

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN - POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS

Closing dates for application – There are two rounds of application.

- **The first closing date is the 9 March 2017.** This closing date may suit students applying to travel between April and September.
- **The 2nd and final closing date and 31 August 2017** which may suit students wishing to travel between October 2017 and March 2018. The Selection Committee meets in March and September.

The intention of these awards is to provide opportunities for young researchers who are registered at UCT for Doctoral or Master's study (Master's students must be registered for a degree that has a research component of 50% or more). The Travel Grants are available via competitive application, towards the costs of travel, conference registration and subsistence. *In principle, support for Master's students is for local travel. However, a Master's student who is allocated a travel grant may use the full value of the grant towards the cost of international travel.*

Eligibility:

- Master's students in the FIRST year of study, who intend to submit early in the 2nd year, can apply in the 2nd semester of the 1st year if they can provide strong motivation and on receipt of evidence that they will submit before the first semester of the next year.
- Master's students in the 1st year of study can apply in their 1st year to travel to a conference in the SECOND year of study.
- Master's students in the SECOND year of study.
- Doctoral students who will attend a conference in the SECOND, THIRD OR FOURTH (but who are registered for the 3rd year) YEARS of study. Doctoral students who successfully apply in the 3rd year of study may use their grants in the 4th year of study *on condition that they are registered at the time of the conference.*
- Doctoral students who are registered for the 4th year of study at the time of application are ineligible.
- Successful applicants must be registered students of the University of Cape Town for the full duration of their conference stay.
- *Students who have UPGRADED from Master's to Doctoral study are eligible in the FIRST AND SECOND years of registration as a Doctoral student only. Evidence of the Upgrade must be provided.
- It must be noted that the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee reserves the right to give preference to applicants who have not attended an international conference in the last 3 years.

NOTES:

- Applications from students registered for the Honours degree will not be accepted.
- Applications from students who are registered for a Master's degree that contains less than a 50% research component will not be accepted.
- The following SADC countries are not considered to be "international", and the local value (R8,000 maximum) will apply: *Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.*

Values: For Master's students – Up to a maximum of R8 000

For Doctoral Students – Up to a maximum of R20,000

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN - POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

NOTE: There are two rounds of application/award per annum:

1. Students applying to travel abroad in March/April, May, June, July, and August, September/October 2017 must submit their applications **by no later than 28 February 2017.**
2. Students applying to travel abroad in September/October, November, December 2017 and January, February and March/April 2018 must submit their applications **by no later than 31 August 2017.**

These scholarships are available to assist **Doctoral and Master's students (Master's students must be registered for a degree that has a research component of 50% or more)** who are registered at the University of Cape Town to proceed to an approved international institution for purposes of a visiting scholars programme, for research, or for attendance at specific and approved courses. The awards are intended for individual senior students and have been established for skills development and to enhance the research activities being conducted for the completion of the degree.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must NOT be employed as full-time members of staff.
- Individuals who are employed for more than 20 hours a week are ineligible.
- Only students in the first and second years of Master's study and the first, second or third years of doctoral study, will be considered.
- Doctoral students who successfully apply in the 3rd year of study may use their scholarship in the 4th year of study *on condition that they are registered at the time of travel and for the full duration of their stay.*
- 3rd year Masters and 4th year PhD students are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply in the 3rd or 4th year respectively.
- Honours students are not eligible to apply.
- It must be noted that the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee reserves the right to give preference to applicants who have not previously spent time at an international institution.

Application forms and Information can be downloaded via the below URL:

<https://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/awards/travel/>