

Welcome

UCT's Faculty of Health Sciences is committed to improving the health of the people of South Africa and beyond. Ranked the #1 health sciences faculty in Africa in 2018*, 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.



"The health sciences faculty is committed to improving the health of all South Africans. As the most highly rated health sciences faculty in South Africa, and the continent, we have an unrelenting focus on excellence, innovation and transformation in training, research and clinical service. Our work is transformative across the region, made possible by our highly rated staff, and inspiring group of undergraduate and postgraduate students. Our success is seen not only in the improvement of health in our communities, but also in the impact of our research nationally and globally, and the quality of our graduates who move on to improve the lives of others."

PROFESSOR CAROLYN WILLIAMSON
Interim Dean of Health Sciences



Did you know?

- 1 Of the 81 accredited research units at UCT, 31 are in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- 2 Ten health science academics have had national orders (South Africa's highest award for citizens) bestowed on them.
- 3 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.

* Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019

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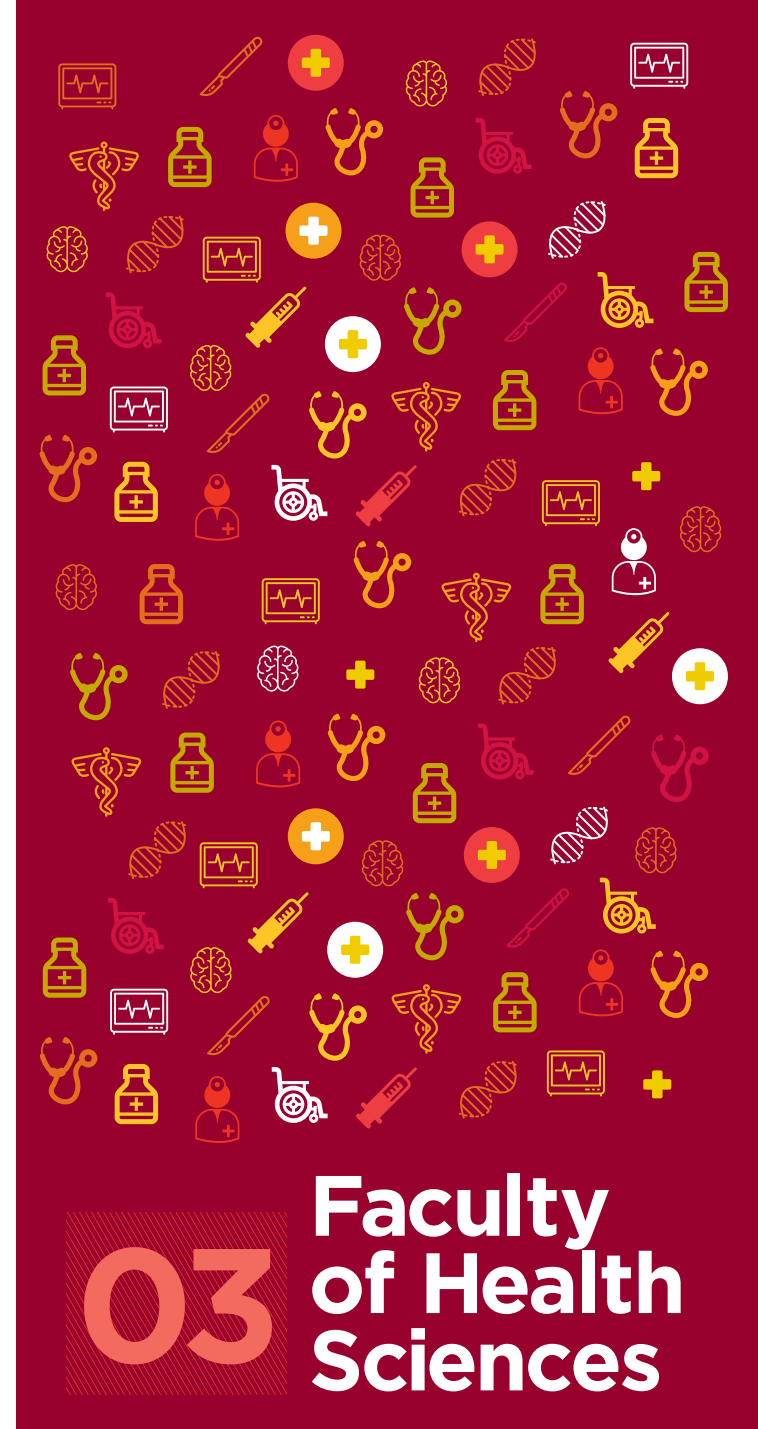
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2 000+ staff

undergraduates

2 200+

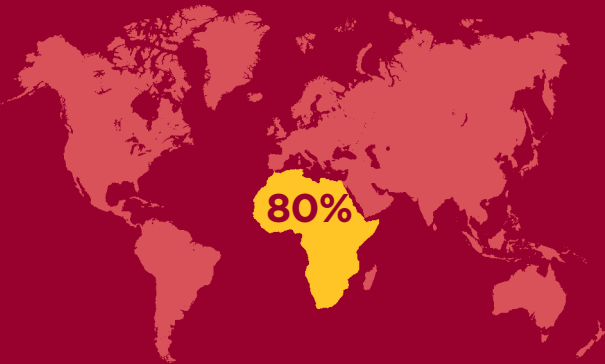


postgraduates

2 500+



132 postdoctoral fellows, 80% of whom are from Africa



Research

37 research groupings spanning basic, clinical, rehabilitation and public health sciences



R935 million entered into in 2017

12 A-RATED RESEARCHERS*



11 South African research chairs**

274 postgraduates graduated in 2018, including 30 PhDs

*As rated by the National Research Foundation

**Research positions jointly funded by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Foundation, aimed at strengthening South Africa's ability to produce high-quality research, innovation and students.

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 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.



Human Biology brings together several medical scientific and clinical academic disciplines: biomedical engineering, cell biology, clinical anatomy and biological anthropology, exercise science and sports medicine, human nutrition, and physiological sciences.



Integrative Biomedical Sciences provides 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.



Medicine is based in Groote Schuur Hospital and consists of 18 clinical divisions and ten major research units that play a leading role in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and research.



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



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.



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.



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.



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



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