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## **UCT to hold Pint of Science Festival – bringing science out of labs, to bars and pubs**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host a three-day science festival, but with a twist - the Pint of Science festival aims to deliver interesting and relevant talks on the latest science research in an accessible format to the public – mainly across bars and pubs. This is to demystify science and make it accessible to everyone.

The festival takes place annually over three days in the month of May and simultaneously in hundreds of venues across the world. Each country holds their main events on the same days, bringing the scientific community together. The UCT festival will take place from 14-16 May at the UCT Club, which is a pub.

As an emerging economy South Africa needs active participants in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields such as those promoted by the Pint of Science. Yet the country faces a dearth in these sectors and is pushing hard to get students interested in STEM research and career fields.

Festivals such as Pint of Science, which is active in 19 countries, teach people the importance of science, how it relates to everyday life and just how accessible it can really be. Engagements such as these are important as they stimulate an interest in and motivate students to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

With topics ranging from “A maze within maize”, and “Is intelligence fixed or malleable” to “The future is here and its plantastic”, the festival is sure to elicit a range of interesting conversations with innovators in their fields decrypting what they do in a casual environment.

This year’s themes include atoms to galaxies: physics, chemistry, maths; planet earth: earth sciences, plant science, zoology; beautiful mind: neurosciences, psychology, psychiatry; our body: biology, medicine, health; teach me out: technology, engineering, computing and our society: sociology, public policy, law, history.

For more details and to view the programme, please click [here](#)

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