

Apply for Doctoral and Master's Research Programmes in the UCT Law Faculty for 2023

The Faculty of Law invites applications for admission to PhD and Master's research degree programmes in the Departments of Commercial, Private and Public Law. The specialist focus areas for each of UCT's Law Faculty departments are as follows:

Commercial Law

Banking Law, Company Law; Consumer Credit Law, Corporate Governance; Commercial Regulation; Comparative Law in Africa; Intellectual Property Law; Insolvency Law, International Taxation; International Trade Law, Labour Law; Law and Development in Africa; Tax Law; Contracts and Specific Contracts.

Private Law

African Customary Law; Air and Aviation Law; Civil Procedure; Conflict of Laws; Contract; Specific Contracts; Consumer Protection; Delict; Family Law (including Women and Children's Law); Jurisprudence and Legal Theory; Legal Education; Mineral Law and Expropriation Law; Private Law and Human Rights; Property Law (in particular related to Land and Natural/Mineral/Fuel Resources); Rhetoric Studies; and Succession.

Public Law

Administrative Justice; Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Africa; Race, Gender, Sexuality and the Law; Criminal Justice; Criminology and Governance of Security; Democratisation; Environmental Law; Evidence; International and Regional Human Rights Law and Practice; Law and Society; Land and Policy; Legal Pluralism and Human Rights; Public International Law; International Criminal Law; Constitutional Law; Public Accountability; Forced Migration (including Refugee law, Statelessness and Internal Displacement); Children's Rights; and Women's Rights.

Applications for 2023 are open 1 April – 31 August 2022. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Online applications supported by the following documentation will be accepted [here](#):

- A brief CV;
- Official transcript (unless the applicant is a UCT graduate);
- Contact details of two academic referees; and
- A 3-4 page statement of the research topic (the statement of interest form can be found [here](#)).

Successful applicants will be given probationary registration for a period of six months, during which they will be required to finalise their thesis/dissertation proposals under the guidance of their supervisors. In addition, they will be required to participate in a week-long preparatory course at the end of January 2023. At the end of the period of probationary registration, final thesis/dissertation proposals must be submitted for consideration by the Faculty's Higher Degrees Committee, which may then recommend entry into a doctoral or master's programme. The deadline for submission of final thesis/dissertation proposals will be 15 August 2023.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are offered with the aim of supporting disadvantaged students, with particular (but not exclusive) focus on black South African students. The faculty may also offer scholarships to cover *tuition fees only* to up to ten applicants for a period of up to two years for Master's students and three years for PhD students, subject to satisfactory progress.

The final date for applications is 31 August 2022.

For further information - click [here](#) or contact Patricia Phillips at patricia.phillips@uct.ac.za

UCT is committed to the pursuit of excellence, diversity and redress in achieving its equity targets. For these programmes we seek particularly to attract black South African candidates.