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We hope that you will find this booklet useful and that your questions regarding postgraduate studies in the Faculty will be answered. Should you require additional information and assistance, please contact the Faculty of Humanities Postgraduate Office on 021 650 2691.

*We look forward to welcoming  
you into the Faculty!*

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We attract students and academics from across the globe. For our students, this means exposure to a rich diversity of knowledge, experience and best practice. We are part of an Afropolitan institution, a centre of excellence on the continent and an intellectual meeting point between Africa and the world.

#### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Angola	2
Argentina	1
Australia	1
Benin	1
Botswana	7
Brazil	1
Burundi	2
Cameroon	4
Canada	8
China	3
Colombia	2
Congo, The Democratic Republic	6
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	2
Finland	1
France	4
Germany	13
Ghana	9
Hong Kong	1
Hungary	1
India	3
Ireland	1
Israel	2
Italy	1
Kenya	10
Korea, Republic of	1
Lebanon	1
Lesotho	9
Malawi	12
Mauritius	1
Monaco	1
Mozambique	2
Namibia	19
Netherlands	4
Nigeria	13
Norway	9
Pakistan	1
Portugal	1
Qatar	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Seychelles	1
Sierra Leone	1
Singapore	1
Slovakia	6
Sudan	1
Switzerland	1
Tanzania	8
Thailand	1
Turkey	3
Uganda	6
United Kingdom	16
United States	35
Zambia	16
Zimbabwe	71

**Grand Total** **322**



# Consider postgraduate studies in the Humanities



In view of the fact that you're reading this booklet there's a fair chance that you're interested in post-graduate work in the Humanities and interested too in studying at UCT. Both are fine things to be considering.

Let's start with UCT's Faculty of Humanities, which is the University's second largest faculty. The Faculty encompasses the performing and creative arts, social sciences, literary Humanities, languages and linguistics, social development and education. The range of activities we engage in is huge and so you might find yourself one minute bumping into someone researching violin fingering in the eighteenth century, and the next chatting to another who is interested in the sociolinguistics of migration; you may find yourself sitting between someone investigating queer identities on the Cape Flats and another delving into the neurophysiology of dreaming.

And why should this matter to you who have your own particular interests? It matters both because of the nature of the Humanities themselves and because of what it is to be a thinker in the Humanities. There

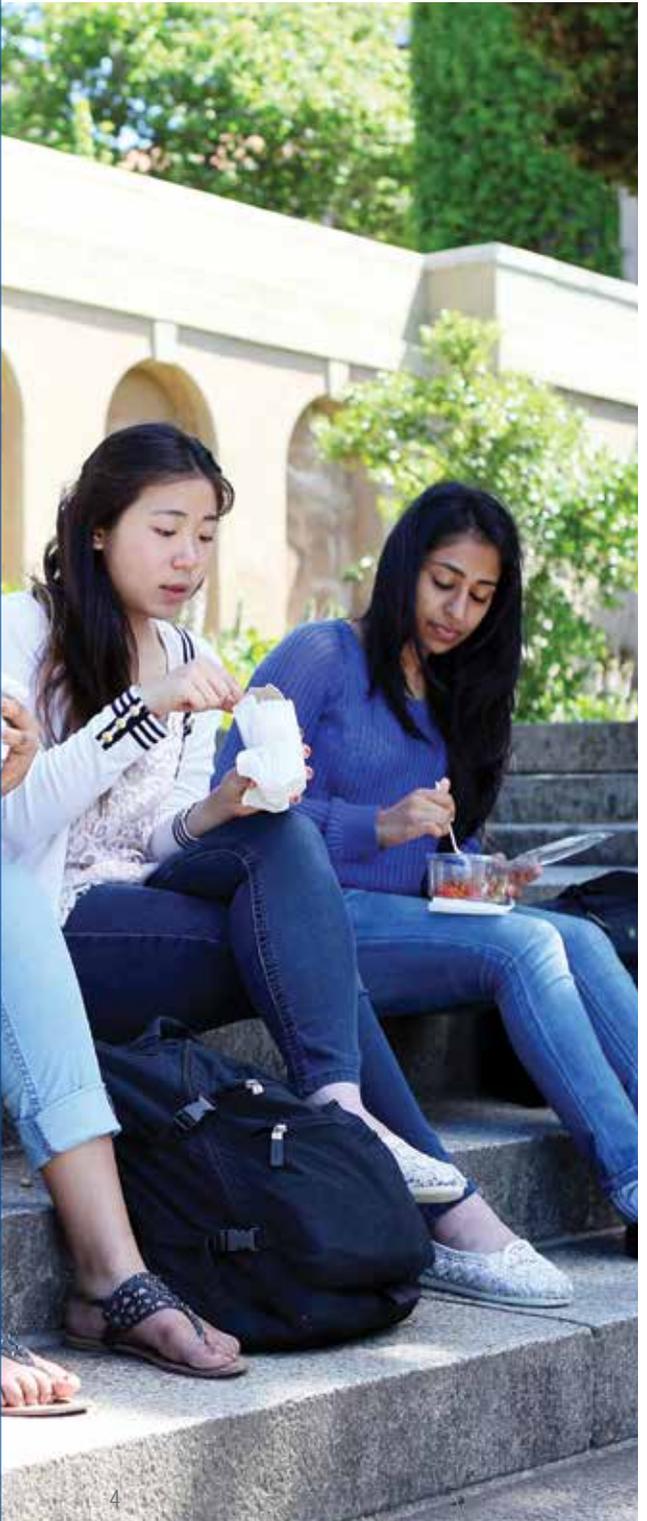
are no impervious boundaries separating our different attempts to understand and express our multifarious human experience. So stimulation and provocation can be, and often are, found in surprising places. On campus this is celebrated in our thriving research centres and extremely busy schedules of cross-disciplinary talks.

As a graduate student in the Humanities you'll be expected to begin developing your own thinking, your own project and your own distinctive voice. We hope to welcome you warmly into this community of fellow inquirers, where the climate is robust but supportive. And can we promise you a well-paid job? Not quite, since our degrees are, in general, non-vocational but I can pass on the advice of one of my teachers: follow what you're most passionately interested in because that's where your greatest contribution lies. I'm trusting she was right.

**Professor Bernhard Weiss**

*Deputy Dean for Research and Postgraduate Affairs  
UCT Faculty of Humanities*

We train exceptional young people who possess imagination, insight, mental agility and analytical skills. As a result of these attributes, our graduates are highly sought after both locally and abroad.



# Why pursue studies in the Humanities?

In the Faculty of Humanities our postgraduate programmes are designed to build the intellectual and technical capacity of graduates so that they can critically engage in and find creative solutions for the challenges of transformation at all levels of social and public life in South Africa. The conceptual and practical training is designed to prepare students for leadership in research, policy and decision-making and equip them for a wide range of professional and academic career paths in and beyond South Africa.

Humanities postgraduate programmes draw on the established expertise of Faculty members, four SARCHI Research Chairs, two Mellon Research Chairs as well as a range of nationally and internationally recognised research institutes that are at the cutting edge of research and policy development. We offer an array of innovative and inter-disciplinary programmes and postgraduate students have access to specialised libraries and the latest communication and information technology resources.

Students register for a course of study in a particular department in the Faculty and complete the required core courses and electives. At least one of those electives a year can be selected from courses provided by other academic departments. This enables students to pursue their academic interests within a more flexible plan of study and provides access to a wider range of courses and teaching staff than any one department can offer.

At the University of Cape Town, postgraduate students proceed through the following academic stages:

- Honours degree: usually 1 year in duration
- Masters degree by coursework: 1 – 2 years
- Masters degree by research dissertation:  
1 – 2 years
- PhD: students have 4 – 5 years to complete

The Faculty of Humanities is particularly proud of its record of attracting top candidates to its Masters and PhD programmes and of supervising them

to graduation in a reasonable time. Policies and guidelines for our postgraduate programmes are set by the Graduate Programmes Committee, which is chaired by the Faculty's Deputy Dean for Research and Postgraduate Affairs.

## Humanities vital statistics

Undergraduate 4482

Honours 500

Masters 665

PhD 302

PGDip 209

\*Total enrolments 5879 as of 1 March 2016 (excluding: occasional and Post Doc students)

### 4 SARCHI Research Chairs:

Professor Carolyn Hamilton

Professor Rajend Mesthrie

Professor Abdulkader Tayob

Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza

### 2 Mellon Research Chairs:

Dr Matthias Brenzinger

Professor Fiona Ross

### Distinguished Teacher recipients:

The Distinguished Teacher Award (DTA) is the highest accolade given to teaching staff at all levels within the University and recognises excellent teaching. The following are current members of staff who are amongst the most recent recipients of the award:

- Dr Helen MacDonald - Social Anthropology (2013)
- Dr Hedley Twidle - English Language and Literature (2013)
- Dr Ian Rijdsdijk - Centre for Film and Media Studies (2013)
- Dr Azila Reisenberger - School of Languages and Literatures (2016)
- Dr Joanne Hardman - School of Education (2016)

For the full list of Humanities DTA recipients, visit: [www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/about/overview](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/about/overview)

## Postgraduate Administrative staff

The Faculty of Humanities provides administrative support to postgraduate students throughout their academic contact with the University and the Faculty - from initial enquiry, application, registration, through to graduation. The key areas of administration for which the Postgraduate Office is responsible are:

- Application and admissions - following submission of the online application
- Registration - this includes enrolment, changes of curriculum, leave of absence and cancellation of registration
- Examination processing - submission of major and minor dissertations
- Record-keeping and administration

A range of support services are available to students. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Humanities Postgraduate Office for further advice on whom to contact in the event of a query or problem. Alternatively a list of key UCT student services can be found on page 33 of this booklet.

	TITLE / QUERIES	CONTACT
	<p>Professor Bernhard Weiss Deputy Dean for Research and Postgraduate Affairs</p>	<p>Room 3.10.1 Neville Alexander Building Tel: 021 650 3114 Email: <a href="mailto:Bernhard.Weiss@uct.ac.za">Bernhard.Weiss@uct.ac.za</a></p>
	<p>Associate Professor Rudi Laugsch Director: Postgraduate Studies and Funding</p>	<p>Room 5.14.2, Neville Alexander Building Telephone: 021 650 2777 Fax: 021 650 3489 Email: <a href="mailto:Rudiger.Laugsch@uct.ac.za">Rudiger.Laugsch@uct.ac.za</a></p>
	<p>Tracy Goslar Faculty Manager</p> <p>Overall responsibility for the Faculty's academic administration</p> <p>Appeals and special requests for the Dean are channelled through the Faculty Manager</p>	<p>Room 113, Beattie Building Tel: 021 650 4216 Email: <a href="mailto:Tracy.Goslar@uct.ac.za">Tracy.Goslar@uct.ac.za</a></p>
	<p>Musa Gcilitshana Deputy Faculty Manager</p>	<p>Room 111, Beattie Building Tel: 021 650 4414 Email: <a href="mailto:Musa.Gcilitshana@uct.ac.za">Musa.Gcilitshana@uct.ac.za</a></p>

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<p>Saziwe Gotyana Administrative Officer</p> <p>All research support administration for the Faculty and all of the academic departments. Funding/ Scholarships for postgraduate study</p>	<p>Room 110, Beattie Building Postgraduate Office</p> <p>Tel: 021 650 2776 Email: <a href="mailto:Saziwe.Gotyana@uct.ac.za">Saziwe.Gotyana@uct.ac.za</a></p>
<p>Ncumisa Mdingi Administrative Officer</p> <p>Mandy Sample Administrative Assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English Languages and Literature (including Creative Writing)</li> <li>- Languages &amp; Literatures</li> <li>- Linguistics</li> <li>- Religious Studies</li> </ul>	<p>Room 110, Beattie Building Postgraduate Office</p> <p>Tel: 021 650 2692 Email: <a href="mailto:Ncumisa.Mdingi@uct.ac.za">Ncumisa.Mdingi@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>Tel: 021 650 4539 Email: <a href="mailto:Mandy.Sample@uct.ac.za">Mandy.Sample@uct.ac.za</a></p>
<p>Sylvia Chauke Administrative Officer</p> <p>Lara Goldin Administrative Assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African Studies</li> <li>- Anthropology</li> <li>- Archaeology</li> <li>- Drama</li> <li>- Economics</li> <li>- Environmental &amp; Geographical Science</li> <li>- Film &amp; Media</li> <li>- Gender Studies</li> <li>- Historical Studies</li> <li>- Information &amp; Library Science</li> <li>- Philosophy</li> <li>- Organisational Psychology</li> <li>- Psychology</li> <li>- Political Studies</li> <li>- Sociology</li> </ul>	<p>Room 110, Beattie Building</p> <p>Tel: 021 650 2693 Email: <a href="mailto:Sylvia.Chauke@uct.ac.za">Sylvia.Chauke@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>Tel: 021 650 4355 Email: <a href="mailto:lara.goldin@uct.ac.za">lara.goldin@uct.ac.za</a></p>

TITLE / QUERIES	CONTACT
<p>Sithabile Mbambo Administrative Officer</p> <p>Shireen Weber Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Education: - Advanced Certificate in Education (ACE) - Criminology - Fine Art - Honours - Masters - Music - Postgraduate Diplomas &amp; Certificates (PGDP &amp; PGCE) - Religious Studies - Social Work development - Sociology</p>	<p>Room 110, Beattie Building</p> <p>Tel: 021 650 7971 Email: <a href="mailto:Sithabile.Mbambo@uct.ac.za">Sithabile.Mbambo@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>Tel: 021 650 2716 Email: <a href="mailto:Shireen.Weber@uct.ac.za">Shireen.Weber@uct.ac.za</a></p>
<p>Ncebakazi Dyanti Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Tel: 021 650 4544 Email: <a href="mailto:Ncebakazi.Dyanti@uct.ac.za">Ncebakazi.Dyanti@uct.ac.za</a></p>
<p>Tazneem Davids Senior Secretary</p> <p>General postgraduate student queries</p>	<p>Main Reception, Beattie Building Tel: 021 650 2691 Email: <a href="mailto:Tazneem.Davids@uct.ac.za">Tazneem.Davids@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za">hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za</a></p>
<p>Sivuyile Giba Senior Secretary</p> <p>General postgraduate student queries</p>	<p>Tel: 021 650 5069/2717 Email: <a href="mailto:Sivuyile.Giba@uct.ac.za">Sivuyile.Giba@uct.ac.za</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za">hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za</a></p>

## Contact with the Postgraduate Academic Admin, Student Admin and Records

- **E-mails:** We aim to respond to queries within 24 hours. If a full response cannot be provided immediately, you will get an acknowledgement in the first instance and a full response as soon as possible thereafter. Response times may be slower during peak periods such as registration and graduation when staff are engaged with activities out of the office.
- **Telephone and in-person queries:** If the administrator is unable to answer your query immediately, you should expect a follow-up call or e-mail within 48 hours. If you leave a voicemail message, we aim to respond on the same day except when a staff member is on leave and you will be referred to another staff member.
- **Redirecting:** If the administrator you approached is unable to help you, you will be redirected to the correct person immediately. If necessary, the administrator will enquire on your behalf to ensure that you are directed to the right person.

# Academic programmes in the Humanities

The postgraduate degrees and diplomas offered through the Faculty of Humanities are listed below by academic department. For specific admission requirements and detailed programme outlines please consult the current Postgraduate Studies Handbook<sup>1</sup>. For more detailed information about the academic programmes on offer from each department, please visit the relevant department web pages (websites provided below).

You may obtain faster response to query if you complete the online query form available from the Humanities website. Alternatively you can send an email directly to: [hum-admissions@uct.ac.za](mailto:hum-admissions@uct.ac.za) Alternatively, you can email your queries to Tasneem Hartley or contact the office on: 021 650 2691.

<sup>1</sup> *The Postgraduate Studies Handbook can be downloaded from the Humanities website.*

DEPARTMENT	DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS
Gender Studies Section * Tel: 021 650 4207 Fax: 021 685 2142 Website: <a href="http://www.agi.ac.za">www.agi.ac.za</a>	Hons in Gender and Transformation Research Masters in Gender Studies PhD in Gender Studies
African Studies Section * Tel: 021 650 2308 Fax: 021 686 1505 Website: <a href="http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za">www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za</a>	Postgraduate Diploma in African Studies Hons/Masters in African Studies Hons/Masters in Heritage and Public Culture Coursework Masters in African Studies Research Masters in African Studies MPhil in Environmental Humanities PhD in African Studies
Linguistics Section * Tel: 021 650 2847 Fax: 021 650 3150 Website: <a href="http://www.creativeseed.co.za/linguistics/">www.creativeseed.co.za/linguistics/</a>	Hons/Masters in Linguistics Hons/Masters in Applied Linguistics & African Languages (named qualification) Research Masters in Linguistics PhD in Linguistics
Anthropology Section * Tel: 021 650 3678 Fax: 021 650 2307 Website: <a href="http://www.socanth.uct.ac.za">www.socanth.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons/Masters in Anthropology Masters in Environmental Humanities Masters in Practical Anthropology Research Masters in Social Anthropology PhD in Anthropology
* School of African & Gender Studies, Anthropology & Linguistics.	
Archaeology Tel: 021 650 2353 Fax: 021 650 2352 Website: <a href="http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/age/">http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/age/</a>	Hons in Archaeology Hons in Archaeology & Environmental Science Research Masters in Archaeology PhD in Archaeology

DEPARTMENT	DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS
Dance Tel: 021 650 2398 Fax: 021 650 2494 Website: <a href="http://www.dance.uct.ac.za">www.dance.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons in Dance Studies Hons in Choreography Hons in Performance Masters in Dance by Choreography Masters in Dance by Performance & Dissertation Masters in Dance by Performance & Choreography Masters in Dance by Choreography & Dissertation Research Masters in Dance PhD in Dance
Drama Tel: 021 480 7166 Fax: 021 480 7106 Website: <a href="http://www.drama.uct.ac.za">www.drama.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons in Drama Masters in Theatre and Performance Masters in Applied Drama and Theatre Studies MA in Dramaturgy MA in Television Production Research Masters in Drama PhD in Drama
Economics Tel: 021 650 2733 Fax: 021 650 2854 Website: <a href="http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/economics">www.commerce.uct.ac.za/economics</a>	Hons/Masters in Economics Masters in Applied Economics Masters in Economic Development Research Masters in Economics
Education Tel: 021 650 2772 Fax: 021 650 3489 Website: <a href="http://www.education.uct.ac.za">www.education.uct.ac.za</a>	Advanced Certificate in Education Postgraduate Certificate in Education Bachelor of Education (Hons) Postgraduate Diploma in Education specialising in Higher Education Studies and in Educational Technology  Coursework Masters in: - Advanced Certificate in Education - Postgraduate Certificate in Education - Postgraduate Diploma in Education specialising in Higher Education Studies - Postgraduate Diploma in Education specialising in Educational Technology - Bachelor of Education (Hons)  Research Masters in Education PhD in Education
English Language and Literature Tel: 021 650 2861 Fax: 021 650 3726 Website: <a href="http://www.englishliterature.uct.ac.za">www.englishliterature.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons in English Studies Masters in English Literature and Modernity Masters in Creative Writing Research Masters in English Language and Literature PhD in English Language & Literature
Environmental and Geographical Science Tel: 021 650 2873 Fax: 021 650 3791 Website: <a href="http://www.egs.uct.ac.za">www.egs.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons in Environmental and Geographical Studies Research Masters in Environmental and Geographical Studies PhD in Environmental and Geographical Studies

DEPARTMENT	DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS
<p>Film and Media Studies (Centre for)  Tel: 021 650 3373/2852  Fax: 021 650 2854  Website: <a href="http://www.cfms.uct.ac.za">www.cfms.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons in Film Studies  Hons in Film and Television Studies  Hons/Masters in Media Theory and Research  Hons/Masters in Political Communication</p> <p>Masters in African Cinema  Masters in Documentary Arts  Masters in Global Media  Masters in Screenwriting  Research Masters in Rhetoric Studies  Research Masters in Film Studies or Media Studies  PhD in Rhetoric Studies  PhD in Film Studies or Media Studies</p>
<p>Historical Studies  Tel: 021 650 2742  Fax: 021 689 7581  Website: <a href="http://www.historicalstudies.uct.ac.za">www.historicalstudies.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons in Historical Studies  Master in Economic History  Research Masters in Historical Studies  PhD in Historical Studies</p>
<p>Library &amp; Information Studies  Tel: 021 650 3090  Fax: 021 650 4545  Website: <a href="http://www.lisc.uct.ac.za">www.lisc.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Postgraduate Diploma in Library &amp; Information Studies  (named qualification)  Master of Library &amp; Information Studies  (named qualification)  Research Masters in Library and Information Science  (named qualification)  MPhil in Digital Curation  PhD in Library &amp; Information Studies</p>
<p>Languages and Literatures (School of)  Tel: 021 650 2607  Fax: 021 685 5530  Website: <a href="http://www.sll.uct.ac.za">www.sll.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons:  Arabic Language and Literature  Classical Studies  Teaching French as a Foreign Language (named qualification)  German  Greek Languages and Literatures  Hebrew  Italian  Latin  Romance Languages and Literatures  Spanish</p> <p>Hons/Masters in:  African Languages and Literatures  Afrikaans and Netherlandic Studies  French Language and Literature</p> <p>Research Masters in:  African Languages and Literatures  Afrikaans and Netherlandic Studies  Arabic Language and Literature  Classical Studies  French Language and Literature  German  Hebrew  Italian  Spanish</p>

DEPARTMENT	DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS
<p>... continued</p> <p>Languages and Literatures (School of) Tel: 021 650 2607 Fax: 021 685 5530 Website: <a href="http://www.sll.uct.ac.za">www.sll.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>PhD in: African Languages and Literatures Afrikaans and Netherlandic Studies Arabic Language and Literature Classical Studies French German Hebrew Italian Spanish</p>
<p>Michaelis School of Fine Art Tel: 021 480 7103 Fax: 021 424 2889 Website: <a href="http://www.michaelis.uct.ac.za">www.michaelis.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Art Hons in Art Historical Studies Hons in Curatorship</p> <p>Master of Arts in Art Historical Studies Master of Fine Art MFA in Fine Art Research Masters in Fine Art PhD in Fine Art PhD in Art Historical Studies</p>
<p>School of Management Studies Tel: 021 650 3778 Fax: 021 689 7570 Website: <a href="http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za">www.commerce.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons in Organisational Psychology Masters in Organisational Psychology Doctorate in Organisational Psychology (by dissertation only)</p>
<p>South African College of Music Tel: 021 650 2626 Fax: 021 650 2627 Website: <a href="http://www.sacm.uct.ac.za">www.sacm.uct.ac.za</a> and <a href="http://www.music.uct.ac.za">www.music.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Postgraduate Diploma in Music Performance Hons in Musicology/Composition/Performance Research MMus MMus specialising in Performance and Dissertation MMus specialising in Composition and Dissertation MMus specialising in Coursework, Performance and Dissertation MMus specialising in Coursework and Dissertation PhD in Music</p>
<p>Philosophy Tel: 021 650 3316 Fax: 021 650 5203 Website: <a href="http://www.philosophy.uct.ac.za">www.philosophy.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons/Masters in Philosophy Hons/Masters in Philosophy, Politics &amp; Economics Research Masters in Philosophy PhD in Philosophy</p>
<p>Political Studies Tel: 021 650 5916 Fax: 021 689 7574 Website: <a href="http://www.politics.uct.ac.za">www.politics.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons/Masters in: International Relations Justice &amp; Transformation Politics Public Policy and Administration</p> <p>Research Masters in Political Studies PhD in Political Studies PhD in Public Administration</p>
<p>Psychology Tel: 021 650 3435 Fax: 021 650 4104 Website: <a href="http://www.psychology.uct.ac.za">www.psychology.uct.ac.za</a></p>	<p>Hons in Psychology Masters in Psychological Research Masters in Clinical Psychology (named qualification) Masters in Neuropsychology (named qualification) Research Masters in Psychology PhD in Psychology</p>

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Public Law Tel: 021 650 3072 Fax: 021 650 3790 Website: <a href="http://www.publiclaw.uct.ac.za">www.publiclaw.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons in Criminal Justice Research Masters in Criminology PhD in Criminology
Religious Studies Tel: 021 650 5818 Fax: 021 689 7575 Website: <a href="http://www.religion.uct.ac.za">www.religion.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons/Masters in Religious Studies Research Masters in Religious Studies PhD in Religious Studies
Social Development Tel: 021 650 3493 Fax: 021 689 2739 Website: <a href="http://www.socialdevelopment.uct.ac.za">www.socialdevelopment.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons/Masters in: Probation and Correctional Practice Social Development Social Policy and Management Clinical Social Work  Research Masters in Social Development Research Masters in Social Planning and Administration Research Masters in Social Work PhD in Social Development PhD in Social Work
Sociology Tel: 021 650 3501 Fax: 021 689 7576 Website: <a href="http://www.sociology.uct.ac.za">www.sociology.uct.ac.za</a>	Hons/Masters in: Development Studies Industrial Sociology Sociology  Masters in Global Studies Research Masters in Industrial Sociology Research Masters in Sociology PhD Sociology PhD in Industrial Sociology



Broadly, I am interested in matters of fiscal governance, as broad as the universe of issues falling under that term may be. Thankfully however, my Master's paper is much narrower: I'm studying the creation of the South African Revenue Service using a model of public sector reform. The aim is to understand the key forces which led to SARS' establishment outside of the public service as opposed to within it as, for example, a directorate within National Treasury.

Although there has been much written about the overall reform of the South African public service since 1994, much less has been written on institutional reform specifically in the economic cluster of government. In addition, the public sector reform model I'll be using is a relatively recent addition to literature on public sector reform and has therefore not been subjected to much critical or analytical application.

The prospect of contributing to both our collective understanding of the reform of financial institutions in South Africa as well as the literature on models of public sector reform makes, I think, my research rather exciting.

**Sakhe Mkosi**

*Masters student & Rhodes Scholar  
Department of Political Studies  
UCT Faculty of Humanities*



# Research & Teaching

Research in the Faculty has been stimulated through the DST/NRF SARChI Chairs, and developments in the research teaching clusters in the Arts, the Social Sciences and the Performing and Creative Arts. Of the 51 Research Chairs awarded nationally (in 2007), 18 are at UCT of which 4 are located within the Faculty of Humanities. These four SARChI Research Chairs (Professors Carolyn Hamilton, Abdulkader Tayob, Lungisile Ntsebeza and Rajend Mesthrie) as well as the Faculty's two Mellon Research Chair (Dr Matthias Brenzinger and Professor Fiona Ross) actively promote interdisciplinary research across the Faculty.

We enjoy a strong tradition in research and teaching as our aim is to train graduates who actively contribute to advancing new horizons of knowledge. To date, the Faculty has 85 NRF rated researchers on staff, 5 of whom are A-rated and 29 who are B-rated. In the Faculty of Humanities at UCT, research is clustered into the following groupings:

- African Cinema Unit
- Centre for Creative Writing

- Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA)
- Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR)
- Gordon Institute for Performing & Creative Arts (GIPCA)
- The Research Institute on Christianity & Society in Africa
- The Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa (ICRSA)
- The Centre for Rhetoric Studies
- Centre for Contemporary Islam (CCI)
- Centre for Curating the Archive (CCA)
- Lucy Lloyd Archive and Resource Exhibition Centre
- Isaac & Jessie Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies & Research

These research groupings are associated with major publication output, international research collaborations, and mentoring of younger members of the Faculty. For an overview of the Faculty's research output in previous years, please view or download the annual UCT Research Report from the UCT Research Office website:

[www.researchoffice.uct.ac.za/research\\_reports/annual/](http://www.researchoffice.uct.ac.za/research_reports/annual/)



The National Research Foundation (NRF) is an independent government agency in South Africa which promotes and supports research in all fields of knowledge. The evaluation and rating of individuals is based primarily on the quality of the research outputs in the recent past. It is for this reason that NRF rating and accreditation is highly sought after.

My area of research is copyright within the African Filmic Environment. I am interested in how Nollywood disseminates Nigerian culture by bypassing traditional distribution channels. I recently completed my Honours degree in English Literature with a focus on Hip Hop's role in furthering African customs and values.

I am part of a department that has a great mix of personalities who strive for creative and academic excellence and this keeps my learning process fun and engaging. Film is essentially about telling stories and an understanding of the social factors that shape how these stories are received has always been my passion.

In order to develop an ability to critically analyse African Film, it has been important for me to appreciate the distribution channels that dictate attitudes towards artistic content. It has been a revelation being exposed to several different facets of film and engaging different cultures whilst finding creative ways of conducting an objective study into them.

I believe in the empowerment of African storytellers and hope that my research provides an understanding of alternative methods of spreading African art. The opportunity to do this at Africa's utmost University; that attracts people from various backgrounds, contributed most to my choice to pursue a Masters degree at UCT.

**Mayuyuka Kaunda**

*Masters student*

*Department of Film and*

*Media Studies*

*UCT Faculty of Humanities*



# Becoming a postgraduate student

## What is an academic supervisor?

At the heart of the postgraduate experience is an intensive relationship with a researcher who is your appointed supervisor, whether for your Honours research project, your Masters dissertation, or the PhD work. You are entitled to expect a steady level of support from your supervisor; s/he in turn is entitled to expect a specific level of application from you.

These expectations are recorded in a Memorandum of Understanding or an annual supplementary agreement between the student and supervisor. As postgraduate work becomes more independent, and the onus falls more and more on the student, the Faculty's Postgraduate Office is committed to ensuring that the relationship with your supervisor and the department is as productive as possible.

## Finding a supervisor

Candidates for Masters or Doctoral studies are encouraged to seek a supervisor with expertise in their proposed research area. At Honours level, supervisors are assigned to students by the academic department based on the research topics. So finding a supervisor is specifically relevant to Masters (by dissertation) and doctoral students.

Once you have decided on the broad research area in which you wish to work, it is important to find an academic supervisor who must be approved by the Head of the academic department. Certain conditions and rules apply to such an appointment.

There is no set way of finding a supervisor. You might make personal contact with someone under whom you would like to conduct research, or you may ask for a supervisor to be allocated if you are accepted as a student. You could also seek advice from the Deputy Dean responsible for research in the Faculty in which you wish to register.

The approved supervisor is responsible for providing the necessary guidance required for you to conduct and complete your research successfully. As such, the supervisor needs to have the necessary expertise, knowledge and skills to supervise the proposed research. As the student being supervised, it is incumbent upon you to avail yourself of the agreed upon supervision.

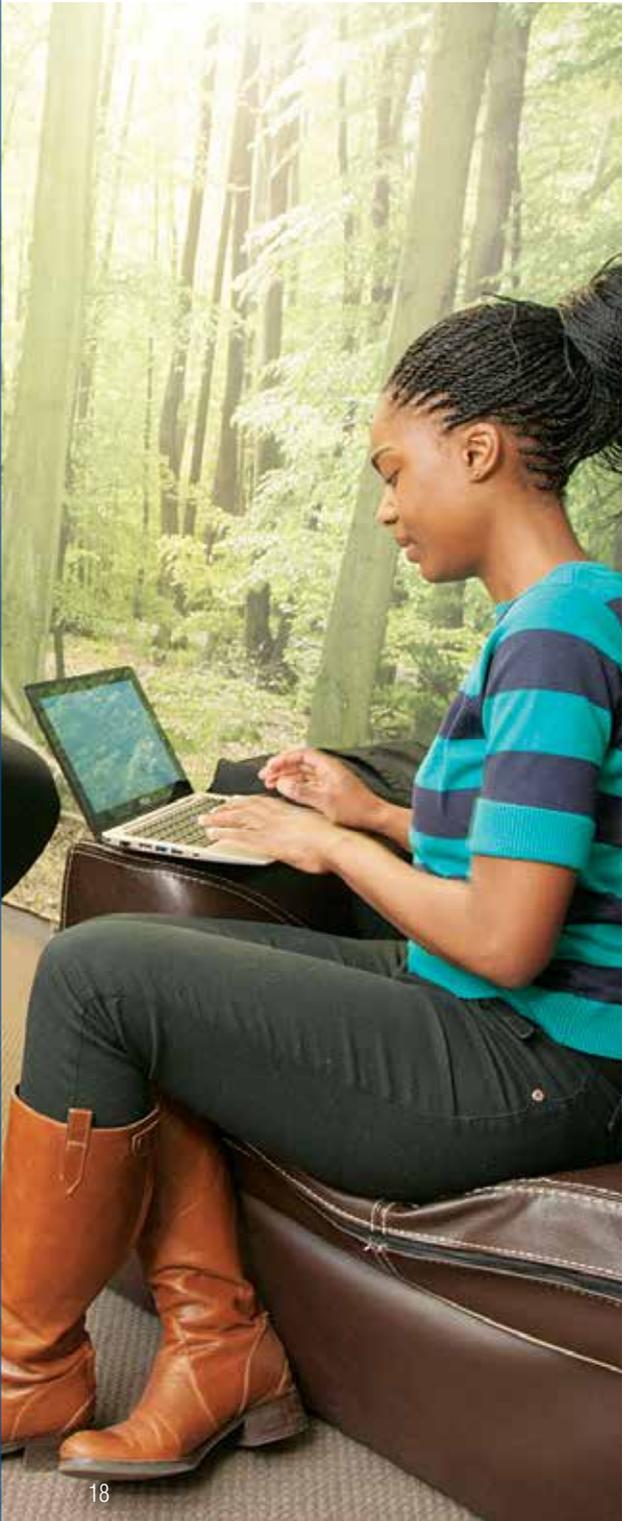
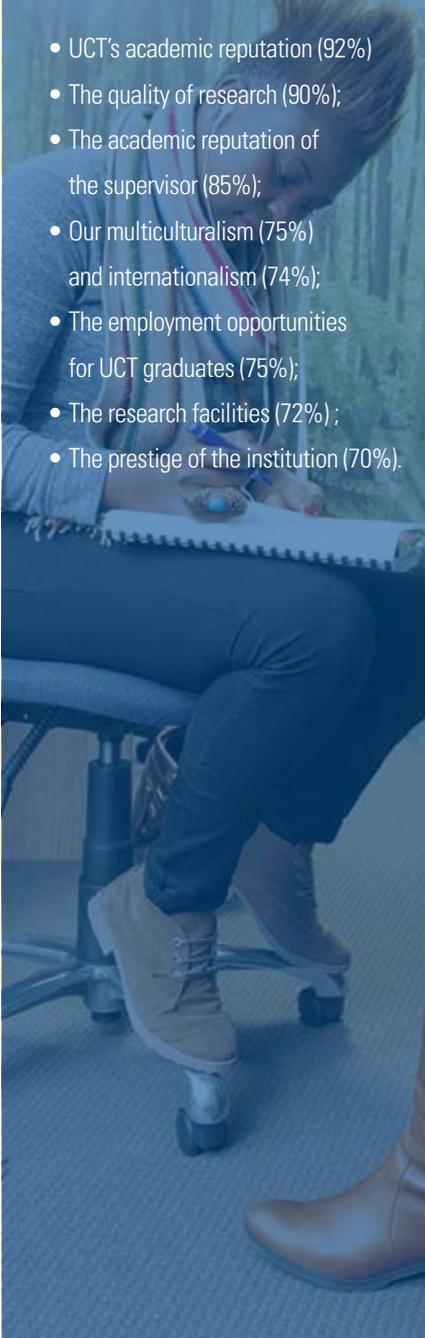
## What can you expect from academic supervision?

Academic supervision provides many benefits to postgraduate students, which include the following:

1. Regular meetings to discuss your progress with your research project and to comment on the material you have submitted.
2. Structured support and advice, drawn from the supervisor's own academic experience and expertise.
3. Support: research projects are lengthy and a demanding commitment, and you will need the general support of your supervisor (and your friends and family).
4. Timely feedback (from your supervisor) regarding your written submissions, with constructive criticism.

When polled, students said that they choose postgraduate study at UCT because of:

- UCT's academic reputation (92%)
- The quality of research (90%);
- The academic reputation of the supervisor (85%);
- Our multiculturalism (75%) and internationalism (74%);
- The employment opportunities for UCT graduates (75%);
- The research facilities (72%) ;
- The prestige of the institution (70%).



5. Facilitation of research opportunities (within your specified area of academic interest) including sources of potential research funding.

## What does your supervisor expect of you?

You and your supervisor must agree on a suitable research topic. Your research depends not only on its academic merit, but also on available resources and funding. It is important to ensure that these are in place before you commence and your academic supervisor will provide valuable guidance in this regard.

At postgraduate level, students are expected to take the initiative in seeking regular contact with their academic supervisors and it is the student's obligation to keep in touch with the supervisor. You will need to have a clear programme of action and meet your deadlines, with regular delivery of work. You will also need to respond positively to the constructive criticism of your supervisor, and to incorporate this into your work.

In summary, postgraduate students are expected to:

- Maintain regular contact with the supervisors
- Work hard and remain committed to the research project for the duration of the programme
- Be responsive and remain open to taking advice from academic staff members

## Navigating the thesis

A thesis or dissertation is an academic essay that is written by the student in order to obtain the degree or qualification. The thesis presents the author's own research and findings on a particular topic. In the Humanities the length of a thesis can range from 20 thousand words (Masters candidates) to 50 thousand words (Doctoral candidates). The first stage in compiling a thesis is the submission of a research proposal. The research proposal is a plan of action; it sets out the aims of your research project and how you

intend to achieve these aims. A good research proposal provides a focus for your research activity and a benchmark against which you can make the necessary adjustments. Further guidelines on the preparation of a research proposal can be found on the Humanities website, under the postgraduate tab.

## The Memorandum of Understanding

The University requires that every Masters and Doctoral student enter into a formal agreement regarding supervision with their supervisor. This is called a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). An MOU must be completed by every new Doctoral candidate and every Masters student registering for the dissertation/minor dissertation for the first time; an annual supplement must be completed at the start of each academic year thereafter.

## Conducting ethical research

A great deal of research on human subjects is conducted at the University and in the Faculty of Humanities, at undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as among academic staff.

The UCT Code of Ethics Involving Human Subjects is the code by which all UCT affiliated researchers are bound. A Humanities Ethics Guide was developed by the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Humanities, for use by all departments, research institutes or groups, or individual researchers within the Faculty. The publication is called: *Guide to Research Ethics: Research on Human Subjects*. It applies to the research of both students and staff and assists members of the Faculty in managing the way we oversee research and in understanding why the ethics of research on human subjects is of concern to all of us. The Guidebook can be downloaded from the Humanities website.

# The admissions process

## Admission requirements

The current UCT Postgraduate Prospectus (available on the UCT website) contains the latest admissions requirements for the specific academic programmes on offer at postgraduate level from the Faculty of Humanities. In general, applicants are required to have a Bachelors degree in the relevant discipline or equivalent qualification.

Applicants with appropriate and relevant experience may be eligible for admission through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

In the Faculty of Humanities RPL applications are approved by the Deputy Dean of Research and Postgraduate Affairs on the recommendation of the Head of Department (HoD) who assesses the relevance of an applicant's prior experience.

DEGREE	DURATION	STANDARD ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Honours degree	Usually 1 year in duration	<p>Applicants are required to have an undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification.</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> candidates are required to meet specific entrance criteria for Honours degrees offered through the different academic departments.</p> <p>Admission through the Recognition of Prior Learning is possible in appropriate circumstances.</p>
Masters degree	To be completed within 1 or 2 years from date of registration	<p>Applicants are required to have an Honours degree or equivalent qualification. In addition, all applications for Masters by Research (Dissertation 100%) are required to submit a research proposal. No formal registration can take place until the proposal has been considered and approved by the department's Higher Degrees Committee (HDC).</p> <p>Admission through the Recognition of Prior Learning is possible in appropriate circumstances.</p>
PhD degree	To be completed within 4 or 5 years from date of registration	<p>Applicants are required to <u>possess</u> a Masters degree or equivalent qualification.</p>



## Step 1: Submit a formal application for admission

The first step requires completion of the relevant UCT application forms. Students [apply online](#) to the UCT Admissions Office, uploading all required documentation in support of your application.

Please take careful note of the documentation required in support of your application for specific academic programmes. To access the UCT postgraduate application forms, please visit the following webpage: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/)

The application process is as follows:

- A. Complete a standard UCT application form online.
- B. The Admissions Office will process your application and forward the documentation to the Faculty of Humanities Postgraduate Office.
- C. Procedures on how to apply can be obtained on the UCT website: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/postgraduates/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/postgraduates/)
- D. Please consult the UCT Fees Handbook<sup>2</sup> for guidance on application fees.
- E. Monitor the status of your application online or contact the UCT Admissions Office on: 021 650 2128. Alternatively, visit the Faculty of Humanities Postgraduate Office in person.

<sup>2</sup> The UCT Fees Handbook is available from the main UCT website and from the UCT Fees Office.



## Step 2: Receive either a Firm or Conditional Offer

Conditional Offers are made on the basis of your most recent examination results. A Conditional Offer is not final and is in no way binding. Firm Offers are made when the candidate has met all the stipulated admission criteria. Firm Offers for postgraduate study are generally made in December of the year preceding enrolment. It is your responsibility to monitor your application status by keeping in contact with the relevant department.

- A. The UCT Admission Office will forward your application and supporting documents to the Faculty of Humanities' Postgraduate Office, who will screen your application, checking that you meet the advertised admission and language requirements.
- B. After the initial screening, the Postgraduate Office administrator will refer your application and all supporting documents to the academic department concerned within 48 hours. If you do not submit all required documents with your application there will be delays while these are requested. Academic departments consider all applications at 'Higher Degrees Committee' meetings. There may be a delay of a few weeks between the time the Postgraduate Office refers your application to the department and when the Higher Degrees Committee next meets.
- C. Decisions to accept or refuse applicants are made by academic departments but will be conveyed to you by the Faculty. Once the department informs the Postgraduate Office of its decision,

the Postgraduate Office will inform you of the decision in writing within 48 hours. Please note: final results are required before departments can make decisions and in some instances, the decision to accept / deny applications will be deferred until undergraduate and Honours results are supplied.

- D. You will receive an official letter from the Faculty advising you of the outcome of your application (Firm or Conditional). However please note that you can track your application status online from the UCT website.



### Step 3: Accepting your offer

This is an important step in the process. We need to know whether you will be accepting the offer made to you, particularly in the case where you have been made an offer from more than one Faculty.



### Step 4: Orientation

The Faculty conducts an Orientation Programme for postgraduate students at the start of each academic year. This takes place during the registration period, during the first week in February. The programme includes a focus on the services available to students, a focus on the world of research and a general introduction to life at UCT. In order to make the most of your time as a student at UCT, it is imperative that you attend Faculty Orientation and fully participate in the process.



### Step 5: Registration

Registration takes place in February. Once you have received a Firm Offer for postgraduate study, students must monitor the Faculty of Humanities website for dates and details pertaining to their academic programme.

[www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/apply/postgraduate/registrationdetails](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/apply/postgraduate/registrationdetails)

### When to apply

All postgraduate application dates are available on the main UCT website and can also be found on page 33 of this book.

For coursework-based programmes, applications open in April of each year for enrolment in the following year. Please consult the UCT online application page to determine submission dates for applications, and what documentation is required. Many programmes have a limited number of places.

If you wish to apply for a PhD or for a Masters by dissertation you can apply any time during the year. However, we suggest that you have a discussion with the HoD or your prospective supervisor prior to applying formally to the University.





## GRADUATE CAREER OPTIONS

A Humanities qualification prepares you for a multitude of career paths in the public sector, corporate workplace and in academia. Possible careers include:

- Policy Advisor
- Television Writer
- Psychologist
- Foreign correspondent
- Educator
- Film maker
- Lecturer
- Marketing & Brand Manager
- Media Analyst
- Human Resources Practitioner
- Historian
- Curator
- Sound Engineer
- Journalist and Editor
- Musician
- Anthropologist
- Corporate Manager
- Life Coach
- Playwright
- Performance Artist
- Social Worker
- Archivist
- Multimedia designer
- Researcher
- Civil Servant

# Postgraduate facilities & resources

Postgraduate study is a different experience from undergraduate study. Students are expected to be more independent and to take a more proactive approach in tailoring their academic experience on campus.

However, this need not be an isolating experience. There a number of resources available to assist students navigate their way through their research years.

## Faculty postgraduate labs & IT support

A number of high-tech spaces have been established for postgraduate students in the Faculty of Humanities. These new facilities include: Postgraduate Commons and IT lab spaces located in the Humanities Building (upper campus) as well as on Hiddingh campus; top floor relaxation and study facilities located in the Robert Leslie Building; new teaching and research facilities in the refurbished PD Hahn Building on upper campus as well as new music technology lab spaces at the South African College of Music.

Postgraduate Commons or labs can only be accessed by postgraduate student card-holders. The facilities feature: modern carousels with big-screen PC monitors; private work spaces for students as well as a laptop areas with wi-fi connectivity with an option of wired connection. In addition, a number of lounge areas double as relaxation spaces as well work areas for laptop users.

The newly designed spaces incorporate dedicated print rooms with printing, photocopying and scanning facilities. There are tea rooms, private lockers for personal belongings as well as a number of break-

away rooms that can be reserved online. In addition, there are dedicated reception areas for the resident tutors who are on-hand to assist students each day from 8am to 8pm.

## UCT Libraries

The Chancellor Oppenheimer Library is the main library at the University of Cape Town however there are nine other branch libraries located on UCT's various campuses. The entrance to the main library is located inside the Otto Beit Building, next to Jameson Hall on upper campus.

All of the libraries on campus offer a rich array of study and research material both in print and electronic format. Onsite library staff members are available to assist students access information. Please visit the UCT Libraries website at: [www.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.lib.uct.ac.za)

## The UCT Writing Centre

The Writing Centre is a student-orientated space which aims to provide mediation in the process of academic writing. Students from all disciplinary backgrounds as well as tertiary levels are encouraged to engage in the one-on-one consultancy services offered.

The Writing Centre is located in the Hlanganani Building on Upper Campus (two levels above the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library). The Centre is open Monday - Friday from 09h00 to 16h00. Contact the centre on 021 650 5021. Visit the website at: [www.writingcentre.uct.ac.za](http://www.writingcentre.uct.ac.za)

## Postgraduate Student Council

The Humanities Postgraduate Student Council is a student governance structure representing the common interests of postgraduate students in the Faculty of Humanities. Elections for the Postgrad HSC are held annually. The goal is to establish an ongoing, sustainable system for postgraduate representation in the Faculty. The Postgraduate Student Council aims to provide a full-spectrum service: influencing University policy that affects postgraduate students by sitting on committees and assisting with academic issues, hosting events

to help raise awareness about academic research as well as funding opportunities, providing information and being accessible to its constituency, ensuring that postgrad voices are heard.

In addition, the council aims to shape a positive postgraduate experience for students by facilitating ongoing student - faculty networking.

For additional information on the Humanities Postgraduate Student Council, visit:

[www.humanities.uct.ac.za/postgraduate-student-council](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/postgraduate-student-council)



Humanities postgraduate students tend to be drawn from a more mature age demographic. This is both a local and international trend. Our Honours programmes in particular attract students who are returning to academic life after having been employed in various fields within the private and public sectors.

In the Faculty of Humanities 52% of our 2016 postgraduate student population is above the age of 28.

# Postgraduate fees & funding at UCT

Postgraduate study is an expensive undertaking and you will need to plan carefully for the cost of your degree. We encourage students to apply to a full range of potential sources early in their final year of undergraduate study or in the year before they wish to initiate the research programme. The Postgraduate Funding Office, located on the upper campus (Otto Beit Building), is an important source of information and advice about potential funding sources and the procedures necessary to access these. E-mail your queries to: [pgfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:pgfunding@uct.ac.za)

An additional resource is the *Financial Assistance for Postgraduate Study and Postdoctoral Research*, a handbook which can be downloaded from the main UCT website.

## UCT application fees for 2018

Postgraduate application fees for South Africa and the SADC region	R100
Postgraduate application fees from outside the SADC region	R300

For the latest fees applicable to Humanities postgraduate degrees (2018 registration), please consult the current UCT Fees Handbook, which can be downloaded from the main UCT website:

[www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/)

## Fee payment deadlines for 2018

An initial payment of fees (tuition and accommodation) is due by Friday, 2 February 2018. If payment is not received on or before the due date, a one-off late payment fee of 10% of the unpaid amount will be

charged. You will be allowed to register if the initial payment has not been received by the due date.

## First payment of tuition fees

Fees are usually paid in two installments. For coursework-based programmes, the first is due by the end of January, and the balance at the end of June. For a full research programme or a coursework-based programme starting in the 2nd semester, full fees are payable on registration.

International students are required to pay their tuition fees in full prior to registering.

## Postgraduate Funding

Various sources of funding are available to support the cost of postgraduate study at UCT. To qualify for postgraduate funding, applicants must first formally apply for an academic place at UCT. Only students registering for Honours, Masters and Doctoral degrees are eligible for postgraduate funding from UCT.

With the exception of a small number of prestigious and full-cost fellowships, UCT scholarships are available to supplement fees. These scholarships offer partial funding and are awarded based on certain criteria.

All students are responsible for settling their outstanding fee balances and all applicants are expected to have the means to fund their studies.

Funding applications must be submitted separately

from general applications. Forms are available from the Postgraduate Funding Office. Closing dates for funding applications, which vary from award to award, are available online. Please check the website for details regarding the specific deadlines for each award.

## National Research Foundation (NRF) bursaries

NRF makes research funding available to academic supervisors. Please enquire from the relevant academic department or from your prospective supervisor whether NRF funding opportunities exist in your area of research interest.

## Faculty International Student Bursary

Postgraduate Diploma, Honours and Coursework Masters programme students are eligible for the Faculty International Student Bursary. For additional

information on this bursary, please contact the Faculty's Postgraduate Office or visit:

[www.humanities.uct.ac.za/postgraduate/students/awards](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/postgraduate/students/awards)

Scholarships are available for international students. International students should contact the University's Postgraduate Funding Office for assistance on 021 650 3622. Applicants can download the brochure entitled: *Funding Your Postgraduate Studies at UCT* which is available from:

[www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications)

## Additional sources of postgraduate funding

The University has a dedicated Postgraduate Funding Office responsible for the management and administration of postgraduate awards, scholarships, fellowships and bursaries. The table below details additional sources of funding for postgraduate students at UCT.

SCHOLARSHIPS / BURSARY	INFORMATION
National and international foundations	Various national and international foundations provide financial support towards the cost of postgraduate study.
University-wide scholarships	All students are eligible to compete for these.
Discipline-specific scholarships	A list of these can be found in the University's handbook 14 in the UCT series, "Financial Assistance for Postgraduate Study and Postdoctoral Research".
National Research Foundation bursaries (These take 2 forms)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bursaries awarded directly to students, on application.</li> <li>2. Bursaries awarded to supervisors. Distribution of these is at the discretion of the supervisor, within a framework of conditions laid down by the NRF.</li> </ol>
Research groups	Research groups inter alia undertake contract work for industry or governmental organisations. Frequently, bursary funding is one form of payment or industry-generated funds are sometimes used to top-up bursaries.
Industry scholarships	Specific industries may sometimes allocate bursaries for postgraduate students to pursue specific tasks.
University and external scholarships	Available specifically for international students.
Scholarships for refugee students	Scholarships are available for refugee students.

Contact the Postgraduate Centre and Funding Office on: 021 650 3622 or Email: [pgfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:pgfunding@uct.ac.za)

My Doctoral research takes a social psychological and ecological stance in exploring men's perpetration of violence against intimate women partners in the context of their relationships, the communities they form part of, and in the printed media. This social phenomenon appealed to me because of the extent to which it plagues our society, paralysing our nation with much trauma and fear. Whilst some undergraduate psychology scholars were predominantly interested in developing their clinical or counselling psychology careers, my primary interest was grounded within research psychology. Our psychology department at UCT is one of the leading research departments in South Africa and is home to some of the most prominent researchers in their fields. I think that what is foremost in making the decision to advance your Humanities postgraduate career is to firstly have a thirst for gaining deeper knowledge, and a greater understanding of people.

A Humanities undergraduate degree might be imagined as an introduction or an entrée into the theories of individual and social behaviour, and the postgraduate degree as a refinement of this knowledge and dexterity, with the added opportunity to put these theories into practice by conducting your own research.

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*Department of Psychology*  
*UCT Faculty of Humanities*



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Q: How do you apply for postgraduate studies in the Humanities?**

**A:** The departments in the Faculty of Humanities are listed on page 9 - 13 of this booklet as well as on the Faculty website. You can navigate to each specific departmental website from the Faculty homepage, to get an idea of programmes offered as well as staff interests and their contact details. This will help you find a potential supervisor (for research degrees). Please apply online utilising the "Applying to UCT" tab.

UCT Application Guide:

[www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/)

For queries related to your online application, please contact the UCT Admissions Office on 021 650 2128. You are encouraged to monitor your application status online using the UCT self-service tool.

### Additional links:

Humanities Handbook - [www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/)

Fees - [www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/)

Funding - [www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/)

To access the Off Campus Student Accommodation Services, please visit:

[www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/ocsas/about/](http://www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/ocsas/about/)

For Student Housing & Residence options visit:

[www.uct.ac.za/apply/residence/applications/office/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/residence/applications/office/)

## **Q: What are the English language requirements for taking up postgraduate studies?**

**A:** International applicants for whom English is a second language are required to submit one of the following:

- a recent score (obtained within 3 - 5 years before application for admission) of at least 570 (paper-

based test) or 230 (computer-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

- a recent overall band score of 7.0 (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Information on the TOEFL is available from:

[www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

Information on the IELTS is available through the British Council at the British consulate or embassy in your country. You may also access the IELTS website:

[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

## **Q: Does the Faculty of Humanities offer any postgraduate qualifications in online or distance-learning mode?**

**A:** The Faculty does not currently offer online or distance learning postgraduate degrees. Regarding PhD studies, the University rules state:

"During his or her period of registration a candidate will normally be required to attend at the University for a period of at least one year. By "attend at the University" Senate understands that the candidate shall, within reason, be readily available for discussion at the University."

You could contact the specific department that you are interested in within the Faculty of Humanities to discuss your PhD research interests and determine whether there is a suitable supervisor available who would agree to less contact time.

## **Q: What are the tuition fees for postgraduate study?**

**A:** Student fees are available in the UCT Fees booklet, from the UCT Fees Office and from the main UCT website. If you require a pro-forma invoice, please fill in the form and send it to the UCT Fees Office.

Tel: 021 650 1704

Email: [fnd-feeenq@uct.ac.za](mailto:fnd-feeenq@uct.ac.za)

Details on payment methods can be found on the UCT Fees web pages.

**Q: Are there any guidelines on the preparation of the Research Proposal for Masters by research and PhD applications?**

**A:** Yes, please refer to the PDF document entitled "Research proposal guidelines PhD Masters" which can be downloaded from the Humanities website: [www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/postgraduate/studies/navigatingthesis/getstarted](http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/postgraduate/studies/navigatingthesis/getstarted)

**Q: I am an international applicant who has been accepted for postgraduate study in the Faculty of Humanities. How do I go about becoming registered?**

**A:** You will have received a letter via e-mail indicating that UCT is making you an offer for admission to postgraduate studies. Registration dates for coursework postgraduate programmes are set each year for a week in February and you may only register during this time. Registration dates are available online at: [www.uct.ac.za/students/records/reg\\_details](http://www.uct.ac.za/students/records/reg_details)

Candidates entering the first year of the research Masters (100% dissertation) and PhD degrees must register before 1 May annually. Returning students can register at any time throughout the academic year. There are 3 main steps to follow in order to become registered with the Faculty:

**Step 1:** If you are going to accept the offer, you need to fill in Section A of the letter and return it to the UCT Admissions Office. Email: [admissions@uct.ac.za](mailto:admissions@uct.ac.za)

**Step 2:** As an international student, before the Faculty can register you, pre-registration clearance needs to be obtained from the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO). Email: [INT-IAPO@uct.ac.za](mailto:INT-IAPO@uct.ac.za). Proof of payment of fees, a copy of your passport identification page, a copy of your study visa and proof of medical insurance are required for this. IAPO can assist you in obtaining a study permit by issuing you with a letter of undertaking for the embassy/home affairs office where you are applying. If you require this assistance please email: [nosizwe.mgudlwa@uct.ac.za](mailto:nosizwe.mgudlwa@uct.ac.za)

**Step 3:** Once you have IAPO pre-registration clearance, you need to collect your registration forms from the Faculty's Postgraduate Office located in the Beattie Building, Room 105. Completed registration forms should be submitted for processing to the Faculty's Postgraduate Office.

Should you have any queries, please contact this office:  
Tel: 021 650 2691  
Email: [hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za](mailto:hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za)

**Q: What accommodation options are available to postgraduate students?**

**A1:** For information on the various student residence options on campus, please contact Student Housing Accommodation & Advocacy Services (SHAAS):

Tel: 021 650 2977 Fax: 021 650 4014  
Email: [res@uct.ac.za](mailto:res@uct.ac.za)

**A2:** For residence outside campus, please contact Off-Campus Student Accommodation Services (OCSAS):

Tel: 021 650 4934 Fax: 021 650 5595  
Email: [ocsas@uct.ac.za](mailto:ocsas@uct.ac.za)  
[www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/ocsas/about/](http://www.accommodation.uct.ac.za/ocsas/about/)

**Q: How do I find out what the status of my application is?**

**A:** You can track the status of your application online using your unique application number.  
[www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/postgraduates/status/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/postgraduates/status/)

**Q: What is the process followed for approval of my PhD proposal and when do I have to submit the final proposal to the Faculty?**

**A:** A formal research proposal, supported by both your chosen supervisor and the Head of Department, should be submitted to the Faculty's Postgraduate Office within six months of your initial registration. The timeline for submission and approval of proposals ensures that candidates are able to complete their thesis within a reasonable length of time.

The approved proposal, along with a proposal approval form indicating ethics approval must be submitted to the Faculty by 1 May.

Once submitted your proposal will undergo Faculty Board approval followed by ratification by the Doctoral Degrees Board, confirming your candidature as a doctoral student at UCT.

**Q: How do I get ethics clearance for my PhD proposal?**

**A:** Ethics clearance is obtained and filed at departmental level. Your departmental ethics representative will be able to send you the appropriate forms. These should be approved by the representative on the PhD proposal, verifying that the process of ethics approval has been carried out and clearance obtained where necessary.

For further information regarding ethics clearance at UCT, access the policy: [www.uct.ac.za/about/policies/](http://www.uct.ac.za/about/policies/)

**Q: What is the deadline for the submission of my Masters dissertation/ PhD thesis in order to be eligible for June/ December graduation, all other requirements being met?**

**A:** For a PhD thesis:

Notice of intention to submit a dissertation shall be given in writing to the Faculty's Postgraduate Office not later than 10 January for possible graduation in June, and 20 June for possible graduation in December. The dates for submission of theses are:

- First day of the new academic year for persons hoping to graduate in June;
- 15 August for persons hoping to graduate in December.

This is published in the UCT General Rules and Policies Handbook found here: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/)

**A:** For a Masters dissertation:

- Notice of intention to submit a dissertation shall be given in writing to the Faculty's

Postgraduate Office not later than 15 February for possible graduation in June, and 15 July for possible graduation in December.

- Except where otherwise determined for a specific specialisation, the dissertation must be submitted to this office by the start of the 2nd quarter for possible graduation in June, and by not later than the start of 4th quarter for possible graduation in December.

This is published in the PG Humanities Handbook found here: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/handbooks/)

Please note: The Postgraduate Office and Doctoral Degrees Board Office do not undertake to reach a decision on the examination outcome by any specific date.

**Q: Is there a cut-off date for receiving a fee rebate if I submit my Masters dissertation/ PhD thesis early?**

**A:** The fee rebates due for submission of both PhD theses and Masters dissertations are published in the UCT Fees Handbook: [www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/](http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees/)

I learned the following while studying in the Humanities. I seek first to disprove. When someone suggests something cannot be done, innovative thinking often results in a successful outcome.

With a reputation for being a 'fashion intellectual' I learned to see all things in a social context. This understanding has definitely given me an edge in the fashion industry.

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# Important dates & useful contacts

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Postgraduate application deadline (general)	31 October
*MA in Clinical Psychology	1 June
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