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UCT to stage graduation ceremonies for Masters and doctoral students

Approximately 570 Masters and PhD students will be capped when the University of Cape Town (UCT) stages graduation ceremonies for postgraduates on Tuesday, 20 December 2016, in Jameson Hall.

The two ceremonies, starting at 10h00 and 15h00, respectively, will see about 119 students receive doctoral degrees and about 451 students receive Masters degrees.

UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price said: "We congratulate our students on reaching this important milestone. A massive investment of time, energy and resources is always required of anyone who decides to pursue a postgraduate programme, especially for a doctoral degree. The return on such an investment benefits not only their own lives and profession but also those whose lives may be improved from the lessons gained from their research – and these people can number in the millions."

UCT will award honorary degrees to Emeritus Professor Peter Folb and Professor Zoe Wicomb. Emeritus Professor Folb established the discipline of clinical pharmacology in South Africa, and is recognised as a leading authority internationally on the scientific basis of drug development and regulation. Professor Wicomb, an academic and novelist, is among the most significant and widely-read literary interpreters of South Africa.

These ceremonies will also honour two UCT Fellows: Professor Alphose Zingoni from the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, and Professor Nicola Mulder of the Faculty of Health Sciences. UCT Fellowship is awarded to permanent academic staff members in recognition of original distinguished academic work such as to merit special recognition.

The speakers at the graduation ceremonies will be Chair of UCT Council Siphon Pityana, and Nomfundo Walaza, Executive Director at Peace Systems, a civil society organisation which supports the development of sustainable institutions and systems that prevent-manage-resolve conflict in African societies.

The key highlights of the ceremonies are summarised below.

Date	Tuesday 20 December 2016	
Ceremony	Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment	Faculty of Science Faculty of Health Science Faculty of Commerce
Time	10h00	15h00
Honorary Degree	Professor Zoe Wicomb	Emeritus Professor Peter Folb
Speaker	Mr Siphon Pityana	Ms Nomfundo Walaza

All ceremonies are open to members of the media.

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