

THE UCT KNOWLEDGE CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS / UCT ENGAGED STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP FOR FULL TIME MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2024-2025

Purpose:

The UCT Knowledge Co-op is making available a two-year scholarship for 1st and 2nd year FULL TIME masters who are interested to pursue their studies via the Knowledge Co-op. Students must be committed to conduct research that makes an impact on civil society, but ONLY IF they are conducting their dissertations in collaboration with a community partner facilitated through the UCT Knowledge Co-op. Students who want to know if they qualify, need to liaise with the Co-op about this before applying. Any field of study can be considered, provided suitable topics are available through the Knowledge Co-op.

Applications are invited from suitable candidates who intend to conduct their Masters research dissertation at the University of Cape Town in 2024, and who have obtained written pre-approval from the Knowledge Co-op (for which they need to contact the Co-op office two weeks before the submission date (by latest Wednesday, 31 January 2024).

PLEASE CONTACT THE KNOWLEDGE CO-OP ADMIN ASSISTANT via email knowledgecoop.admin@uct.ac.za (DETAILS BELOW) FOR A LIST OF RESEARCH TOPICS AVAILABLE FOR 2024 before applying.

Conditions: The successful incumbent will be required to:

- Register for full-time study.
- Select a dissertation topic from those available through the UCT Knowledge Co-op website [Available Topics](#) and conduct the dissertation in compliance with the [Co-op principles](#). It is essential to liaise with the Co-op about this WELL BEFORE applying for the bursary to obtain pre-approval.
- Comply with the University's approved [policies](#), procedures, and practises for the postgraduate sector.
- Although successful candidates will be permitted to hold other awards concurrently, and to take up part-time employment, they may not hold salaried/full-time employment concurrently.
- Submit annual progress reports by end October – renewal of scholarship is subject to a positive progress report
- Not hold any funding
- No service will be required in return for the award.

Value and tenure:

The value of the scholarship is **R150,000** per annum. The tenure of the award is over two years.

Criteria to be considered for the award:

- The bursary will be awarded based on academic merit (final Honours degree mark of 60% and above), financial need and a commitment to social justice;
- South African students / students who hold citizenship in the SADC region; Students from other African countries may be considered if there are not sufficient SADC applicants;
- Students who are considered suitable for representing UCT and the Knowledge Co-op at the chosen site.

All applications must include:

- Pre-Approval letter/note from the Knowledge Co-Op
- Letter of Endorsement from academic supervisor
- Completed application form
- Certified copies of all tertiary academic transcripts
- Bank statement (3 months) of all Head/s of household
- Bank statement (3 months) of student

Selection Process: Eligible and complete applications will be considered by the UCT Knowledge Co-op in consultation with the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee.

Closing date for applications: Fully completed applications must be submitted electronically to fellowships@uct.ac.za by **15 February 2024 at 23h59**

For enquiries regarding UCT Knowledge Co-op topics and conditions contact knowledgecoop.admin@uct.ac.za

Late, incomplete, or inappropriate applications will not be considered. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications, to change the conditions of award or to make no awards at all.



THE UCT KNOWLEDGE CO-OP BURSARIES / UCT ENGAGED STUDIES BURSARIES STUDENT APPLICATION FORM - 2024

CLOSING DATE – 15 February 2024

A PERSONAL INFORMATION	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>									
Surname										
First Names										
Date of Birth										
Gender										
*Ethnicity	Black		Coloured		Indian		White		Unknown	
Residency in South Africa	SA		SA PERM		SADC		NON-SADC		INTL	
Country of origin										
Disability	Yes		No							
Nature of Disability										
Email Address					Preferred Contact Number					

B ACADEMIC INFORMATION	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete This section refers to the degree for which funding is being applied</i>									
Degree in 2024										
First date of registration of above degree										
Year of study towards above degree in 2024	1 st		2 nd		3 rd		4 th		5 th	
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/ AREA OF SPECIALISATION										
FACULTY										
Degree Structure	Full-time			Part-time				Modular		
Type of Degree	Coursework ONLY			Coursework/ Dissertation				Full Dissertation		
	Professional									
IF TYPE OF DEGREE = COURSEWORK/DISSERATION	Coursework			%		Dissertation		%		
IF TYPE OF DEGREE = PROFESSIONAL	Coursework			%		Dissertation		%		
TERM GPA								%		

B.1 DISSERTATION DETAILS	<i>COMPULSORY – All Applicants to complete Select a dissertation topic from those available through the UCT Knowledge Co-op See website: http://www.knowledgeco-op.uct.ac.za/kco/proj/available</i>									
Master's Dissertation/Thesis Title										

B.2 PRE-APPROVAL FROM THE KNOWLEDGE CO-OP	<i>COMPULSORY – All Applicants and Knowledge Co-Op Office to complete It is essential to liaise with the Co-op TWO WEEKS prior to applying for the bursary</i>									
OFFICE STAMP					DATE					

B.3 SUPERVISORS		<i>COMPULSORY – All Applicants to complete</i>	
Please select	Supervisor		Co-Supervisor
Title			
First Name			
Surname			
Email address			

B.4 SUBMISSION		<i>COMPULSORY – All Applicants to complete</i>			
Have you submitted your dissertation/thesis for the above degree?	YES		NO		IF YES, Date of submission

B.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE		<i>COMPULSORY – All Applicants to complete</i>				
Have you taken leave of absence during your tertiary academic study	YES		NO			
IF YES, please specify date	From date:					
	To date:					
Was the leave of absence approved as paid study leave?	YES		NO		Salary (ZAR)	p/m
Expected graduation date of above degree						

C PREVIOUS QUALIFICATION/S		<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>				
Name Institution	Level of Qualification (e.g. Honours)	Year completed (e.g. 2018)	Status (e.g. Complete/ Incomplete/ Submitted Dissertation/Thesis correction)	Length of time take to complete (e.g. 1 year)	Final GPA/ Academic standing	Graduation date

D FINANCIAL SUPPORT		<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>			
<i>This section refers to additional funding you have applied for to support the above degree</i>					
Name of award	Value of award	Does award bind you contractually? (Yes or No)	Does award allow you to hold other awards concurrently? (Yes or No)	Is the award repayable? (Yes or No)	
(Please check box) I, understand that I am required to email all information of awards that binds me contractually including that which prevents me from holding other awards concurrently					

D1 LETTER OF APPLICATION AND MOTIVATION	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>
LETTER OF APPLICATION	Please provide a biographical sketch (not in bullet form) giving information not already provided elsewhere in application. The introduction must be written as a narrative and could include a short overview of where, in terms of research, you have come from, the topic you envisage taking on for your thesis and where you are now
MOTIVATION	Please include a personal motivation on why you should be awarded. This motivation should not include information recorded anywhere else in the application

E	REPAYMENT TERMS	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i> <i>This section refers to any funding you have been awarded in a previous year which you may be in the process of repaying</i>			
Are you currently repaying any scholarships	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IF YES, please specific repayment terms					

E	ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete and <u>must demonstrate a commitment to social justice</u></i>			
Leadership positions (current and past records)		Description	Contact person (if available)		
Community service/voluntary work (current and past)		Description	Contact person (if available)		
Previous achievements/awards received (current and past)		Description	Contact person (if available)		
Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities. <i>Please be as detailed as possible.</i>					
Skills and Interests. <i>Please be as detailed as possible.</i>					
Academic and/or Professional Experience. <i>Please be as detailed as possible.</i>					
A. Total number of peer-reviewed and book chapter publications to date					
B. Total number of the above publications that you are the senior/lead authors					
C. Total number of peer reviewed conference proceedings to date					
D. Total number of the above publications that you are the senior/lead author					
Total number of ALL peer reviewed publications to date (i.e. A+C)					

Publication list of all peer reviewed publications to date (not in review): authors, date, title, journal, vol, pages.
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ACADEMIC REFEREES		<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i> Names and contact details of two academics who have taught, supervised or worked alongside the applicant	
REFEREE 1		REFEREE 2	
Name and Surname		Name and Surname	
Email address		Email address	
Telephone number		Telephone number	

NEEDS ASSESSMENT	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO READ THIS CAREFULLY

- The main criterion pertaining to **THE UCT KNOWLEDGE CO-OP BURSARIES / UCT ENGAGED STUDIES BURSARIES** is 1) academic excellence, 2) commitment to conducting research that make an impact on civil society, 3) financial need and 4) the ability to complete the degree. This section is in the form of an AFFIDAVIT which needs to be completed in full by the applicant and witnessed by a COMMISSIONER OF OATHS and by one further witness. These two witnesses may not be members of your immediate family.
- You are required to give clear and true responses to the questions below. These answers must be given by you under oath and witnessed by the two witnesses identified above. All answers must be initialled by the applicant, as well as by the two witnesses. The Commissioner of Oaths' signature must be accompanied by his/her official stamp.
- The University of Cape Town considers this AFFIDAVIT to be a legally binding document and reserves the right to request you to furnish evidence of your answers/statements on this AFFIDAVIT. If it is found that you have provided information that is false or untrue, the University of Cape Town further reserves the right to disqualify your application and/or to cancel and recover any scholarship funds that may have been paid out to you.**

AFFIDAVIT	
I, (PRINT NAME in the space provided)	
ID Number	
the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have responded to the questions/statements below in a clear and true manner, as follows:	

No. 1 INCOME				Confirmation of response to No. 1
1.1 Applicant's name (PRINT)				<i>Applicant's initials</i>
<i>I am employed</i>	YES		NO	<i>Commissioner of Oath's initials</i>
<i>IF YES, Number of work hours per week</i>				<i>2nd Witness's initials</i>
<i>1.1.1 If YES, state annual income (in the currency of place of employment)</i>				
<i>1.1.2 If YES, to 1.1 above, please state the currency</i>				

No. 2 LIVING CONDITIONS				Confirmation of response to No. 2
2.1. Please mark X	I live alone		UCT Residence	<i>Applicant's initials</i>
2.2. Please mark X I live with my	SPOUSE		FATHER	<i>Commissioner of Oath's initials</i>
	MOTHER		BROTHER(S)	
	SISTER(S)		GUARDIAN	
	EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS			

No. 3 ANNUAL INCOME				Confirmation of response to No. 3
	SPOUSE		FATHER	

3.1. If any of the boxes in 2.2. have been ticked, state annual (ZAR) of each person:	MOTHER		BROTHER(S)		Applicant's initials Commissioner of Oath's initials
	SISTER(S)		GUARDIAN		
	EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS				
No. 3.2 DEPENDANTS Number of persons dependant on annual income living in household/s	<i>Family Members</i>				2 nd Witness's initials
	APPLICANT				
	SPOUSE				
	FATHER				
	MOTHER				
	BROTHER(S)				
	SISTER(S)				
GUARDIAN					
EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS					

No. 4 HEAD/S OF HOUSEHOLD			Confirmation of response to No. 4
4.1. Please indicate who the head(s) of the household is(are). Please mark X	<i>Family Members</i>		Head/s of Household Please indicate 1 and 2 where applicable
	APPLICANT		
	SPOUSE		
	FATHER		
	MOTHER		
	BROTHER(S)		
	SISTER(S)		
	GUARDIAN		
	EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS		
			Applicant's initials Commissioner of Oath's initials 2 nd Witness's initials

No. 5 OCCUPATIONAL STATUS			Confirmation of response to No. 5.1
5.1. Please indicate the occupational status of the head 1 of the household. Please mark X	EMPLOYEE – FULL TIME		Applicant's initials Commissioner of Oath's initials 2 nd Witness's initials
	EMPLOYEE – PART TIME		
	EMPLOYED		
	SELF-EMPLOYED – WITH EMPLOYEES		
	SELF EMPLOYED – WITHOUT EMPLOYEES		
	RETIRED – WITH PENSION		
	RETIRED – WITHOUT PERSON		
	NOT EMPLOYED		
5.2. Please indicate the occupational status of the head 2 of the household. Please mark X	EMPLOYEE – FULL TIME		2 nd Witness's initials
	EMPLOYEE – PART TIME		
	EMPLOYED		
	SELF-EMPLOYED – WITH EMPLOYEES		
	SELF EMPLOYED – WITHOUT EMPLOYEES		
	RETIRED – WITH PENSION		
	RETIRED – WITHOUT PERSON		
	NOT EMPLOYED		

No. 6 STATE/GOVERNMENT GRANT			Confirmation of response to No. 6
6.1. I (Applicant) receive a State/Government Grant	YES		NO
6.1.1. If YES to 6.1 above, state amount per month			
6.2. Please mark X who of the following members receives a State/Government Grant	MY SPOUSE		Applicant's initials Commissioner of Oath's initials 2 nd Witness's initials
	FATHER		
	MOTHER		
	BROTHER (S)		
	SISTER (S)		
	GUARDIAN		
EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS			
6.2.1. If any of the boxes in 6.2 have been ticked, state amount per month for each person:	SPOUSE		2 nd Witness's initials
	FATHER		
	MOTHER		
	BROTHER (S)		
	SISTER (S)		
	GUARDIAN		
EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS			

NO. 7 PROPERTY			Confirmation of response to No. 7
7.1. Do you own property? (please mark X)	YES		NO
7.1.1. if you own the Property, is it Urban? (please mark X)	YES		NO
7.1.2. If you own the property, is it Rural? (please mark X)	YES		NO
7.1.3. If property is owned, state value of such property			
7.1.4. Please state the currency of the property value			
7.1.5. If property is owned, state outstanding debt on such property (if any)			
7.1.6. Please state the currency of outstanding debt on property (if any)			
			Applicant's initials Commissioner of Oath's initials

7.2. If you do not own the property on which you live, state the following. Please mark with X who the property belongs too	SPOUSE		FATHER		2 nd Witness's initials
	MOTHER		BROTHER(S)		
	SISTER(S)		GUARDIAN		
	EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS				
7.2.1. If any of the above own the property, is it Urban?	YES		NO		Confirmation of response to No. 8
7.2.2. If any of the above own the property, is it Rural?	YES		NO		
7.2.3. State value of such property					
7.2.4. state the outstanding debt on such property (if any)					
7.2.5. Please state the currency of outstanding debt on property (if any)					
7.2.6. If NO to 7.1. do you or a family member rent the property on which you live?	YES		NO		
7.2.7. If YES to 7.2.5. above, state monthly rental paid for property					
No. 8 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – PER MONTH	<i>Confirmation of Income and Expenditure for all living in the HOUSEHOLD for past year (2021) per MONTH. Insert the relevant AMOUNT alongside the text in both columns below.</i>				
Salary of Head 1		Rent/Mortgage		Applicant's initials	
Salary of Head 2		Property Rates			
Other Salary		Utilities (electricity, gas, etc.)		Commissioner of Oath's initials	
Government Grant 1		Food and Household Necessities			
Government Grant 2		Clothing		2 nd Witness's initials	
Child Maintenance Received		Medical Expenses			
Other		Insurance (home, life, etc.)			
Other		Transport			
Other		Motor Vehicle(s)			
Other		Taxes			
Other		Entertainment/Travel			
Other		Child Maintenance Payment(s)			
Other		Other			

D.1 HOUSING	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>				
Have you applied or do you currently reside in UCT Residence?	YES		NO		
IF YES, Name of UCT Residence					
IF YES, Type of Residence	Self-catering		Catering		
IF NO, please select other accommodation	Living at Home		Rental Accommodation		
Rental Accommodation tenure	From date:		To date:		

D.2 REPAYMENT TERMS	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete This section refers to any funding you have been awarded in a previous year which you may be in the process of repaying</i>				
Are you currently repaying any scholarships (Yes or No)					
IF YES, please specific repayment terms					

E STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	<i>COMPULSORY - All applicants to complete</i>				
I, the undersigned, certify that the information given in my application is, to the best of knowledge, complete and accurate. I agree that submission of false and incorrect information may result in cancellation of this application, or the immediate repayment by me of the value of any award that has been paid to me based on information provided in this application. I agree to advise the University of any changes that may occur about the information as submitted on the following date:					
PRINT NAME AND SURNAME					
Applicant Signature		Date:			

CHECKLIST FOR THE UCT KNOWLEDGE CO-OP BURSARIES / UCT ENGAGED STUDIES BURSARIES			
Please complete the application form and required supporting documentation and email to fellowships@uct.ac.za . Please use the reference: "THE UCT KNOWLEDGE CO-OP BURSARIES / UCT ENGAGED STUDIES BURSARIES 2024 – First name, Surname and Student number"			
Are the below documents/forms complete and attached? (Tick)			
	Supporting documents	Yes	No
1	Pre-Approval letter/note from the Knowledge Co-Op	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Application form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Certified copies of all tertiary academic transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Letter of endorsement from supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Bank statement (3 months) of all Head/s of household	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Bank statement (3 months) of student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>