

UCT aims to produce graduates with internationally recognised and locally applicable qualifications, underpinned by values of engaged citizenship and social justice. We strive to provide a high-quality educational experience through

- inspired and dedicated teaching and learning
- exposure to the creation of new knowledge
- cultivating competencies for global citizenship
- stimulating social consciousness
- attracting a diverse community of scholars.



## Did you know?

- 1 UCT is the leading university in Africa and is ranked among the top 200 in the world.
- 2 It is also 24th globally for Infectious Diseases (US News & World Report Best Global Universities Rankings for Subjects 2022-2023) and 15th for development studies (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024),
- 3 UCT graduates remain among the world's most employable, according to the 2022 QS Graduate Employability Rankings. UCT placed 95th in the 2022 rankings, which covers 550 institutions.
- 4 In 2016, UCT joined the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU), a network of 11 top-ranked research universities, including Yale, Oxford and Cambridge.
- 5 UCT has been ranked 57th most international university in the world (Times Higher Education Most International Universities in the World 2023). UCT is also the only university in Africa to make the cut.
- 6 Hasso Plattner School of Design Thinking Afrika\* at UCT is one of only three in the world.
- 7 The UCT Knowledge Co-op links postgraduates who want to make a difference to community partners with research needs.



"Postgraduates! You are a critical part of the academic community, contributing to the global body of knowledge through your research. And you are the future innovators, researchers and lecturers. We are committed to walking with you, from start to finish, on your journey to your higher degree, in whichever field of study you choose to pursue."









**PROFESSOR MOSA MOSHABELA**  
Vice-Chancellor

## Development and support

Postgraduates at UCT have access to a wide range of resources to support their development throughout their degree journeys.

For a full list of resources: [bit.ly/PGsupportUCT](https://bit.ly/PGsupportUCT).

### CONTACT US

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	<b>Graduate School of Business</b>	<b>+27 (0)21 406 1338</b>
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	<b>Health Sciences</b>	<b>+27 (0)21 406 6340</b>
	<b>Humanities</b>	<b>+27 (0)21 650 5794</b>
	<b>Law</b>	<b>+27 (0)21 650 3086</b>
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**For a full list of contacts [bit.ly/UCTcontactsPG](https://bit.ly/UCTcontactsPG)**

\*Information last updated in April 2024.



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## Four postgraduate qualifications are available at UCT



### Doctorate (PhD and others)

A degree requiring research at the most advanced levels, culminating in the acceptance of a doctoral thesis



**Master's degree** Either a research master's by full dissertation, a research master's by coursework and dissertation, or a professional master's degree



**Honours degree** A one-year degree consolidating and deepening expertise in a particular discipline



**Postgraduate diploma (PG dip)** Enables professionals to undertake advanced reflection and development in a particular discipline or profession

## UCT postgrads in numbers

Every year over 11 000 students (38% of total enrolment) embark on postgraduate studies at UCT, including roughly

<b>2 200</b> doctoral students	<b>6 000</b> master's students	<b>1 400</b> honours students	<b>1 600</b> PG dip students
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UCT is also home to more than 2 500 postgraduate international students from 100 countries.

UCT has a wide network of international partnerships across Africa and the rest of the world, including joint doctoral and master's programmes.

## Postgraduate support

**The Postgraduate Centre and Funding Office** offers a Blue Desk (a one-stop information service) where postgraduates can enquire about all aspects of funding and its administration.

**e** [pgfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:pgfunding@uct.ac.za)

**t** +27 (0)21 650 3622

**The Office for Postgraduate Studies** addresses the academic and professional needs of postgraduates. Here, you can enquire about many aspects of postgraduate affairs focused on a range of activities and opportunities specifically offered to support and help in your postgraduate journey. Where our staff may not be able to help you directly, they will do their utmost to redirect you to the appropriate office or person.

**e** [pgstudies@uct.ac.za](mailto:pgstudies@uct.ac.za), **Calendar:** [bit.ly/PGstudiesCalendar](http://bit.ly/PGstudiesCalendar)

**The Faculty Postgraduate Student Associations** are run by students and foster a vibrant and diverse postgraduate culture.

### The International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO)

provides support services to international postgraduate students relating to immigration, orientation, pre-registration, accommodation, exchange programmes and the international buddy programme initiative.

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**t** +27 (0)21 650 2822

**w** [uct.ac.za/international](http://uct.ac.za/international)

**The Careers Office** ensures that UCT's graduates are equipped with the skills they need to fulfil their career ambitions by providing advice, information and resources, and facilitating engagements between students and employers.

**e** [careers.service@uct.ac.za](mailto:careers.service@uct.ac.za)

**t** +27 (0)21 650 2497

**The Student Wellness Service** is staffed by medical practitioners and nurses who are dedicated to helping students remain healthy. Services include a 24-hour toll-free helpline, clinical consultations and psychological support.

**Health service** **t** +27 (0)21 650 1020

**Counselling service** **t** +27 (0)21 650 1017



## What's on offer?

UCT offers a full range of postgraduate programmes in six faculties: Commerce (including the Graduate School of Business), Engineering & the Built Environment, Health Sciences, Humanities, Law and Science.

Find out about postgraduate degree requirements: [bit.ly/UCTPGResources](http://bit.ly/UCTPGResources)

## Four facts about postgraduate funding

- 1 Students registered for full-time honours, or master's with a research component larger than 33.3%, or doctoral studies, are eligible to apply for funding to supplement their studies.
- 2 UCT does not offer full-cost fellowships, but it does have a range of scholarships and bursaries that offer supplementary funding.
- 3 Most UCT postgraduate scholarships and bursaries allow students to undertake limited part time work.
- 4 Applications for funding must be submitted before the advertised closing dates, so apply as soon as possible. Don't wait until you have been accepted for your course.

To find out how to apply for postgraduate funding, check out our intro to Funding brochure here: [bit.ly/introPGfunding](http://bit.ly/introPGfunding).