Welcome

UCT's Faculty of Health Sciences is committed to improving the health of the people of South Africa and beyond. Its prestige today is rooted in over 100 years of excellence. This is the home of the oldest medical school in southern Africa, and the site of famous advances in healthcare – including the world's first successful heart transplant in 1967 and research that led to the development of the CT scan.



Did you know?

- Of the 81 accredited research units at UCT, 33 are in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Ten health science academics have had national orders (South Africa's highest award for citizens) bestowed on them.
- Every first-year student is assigned a mentor from their department who helps them to acclimatise to their study programme and to life at UCT.



"Health equity is vital for an inclusive and just society. The Faculty of Health Sciences continues to commit to health equity through innovative teaching and learning, producing graduates for complex times, cutting-edge responsive research answering complex questions, and adaptive service to the community through the healthcare system and beyond. We commit ourselves to making a difference for the nation, the continent and globally."

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LIONEL
GREEN-THOMPSON
Dean of Health Sciences















36 postdoctoral fellows, 78% of whom are from Africa.

undergraduates

2 000+

postgraduates

Research

O research

and public health

11 South

African

research

basic, clinical,

rehabilitation

sciences.

groupings spanning

🗪 R1 104 million

RESEARCHERS*

graduated in 2019,

including 69 PhDs.

A-RATED

in research contracts

entered into in 2019.

postgraduates



communication sciences and disorders.



Health Sciences Education, established in 2015. works to enhance the quality of education across the faculty and in all teaching facilities used by the faculty.



scientific and clinical academic disciplines: biomedical engineering, cell biology, clinical anatomy and biological anthropology, exercise science and sports medicine, human nutrition, and physiological sciences.



teaching and training in basic biochemical sciences and computational biology to undergraduate students in the faculty, and is focused on building capacity in scarce skills in South Africa, including bioinformatics and large data analysis, as well as integrative and multidisciplinary molecular sciences.



consists of 18 clinical divisions and ten major research units that play a leading role in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and research.



Obstetrics and Gynaecology trains medical students in obstetrics and gynaecology from the third year to the sixth year of the curriculum, followed by postgraduate training that includes the development of the sub-specialities in obstetrics and gynaecology.

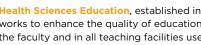
13 departments



Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine offers excellent clinical service, training and research through the divisions of acute pain service, cardiothoracic anaesthesia, critical care. paediatric anaesthesia and the chronic pain management clinic.



Health and Rehabilitation Sciences encompasses a range of allied health disciplines, including disability studies, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing and midwifery, and



Human Biology brings together several medical

Integrative Biomedical Sciences provides



Medicine is based in Groote Schuur Hospital and



Surgery includes general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, paediatric surgery, orthopaedic surgery, otorhinolaryngology, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and urology.



Paediatrics and Child Health aims to promote, restore and maintain the health and well-being of children and adolescents by providing clinical services, research, undergraduate and postgraduate training, programme and policy support and advocacy for child health.



Pathology undertakes basic and applied scientific research aimed at understanding the mechanisms, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases.



Psychiatry and Mental Health aims to integrate teaching, research and clinical services. This integrated approach takes place across the different divisions in addiction psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, liaison psychiatry, forensic mental health, intellectual disability psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, general adult psychiatry, psychopharmacology and biological psychiatry, psychotherapy and public mental health.



Public Health and Family Medicine is a strong multidisciplinary department with divisions in public health medicine, family medicine, occupational medicine, epidemiology and biostatistics, health economics, health policy and systems, social and behavioural sciences, and environmental health.



Radiation Medicine includes nuclear medicine, radiation oncology, radiology and medical physics.



*As rated by the National Research Foundation

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