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Deadline for applications to study at UCT looms for prospective students

Applications closing in just over a month

Prospective students planning to apply for undergraduate studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT) are reminded that they have until 31 July 2019 to submit their applications for the 2020 academic year as opposed to previous years when applications closed at the end of September.

With the deadline for applications fast approaching, aspirant UCT undergraduates are encouraged to [submit their applications](#) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

"Applicants should note the earlier closing date this year, which in previous years had been only at the end of September. No late applications will be accepted," Carl Herman, director of admissions at UCT, cautioned.

By the 31 July deadline, over 40 000 individuals are expected to have applied for admission to study towards an undergraduate degree at UCT. This is in line with previous annual figures, which have increased every year. These 40 000-plus applicants will be whittled down to fill UCT's available places, numbering just over 4 000.

Meanwhile, undergraduate applications from first-time entering applicants are up from 13 244 for the current academic year to 15 289 for the 2020 academic year, an increase of just over 15%.

The new closing date will allow UCT to make conditional offers earlier which, in turn, gives prospective students and their families more time to consider and accept. It also affords faculties ample opportunity to reflect on their pool of candidates and do adequate enrolment planning.

A question that is often asked is how applicants can make their applications stand out. There is no way to do this – UCT publishes a set of criteria for admission, and that's all that is considered. "One of the key principles we have at UCT is that every admission criterion must be accessible to all applicants. You can't have some criteria that are accessible to some applicants and not to others," said Herman.

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