

General operating budget 2019

	Rm	%
INCOME	3 739	100.0%
State subsidy	1 672	44.7%
Tuition fees	1 473	39.4%
Other income	594	15.9%

EXPENDITURE	3 668	100.0%
Staff and related costs	2 319	63.2%
Financial aid and scholarships	213	5.8%
Administration and operating expenses	420	11.4%
Jammie Shuttle	32	0.9%
Library acquisitions, books and journals	89	2.4%
Maintenance	68	1.9%
Rates and utilities	146	4.0%
Computers, furniture and equipment	117	3.2%
Grants to research enterprise	81	2.2%
Grants to student housing and the Baxter Theatre	66	1.8%
Other costs (including depreciation)	117	3.2%

Student financial aid

R1.35 billion in financial aid was made available to UCT students in 2019:

Undergraduates
R1.08 billion

Postgraduates
R273.7 million



Undergraduate funding

5 563 undergraduate students (33.3%) received financial aid in 2019.

Of these, 4 935 students received financial aid from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), with an additional 628 students receiving UCT GAP funding. Of the combined total, 4 150 (75%) were black South Africans (African, Indian, coloured and Chinese).



Undergraduate funding came from:

Corporate and external bursaries: R336.8 million	NSFAS funding R429.3 million	UCT Council approved R209.5 million	Endowments and other funds R102 million
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Postgraduate funding

2 837 postgraduates (33.9% of eligible applicants) received 4 307 awards in 2019.

Of these, 1 011 (34%) were black South Africans (African, Indian, coloured and Chinese).

42.55% of all honours students, 25.95% of all master's and 46.26% of all doctoral students received financial support in 2019.

Postgraduate funding came from:

UCT Council R44.1 million	Departmental funding R106.5 million	Donations R38.9 million
Investments R9.5 million	National Research Foundation R71.8 million	State R2.9 million

External bursaries

External bursaries are a substantial part of student funding and come from various industries worldwide in the form of contracts and donations.

R301 million in external bursaries were made available to 3 889 students (13% of the total student population) in 2019:

1 344 undergraduates
R226.5 million

2 545 postgraduates
R74.5 million



Laptop programme

Since 2017 UCT has been providing laptops to first-time entering students on financial aid, with 1 264 laptops being handed out in 2019, bringing the total to 3 029.

Figures correct at the time of publication