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UCT to confer honorary degree on David Potter today

Inventor, entrepreneur and a philanthropist Dr David Potter will receive an honorary doctorate in Engineering Science today, **13 December, at 15h00**, at the University of Cape Town. In 1980, he founded the software company Psion, which later introduced the world's first handheld computer and the term "netbook" to the industry.

In 2004, the David and Elaine Potter Foundation, formed by Dr Potter and his wife, established a fellowship programme at UCT to support projects in education, research and Third World development. The foundation gives opportunity to motivated and academically excellent individuals to use their education for the betterment of South Africa and civil society. To date, more than 40 South African master's and doctoral students have benefited from the programme. Potter also serves on the South African President's Committee on Communication and Information Technology.

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