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**The Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship Programme**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR 2025**

The *Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship* is a prestigious two-year scholarship award, established by Faculty alumnus Roger MacFarlane and his family, for University of Cape Town Law students in their intermediate and final year of their LLB programme. The inaugural awards were made in 2021.

This scholarship is geared to contribute to the demographic transformation of the Law Faculty student body and, in turn, the South African legal profession. As such, South African students from previous/historical disadvantage who are registered in the UCT Law Faculty in their Prelim year of study (or Prelim B for 4-yr LLB students) are eligible to apply for the scholarship for their Intermediate and Final years of study, provided they meet the financial criteria.

For students in the 4-yr LLB programme, the financial criterion is that you meet the eligibility for UCT Gap funding. For student going into the 2-yr graduate LLB or into Intermediate Year in the 3-yr LLB, you would need to demonstrate a total family income of less than R600 000 per annum.

Once eligibility has been confirmed, selection is primarily based on academic performance and MacFarlane Leadership Scholars are expected to have an excellent academic record.

In particular, successful applicants will be able to demonstrate leadership performance and potential, and social engagement through a history of participation in student life and leadership, and a commitment to social justice. Applicants will be able to provide documented evidence of a practical commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged groups or communities.

For 2025, the scholarship award is valued at around R85,000 per annum, for a maximum of two years, to be paid into the recipient’s fee account. Renewal of the scholarship for the second year is dependent upon satisfactory academic performance in the first year, and full participation in the related programme activity outlined below.

**Programme Activity Components**

As this scholarship is intended to support students who demonstrate leadership qualities, and to further develop these skills and qualities, there is a requirement for MacFarlane Leadership Scholars to participate in the broader EJMFL Scholarship Programme. In addition to the courses required for the recipients’ degree programmes, MacFarlane Leadership Scholars are required to participate in additional training and skills development initiatives designed to develop leadership qualities over the two years of the scholarship. Such courses – which will vary from year to year – might include, amongst other things, a leadership workshop; training with the Hasso Plattner School for Design Thinking (the UCT d-school); participation in relevant activities of the Faculty’s LawTechLab; and engagement with legal professionals in focused networking and learning contexts. Successful applicants will be assigned a senior academic staff member as a mentor for regular guidance, support, and supervision.

**Eligibility**

* 1. The scholarship is open to South African students from previous/ historical disadvantage registered at the University of Cape Town in their final two years of study for their LLB degree.
	2. Applicants must qualify as GAP or UCT Bursary students, or have a demonstrated total annual family income under R600 000.
	3. Applicants must provide evidence of a high academic achievement, and an ability to maintain at least a 65% GPA.
	4. Applicants must demonstrate leadership potential and social engagement. Applicants would need to include evidence of at least some of the following:
		1. Holding electoral office within a structure of the University, such as residence house committee, student council, SRC, student society or sports club, or similar;
		2. Participation across a diverse range of activities both within and outside the University, which seek to address social improvement and increase the level of social justice within communities;
		3. Displaying moral courage in the face of peer pressure or some appreciable level of commitment to socially beneficial causes; or
		4. Any other similar types of activities, backed up by evidence of actual practical commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged groups or communities.

**PLEASE NOTE**

1. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online interview with the Faculty’s Scholarships Committee, to be held in the 2nd or 3rd week of January 2025.
2. Should an applicant be awarded an additional scholarship after having been awarded the Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship, it is the Everard and Joan MacFarlane award that must be used toward tuition fees.
3. Should a recipient of this scholarship fail their academic year, or withdraw from the LLB programme, the scholarship will be withdrawn and the student would then be liable for any fee costs incurred during the period as a registered student.

**EVERARD AND JOAN MACFARLANE FAMILY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

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**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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**Please describe your interest in Law** *(please complete on a separate sheet if necessary)*

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**Why should you be awarded this prestigious new leadership 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 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.