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### **Total of 1638 UCT students to be capped this week**

The University of Cape Town will graduate 82 Doctors of Philosophy at three ceremonies on 3 and 4 June 2010. The total number of graduates for June 2010 is 1638.

In addition, UCT will be recognizing the achievements of five distinguished South Africans with the award of honorary degrees.

Former Reserve Bank Governor Tito Mboweni will be awarded an honorary D Econ Sc at the graduation ceremony at 3pm on Thursday, June 3. Professor Jerry Coovadia will be awarded the degree of DSc (Med) (*honoris causa*) at the ceremony at 10am on Friday, June 4. At the same ceremony, photographer Peter Magubane will receive a DLitt (*honoris causa*) and educationist Victor Ritchie an honorary DEd degree. Later in the day, unionist, academic and competition law specialist David Lewis will be awarded the degree of D Econ Sc (*honoris causa*).

The UCT Book Award 2009 will be presented to Emeritus Professor Kit Vaughan for his publication *Imagining the Elephant*, and the UCT Creative Works Award will be presented to Associate Professor Fritha Langerman for her work *Subtle Thresholds*.

Professor Alison Lewis, the head of the Crystallisation and Precipitation Research Unit in the Department of Chemical Engineering at UCT, will deliver the citations for the five honorary graduates as she takes on the position of university orator – the first woman to be formally appointed to this position and, at age 47, one of the youngest to fill this role at UCT. Her predecessor, Emeritus Professor Francis Wilson (71), held the position for the past four years.

There are 23,788 students registered at UCT this year. Last year, the university graduated a total of 6518 students, including 184 doctoral candidates. In June 2009, 79 graduates earned doctoral degrees out of a total of 1655 graduates.

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