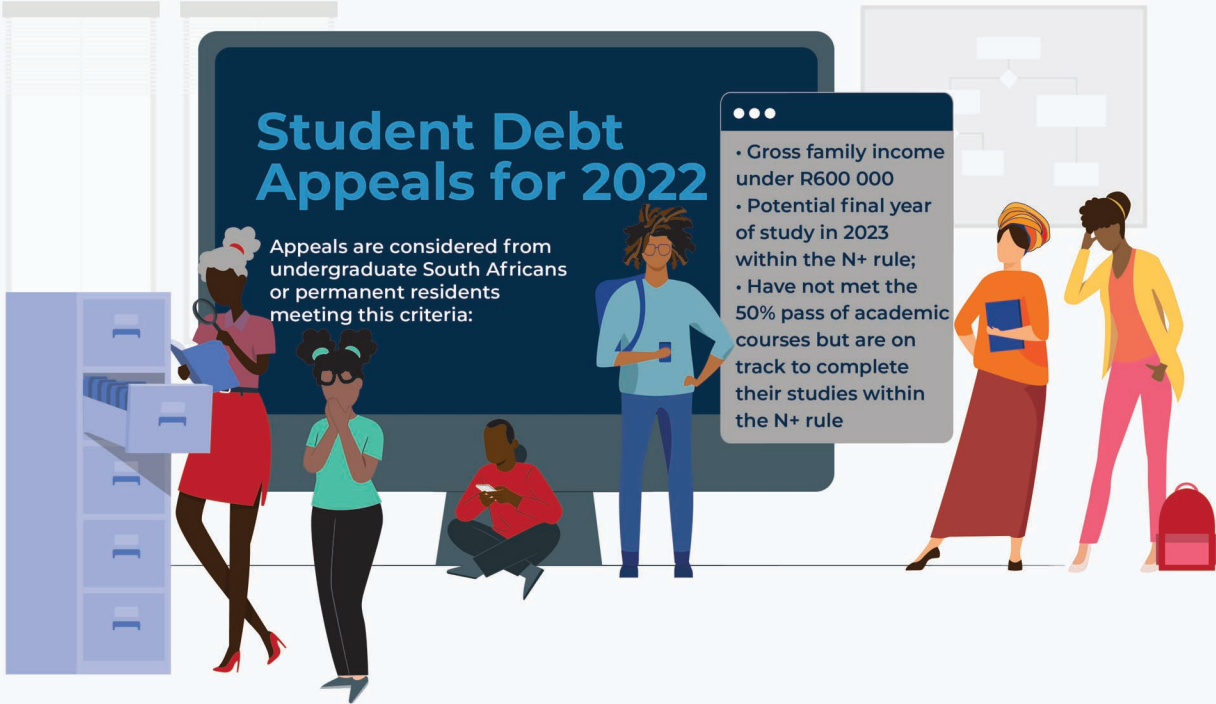
- Funding from corporates, non-governmental institutions and sponsors is provided directly to eligible students but is administered with the assistance of UCT.
- The requirements for academic and financial eligibility are determined by these funders and vary according to the programme of study.
- All students remain responsible for their fee debt, so any delays with funding confirmations or pay-outs must be addressed directly by the students.



Student Debt Appeals for 2022

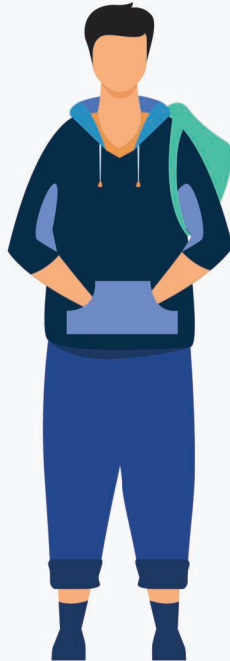
Appeals are considered from undergraduate South Africans or permanent residents meeting this criteria:

- Gross family income under R600 000
- Potential final year of study in 2023 within the N+ rule;
- Have not met the 50% pass of academic courses but are on track to complete their studies within the N+ rule

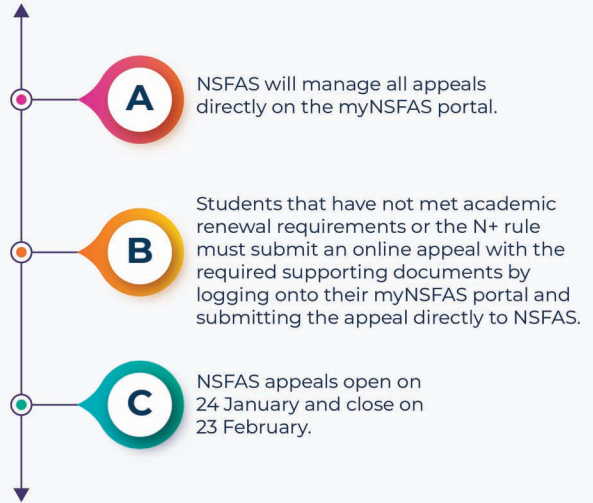


Undergraduate funding appeals

The university has actively fundraised and set aside limited funding from its own resources to assist students with fee debt or who have not met the academic performance renewal requirements for financial aid and GAP funding. Funds are limited and the criteria outlined below will be applied.



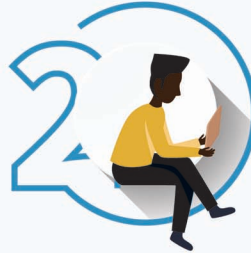
NSFAS appeals for 2023 funding that has been stopped due to poor academic performance in 2022 or the N+ rule



Students with fee debt from 2022 who were on UCT financial aid or GAP funding



Students on GAP funding in 2022, who failed to meet the academic requirements for renewal, can submit an appeal to the Student Financial Aid Office provided they are within the N+2 rule and have made sufficient academic progress to complete their programme of study or are finalists for 2023 within N+3.



While NSFAS does not consider the N+3 funding appeals, UCT may consider such appeals in exceptional circumstances for students in their final year of study who have a course or two to complete.



The UCT funding for approved students who meet the policy criteria (who exceed the N+ rule) will be a UCT student loan and top up bursary funding subject to approved cost of study.



Where the online appeal form is not available, please email the Undergraduate Funding Office for assistance to activate the online appeal tile in Peoplesoft Student Self Service.

NSFAS Grant funding students with debt from 2022 should:

1. Sign their DHET Acknowledgement of Debt (AOD) for the shortfall in approved study costs.
2. The DHET AOD has been sent to students. Once the form is received the fee block will be lifted, provided it covers the outstanding fees.
3. Note that the block will be lifted once the form is received, provided it covers the outstanding fees.
 - 3.1 Note that appeals for charges not related to academic activities will not be considered.
 - 3.2 Note that they may register with debt under R10 000.



Debt appeals for students not on financial aid or GAP funding

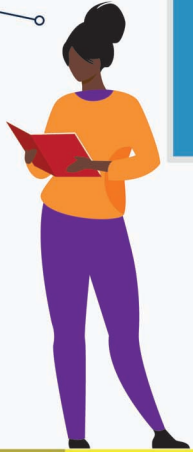
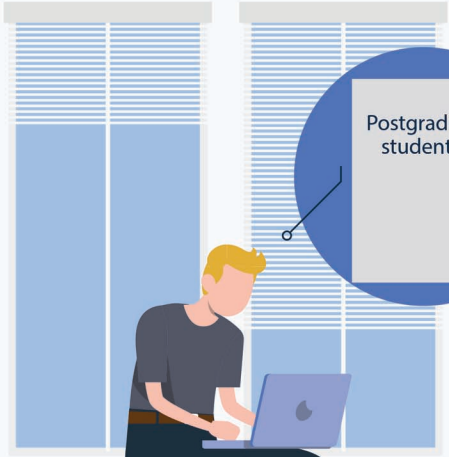
1. Appeals from students who have not been means tested can be considered on financial need academic merit, and subject to funding availability.
2. Appeals will only be considered where the gross family income is less than R600 000 per annum and an application for funding has been submitted to NSFAS for 2023.
3. Email the Student Financial Aid Office for assistance to activate the online appeal tile in the PeopleSoft Student Portal.



SADC and international students' undergraduate financial assistance

1. UCT is not able to provide relief for international students, including Southern African Development Community (SADC) students.
2. This due to constraints on its own resources restrictions imposed by funders, and which often stipulate that only South Africans or students with SA permanent residency may be assisted with funding.





Postgraduate financial support for honours, master's and doctoral students

In 2018 UCT made additional financial aid similar to the undergraduate one available. The same income thresholds for eligibility are applied.

Funding through excellence awards for meritorious students is also available. This initiative serves to strengthen the university's commitment to transformation at the postgraduate level.



International and refugee students at postgraduate level



A limited number of scholarships are available to non South African postgraduates. Academic merit and the seniority of the candidate are key requirements.

The scholarships do not provide full-cost support and students are encouraged to consider securing supplementary funding.

The scholarships are renewable for the duration of the course of study, subject to satisfactory progress being maintained: A limit of one year for honours, two for master's and three years for doctoral study.

Postgraduate diplomas

No financial aid support is available for advanced diplomas, postgraduate certificates, and postgraduate diplomas.

NSFAS has withdrawn funding support for the PGCE, PGDA and post-degree law programme (LAWP01).



Postgraduate appeals

Appeals from funded students should be directed to the Postgraduate Funding Office. Postgraduates can submit appeals based on legitimate reasons, as agreed by the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee, including:

- Request reassessment of the changed financial circumstances
- Exemption from rule to hold awards concurrently
- Extension of funding tenure
- Request to hold funds that exceed maximum award limit
- Deferral of award
- Change to programme of study
- Appeals close on 28 February.



Postgraduate student fee debt 2022

- UCT's postgraduate funding policy precludes the use of bursary and scholarship awards for historic fee debt relief.
- Fee debt accrued in 2022 may only be considered under exceptional circumstances.
- Unfortunately, there is no other form of funding available through the Postgraduate Funding Office for the relief of historic fee debt.
- For more information, please contact the office on +27 (0)21 650 3622 or email pgfunding@uct.ac.za.
- More information about the funding provided by the Postgraduate Funding Office is available on the PGFO pages on UCT's Department of Student Affairs website.

