



# Development and Alumni Department

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## The Vice-Chancellor's Student Support Fund

The *Vice-Chancellor's Student Support Fund* at the University of Cape Town, has been established by Prof Mamokgethi Phakeng, in her personal capacity. The Fund will provide financial support to deserving black South African postgraduate students who demonstrate financial need for masters and Ph.D. study. In addition, the Fund will include an award to the top black women South African African graduates – one masters and one doctoral.

### 1. Funding criteria:

#### 1.1. Postgraduate wrap-around support:

- 1.1.1. Preference will be given to South African black (African and coloured) students, particularly black women
- 1.1.2. Support will be provided to students who are deemed financially needy;
- 1.1.3. Funding will be open to eligible black (African and coloured) postgraduate students from all faculties;
- 1.1.4. The amount per student will be determined on a case by case basis.

#### 1.2. Masters and Doctoral Award:

- 1.2.1. A total of two awards will be made per year; to the top master's and one Doctoral candidate;
- 1.2.2. These awards are restricted to R5'000 each;
- 1.2.3. Candidates must be South African black African women;
- 1.2.4. Candidates must be top masters and doctoral students in any area in Mathematics;
- 1.2.5. Should there not be any suitable Masters or Doctoral candidates to make an award, the funds will be carried over to the following year.

### 2. Selection process

- 2.1. Eligible candidates will be nominated by their respective departments;
- 2.2. A selection committee will be established and will comprise the Vice-Chancellor, a representative of the PGFO and two additional UCT representatives nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- 2.3. The committee will convene in June of each year to review applications and select suitable awardees;
- 2.4. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis;
- 2.5. The Vice-Chancellor will exercise her discretion in the awarding of any minor funding requests.

### 3. Administration and management

The Fund will be administered and managed by the Postgraduate Funding Office.

Approved: 

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