

**FACULTY OF LAW**

**The EXCELLENCE IN LAW Scholarships**

**Application Form for 2025 Scholarships**

UCT’s Faculty of Law continuously raises funding in support of scholarships for academically promising students who, without scholarship support, would be unable to pursue a degree in Law.

The Faculty is particularly committed to attracting talented South African learners from previously disadvantaged communities to study Law, and therefore offers the *Excellence in Law* Scholarships as part of this commitment. The value of the scholarship is up to R70,000 (depending on total fees for a particular student and on available funding), paid into a recipient’s fee account, and is only applicable for fees.

These scholarships are highly competitive, so in addition to financial need, applicants will also have to demonstrate a GPA of at least 65% to be eligible for consideration.

If you are a student undertaking the 4-year LLB, and are receiving either NSFAS or UCT Gap funding, you are not eligible for this scholarship (in line with UCT Policy). Should you be awarded a Faculty scholarship, and subsequently be awarded NSFAS and/or UCT Gap funding, your Faculty scholarship will be rescinded accordingly.

These scholarships can be considered for renewal – up to a maximum of four years - depending on results, passing all courses, available funding and other factors. There is therefore no guarantee that this scholarship would be renewed from year to year. However, scholarship recipients will automatically be considered for renewal for the next academic year, *so there is no need for recipients to re-apply*.

**Eligibility criteria**

1. Applicants must be from previous/ historical disadvantage.
2. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need, along the same lines as when applying for NSFAS or UCT gap funding (refer to [www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za) or <http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-funding-administration/financial-assistance/overview> for information).
3. If applicants are currently enrolled for, or have already completed, an undergraduate degree, they must have achieved an overall GPA of at least 65% in their university academic record to be eligible to apply. Please note that achieving this GPA is no guarantee of an award, as these scholarships are highly competitive.

**PLEASE NOTE:** if you accept a scholarship, incur fee costs, and then withdraw or do not complete the academic year, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

If you believe you are eligible to apply, please complete the form below.

**EXCELLENCE IN LAW APPLICATION FOR 2025**

**Surname:** ……………………………………………**First name**: ………………………………………………………………………

**Residential home address:** ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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**E mail address**: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**High School attended:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Student No/ UCT reference:** …………………………………  **SA Identity no:** ……………………………………………………

**Self-declared race classification:**…………………………………………………….

**Gender:** ………………………………………………………………………………………….

**Occupation of Mother/Guardian:** ……………………………………………………………………………………

**Occupation of other parent/Guardian:** ……………………………………………………………………………………

**Do you have any other scholarship/bursary funding?** (if yes, please provide details) ………………………………………….

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**Why are you interested in Law?** *(please complete on a separate sheet if necessary)*

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**Why should you be awarded this scholarship?** *(please complete on a separate sheet if necessary)*

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**Community involvement:** *(please complete on a separate sheet if necessary)*

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**ACCOMPANYING FORMS – SUBMIT AS A SINGLE COMBINED PDF FILE**

*(please note that any application that does not include all of these items, and is* ***NOT submitted as a single combined PDF file, will be considered incomplete*** *and therefore invalid)*

1. Copy of your ID document
2. Most recent transcript, including (if applicable) from UCT
3. Evidence of parent/ guardian employment status

**Signature:** ……………………………………………….. **Date:** ………………………… SEE OVER FOR NOTES …./

**NOTES:**

1. **Please submit by email to** lawscholarships-ug@uct.ac.za **by FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024**, along with your most recent academic transcript.
2. Late and/or incomplete applications (INCLUDING THOSE SUBMITTED AS SEPARATE FILES) will not be considered.
3. Scholarship payments are made directly into a student’s fee account.
4. Please note that should you receive other funding support, it is possible that your scholarship award may be reversed, or the university may adjust any other university support you receive. Any other funding support would need to be declared to the Law Faculty.
5. Should a recipient of this scholarship fail their academic year, or withdraw from the LLB programme, the scholarship could be withdrawn and the student would then be liable for fee costs incurred during the period as a registered student.