

Dear UCT postgraduates

## Important information on UCT's need & merit funding scholarships

The call for applications for funding for Masters and Doctoral studies in 2019 at UCT, administered through the Masters/Doctoral 10A form, closes on Thurs 15 November 2018.

This email is to update you on this funding call.

### Some background info

- UCT is aligning its policy governing the funding of Masters and Doctoral students with UCT undergraduate/Honours funding, starting in 2019. As a result, there has been an increased investment in UCT postgraduate funding for 2019 due to multi-year allocation from UCT's operating budget. This increased funding is specifically targeted to South African students and permanent residents. Students who qualify for full financial need, and have a minimum GPA score of 60%, will receive full cost of attending funding for their Masters and Doctoral studies.
- It is a prerequisite that students have applied for NRF funding to be eligible for full financial need and merit awards.
- The UCT contribution to full cost of attendance funding will depend on what other awards a student receives. This means, for example, that the full cost of attendance will be calculated for each student, and other awards will be taken into account, before calculating the UCT contribution.
- This funding is available to all Masters and Doctoral students registering for their 1<sup>st</sup> year of study in 2019. Students who will be in their second year of Master's, or second/third year of PhD in 2019, are also eligible, provided they have not already received funding via 10A for their current degree.
- Students who have received funding via a 10A application for their current postgraduate degree (Masters or Doctoral), and whom are still within the time period of support (two years for Masters, three years for Doctoral), will be invited to renew their funding, at their current values, via a 10B application.
- In line with UCT's transformation agenda, priority will be given in the first instance, to funding Black South African and permanent resident applicants who qualify for financial need.
- A number of other scholarships and awards are also administered through the 10A form and so prospective postgraduates should apply for support even if they do not qualify for full financial need.
- A limited number of Vice-Chancellor Postgraduate scholarships will be awarded to academically exceptional students. The value of these scholarships will be dependent on the number of other awards a student already has. If a student has no other funding, the VC Scholarship will cover full cost of attendance. Students should submit a 10A application to be considered for a VC Postgraduate Scholarship.

### Quick links

- 10A Masters/Doctoral application forms can be found [here](#).
- Information on the administration of these awards can be found [here](#).
- Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) can be found [here](#).

### Important note

Original copies of applications and all supporting documentation must be posted or handed to Ms Celeste Jansen or Mrs Shanaaz Kalam, Postgraduate Centre & Funding Office, UCT, by 15 November 2018

## Questions

- Telephonic Enquiries: 021 650 2141/1917
- Email enquiries: [generalfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:generalfunding@uct.ac.za)

## For other funding opportunities

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