

NSFAS funding for first time entering (FTENS)

- Applicants from households with R350 000 annual income or less.
- First-time applications handled centrally via NSFAS. Status must be tracked through myNSFAS portal.
- Appeals for rejected but eligible students must be made directly to NSFAS through myNSFAS.
- Closing date for applications: 21 January 2021.



- NSFAS will continue making funding decisions as academic results are received and processed.
- Students can track their NSFAS funding eligibility via myNSFAS portal.
- Results for supplementary and deferred exams will only be submitted to NSFAS available.



Previously NSFAS funded students transferring must verify eligibility for continued funding; the N+1 funding rule still applies, as all years of study at a university are counted.

Did You Know

NSFAS: One of the

most important

funders for

undergraduate

students.

UCT GAP funding

UCT's financial assistance programme for the "missing middle". It cover students from families with an annual gross income above the NSFAS threshold of R350 000 household income per annum, but no more than R600 000 per annum.

Allowance also made for families where siblings are concurrently registered for undergraduate study at UCT. Students who are financially ineligible for NSFAS will be considered for GAP funding if they meet the household income threshold.

Information on UCT's GAP funding programme is available on the financial aid web pages.









It provides finance to designated — "missing middle" students and students studying towards degrees in scarce skills professions

Other funding

• Funding from corporates, non-governmental institutions and sponsors is provided directly to eligible students but is administered with the assistance of UCT.

• The requirements for academic and financial eligibility are determined by these funders and vary according to the programme of study.

• All students remain responsible for their fee debt, so any delays with funding confirmations or pay-outs must be addressed directly by the students.



Student Debt Appeals for 2021

Appeals are considered from undergraduate South Africans or permanent residents meeting this criteria: $\bullet \bullet \bullet$

Gross family income under R600 000
Potential final year of study in 2022
within the N+ rule;
Have not met the 50% pass of academic courses but are on track to complete
their studies within
the N+ rule

Undergraduate funding appeals

The university has actively fundraised and set aside limited funding from its own resources to assist students with fee debt or who have not met the academic performance renewal requirements for financial aid and GAP funding. Funds are limited and the criteria outlined below will be applied. NSFAS appeals for 2022 funding that has been stopped due to poor academic performance in 2021 or the N+ rule

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NSFAS will manage all appeals directly on the myNSFAS portal.

Students that have not met academic renewal requirements or the N+ rule must submit an online appeal with the required supporting documents by logging onto their myNSFAS portal and submitting the appeal directly to NSFAS.

NSFAS appeals opened on 24 January and close on 23 February

Academic Appeals for UCT funded students



Students on UCT financial aid or GAP funding in 2021, who failed to pass at least 50% of their courses, and are therefore not eligible for funding in 2022, must please appeal to the Student Financial Aid Office. What you need to do: Submit an online appeal by logging onto your PeopleSoft Student Portal. This function is only available to NSFAS, financial aid and GAP-funded students who did not meet the minimum academic progression requirements.

Pre-2018 students who are within N+3 years of funding and who are 2022 finalists (those who will graduate if they pass all their courses in 2022) will continue to receive UCT-financed aid or GAP funding, as per normal funding rules.

N+3 students will automatically be processed by the Student Financial Aid Office and need not submit any appeal, provided the information is available that the student will be a potential finalist in 2022.

Due to budget availability and to ensure fairness of access to resources, appeals will not be considered for N+4 funding. The funding for students that exceed the N+ rule will be a UCT Student Loan and top up bursary funding subject to approved cost of study.

Students with fee debt from 2021 who were on UCT financial aid or GAP funding



These students can approach the Student Financial Aid Office directly for assistance towards their fee debt.



Appeals may only be available to students that have a fee block to register. What you need to do: Submit an online appeal by logging onto your PeopleSoft Student Portal.



Students from higher-income households, who are expected to pay a higher expected family contribution (EFC), will be required to contribute a greater share towards their outstanding fees, while disadvantaged students may be assisted in full.



Where the online appeal form is not available, please email the Undergraduate Funding Office for assistance to activate the online appeal tile in Peoplesoft Student Self Service.

NSFAS Grant funding students with debt from 2021 should:

1. Sign their DHET Acknowledgement of Debt (AOD) for the shortfall in approved study costs.

2. The DHET AOD has been sent to students.
 Once the form is received the fee block will be lifted, provided it covers the outstanding fees.
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3.1 Note that appeals for charges not related to academic activities will not be considered3.2 Note that they may register with debt under R1000

Debt appeals for students not on financial aid or GAP funding

1. Appeals from students who have not been means tested can be considered on financial need academic merit, and subject to funding availability.

Appeals will only be considered where the gross family income is less than R600 000 per annum and an application for funding has been submitted to NSFAS for 2022.
 Email the Student Financial Aid Office for assistance to activate the online appeal tile in the PeopleSoft Student Portal.

SADC and international students' undergraduate financial assistance

 UCT is not able to provide relief for international students, including Southern African Development Community (SADC) students.

2. Constraints on its own resources restrictions imposed by funders, which often stipulate that only South Africans or students with SA permanent residency may be assisted with funding.



Most postgraduate funding is administered through the Postgraduate Funding Office. The call for applications for most 2022 postgraduate funding has closed and information on those applications still open is available.



Postgraduate financial support for honours, master's and doctoral students

> Funding through excellence awards for meritorious students is also available. This initiative serves to strengthen the university's commitment to transformation at the postgraduate level.

undergraduate one available. The same income thresholds for eligibility are applied.

In 2018 UCT made

additional financial aid

similar to the

International and refugee students at postgraduate level

The scholarships are renewable for the duration The scholarships do of the course of study. not provide full-cost subject to satisfactory support and students progress being are encouraged to maintained: A limit of one consider securing year for honours, two supplementary for master's and three funding. years for doctoral study. A limited number of scholarships are available to non South African postgraduates. Academic merit and the seniority of the candidate are key requirements.

Postgraduate diplomas

No financial aid support is available for advanced diplomas, postgraduate certificates, and postgraduate diplomas.

NSFAS has withdrawn funding support for the PGCE, PGDA and post-degree law programme (LAWPOI).



Postgraduate appeals

Appeals from funded students should be directed to the Postgraduate Funding Office. Postgraduates can submit appeals based on legitimate reasons, as agreed by the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee, including:

Request reassessment of the 10a / changed financial circumstances
Exemption from rule to hold awards concurrently
Extension of funding tenure

• Request to hold funds that exceed maximum award limit

• Deferral of award

• Change to programme of study

• Late applications with legitimate documented reasons (eg medical reasons).

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Postgraduate student fee debt 2021

• UCT's postgraduate funding policy precludes the use of bursary and scholarship awards for historic fee debt relief.

• Fee debt accrued in 2021 may only be considered under exceptional circumstances as outlined in the appeals category (a) in the list above.

- Unfortunately, there is no other form of funding available through the Postgraduate Funding Office for the relief of historic fee debt.

• For more information, please contact the office on +27 (0)21 650 3622 or email pgfunding@uct.ac.za.

• More information about the funding provided by the Postgraduate Funding Office is available on the PGFO pages on UCT's Department of Student Affairs website.





