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## **Almost 6 000 students to graduate as UCT graduation gets under way**

Approximately 5 760 students are scheduled to graduate during the University of Cape Town (UCT) Autumn 2025 graduation season, which commenced on Monday, 31 March and will continue until Friday, 4 April 2025.

“This is a moment of great pride for our graduands and their families, friends and the entire UCT community. Graduation represents the culmination of years of dedication, sacrifice and commitment. It is a testament to the academic excellence that defines our institution, and I am thrilled to join in celebrating this milestone with all our graduands,” said Vice-Chancellor Professor Mosa Moshabela.

Fifteen ceremonies will be held, three each day at 10:00, 14:00 and 18:00, over the five days at the Sarah Baartman Hall.

- [See the full schedule of Autumn 2025 graduation ceremonies.](#)

UCT will also award Professor Michael R Hayden an honorary doctorate in recognition of his exceptional contributions to medical science. Although he accepted the degree in 2024, he was unable to travel to Cape Town then.

Professor Hayden will receive the honorary doctorate on Tuesday, 1 April 2025 at 10:00.

“Honorary doctorates are bestowed upon individuals who have made a significant impact in their fields, and Professor Hayden’s work has incredibly advanced global medical knowledge,” said Professor Moshabela.

All ceremonies will be live-streamed on the UCT [graduation feature page](#), as well as the university’s [Facebook](#) and [X](#) platforms, with recordings available on the UCT [YouTube channel](#).

Moshabela extended warm congratulatory words to the graduands.

"This achievement is not merely a personal victory; it is also a gateway to new opportunities, responsibilities and possibilities. As you step forward into the next chapter of your journey, remember that your education is a powerful tool – one that can shape lives, uplift communities and transform the world.

"Carry with you the spirit of ubuntu, the understanding that "I am because we are". Your success is interconnected with the success of those around you, and as you move forward, I encourage you to uplift and support others."

He also extended sincere gratitude to the UCT staff and the graduands' families, friends and guardians for their unwavering support, encouragement and sacrifices which played an essential role in helping students reach this milestone.

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