

**FACULTY OF LAW**

**SIR FRANK BERMAN FELLOWSHIPS**

**Application Form for 2025**

Sir Frank Berman was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the *UCT Trust* in the UK, from 2010 until 2020. Now serving as a member of the Board, Sir Frank has been involved with the UCT Trust since 1999. Sir Frank is a British barrister and leading authority in international law. He joined HM Diplomatic Service in 1965 and was Legal Adviser to the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1991 to 1999.

Sir Frank graduated from UCT with a BA in 1959 and a BSc in 1960. He attended Wadham College at Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar and undertook doctoral work at Nuffield College. He joined Essex Court Chambers in 2000, where he continues to practice law with a specialisation in international arbitration and advisory work in international law. In 2006 he was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold with Star of the Republic of Austria for his work as Chairman of the Claims Committee of the Austrian General Settlement Fund for Victims of Nazi Persecution. In 2014 he was presented with the Grand Cross of the Royal Cambodian Order. Since 2010 he has been a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and is Visiting Professor of International Law at Oxford and UCT. In July 2022, the University of Cape Town conferred upon Sir Frank Berman a Doctorate in Law *Honoris Causa.*

In recognition of Sir Frank’s contribution to the UCT Trust, and to UCT Law, the *Sir Frank Berman Fellowship* has been established through the generosity of those who have worked with him.

Up to three scholarships of R60,000 each are to be awarded per annum.

**Eligibility & Criteria**

1. This award is for LLB students going into their final year who have shown an aptitude for International Law during their intermediate year. A minimum mark of 65% in International Law is required to be eligible for consideration.
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. Applicants must be from a historically disadvantaged background.
4. Recipients will meet with Sir Frank online (or in person if circumstances allow), should he be available.

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

**SIR FRANK BERMAN FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM 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 studying 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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**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. Up-to-date UCT transcript
3. Documentary evidence of leadership potential and community engagement

**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.
6. Applicants shortlisted for this scholarship may be called to an interview (30 mins), which could be conducted online.