



FACULTY OF LAW

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

DONOR IMPACT REPORT 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN PROFESSOR DANWOOD CHIRWA

UCT Law thrives as a hub of academic excellence, legal innovation, socially responsive research, social justice advocacy and engagement, and policy contributions - thanks to the ongoing generosity of our donor community.

Each year we report primarily on the funding contributed to our Scholarship Fund, and our Student Crisis Fund, but the impact of the donor funding that is contributed to Faculty endeavours extends significantly further than this. From scholarships that provide opportunities for LLB and postgraduate students, to prizes and awards recognising excellent academic performance, to groundbreaking legal research that influences policy and legislation - and informs judgments delivered in our courts - donor funding is the catalyst that moves great ideas forward towards impact on the ground.

On behalf of the Faculty of Law I would like to thank all our donors for their generous support in 2024. Many of our regular donors, and a number of new donors, stepped forward during the year to help us in our mission to open up greater opportunities for UCT Law students and to foster student excellence in the Faculty.

Together we ensured that more than 110 students were able to study and succeed at UCT Law through scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and other forms of support. These are the young people who will lead our country and continent to success and will take the experience of their time at UCT Law with them.

As you read through this Donor Impact Report, I hope that you will see just how vital your contribution has been and the significant impact it has made on our Faculty community. With your help we are creating a stronger and more just world. It is both a privilege and a deep pleasure to partner with you to achieve our shared goals of delivering a first-class law education that will positively impact public good. The

many stories featured in this report are clear testament to the way in which the collective strength of philanthropy can change the course of the future.

It is only with donor support that we are able to continue to push legal boundaries and effect change in the legal environment, and to occupy a critical position at the intersection of legal education and social transformation.

I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in 2025.



**MESSAGE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT &
MARKETING MANAGER
GABY RITCHIE**

A diverse community of generosity

One of the most inspiring aspects of donor funding at UCT Law is the diversity of those who give. Our donor community includes alumni who seek to give back, law firms investing in the future of the profession, corporate sponsors committed to social justice, and philanthropic foundations dedicated to supporting the impact of strong and rigorous legal research.

Supporting students, strengthening the future

Education is one of the most powerful tools for social mobility, and donor-funded scholarships ensure that financial barriers do not stand in the way of promising law students achieving their law qualifications. Many of our students come from historical disadvantage, and access to funding is often the only factor that determines whether they are able to pursue their legal studies. Thanks to donor support, we can offer a range of scholarships that empower future lawyers, legal scholars and human rights defenders, amongst others, to pursue their dreams.

We have seen an increase in the establishment of named scholarships and prizes that support our students, recognise excellence and, importantly, honour donor and alumni legacies. Some of the more recently established named scholarships include the *Postgraduate Scholarship in Marine & Environmental Law*, which exemplifies the ways in which donor generosity fuels excellence and impact. Another example is the *Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship*, now in its fifth year, established by Roger MacFarlane and his family, established to support academically strong LLB students who have demonstrated clear leadership ability and potential. A third example is the newly established *Albie Sachs Scholarship for Law & Justice*. Named in honour of one of South Africa's most esteemed legal minds, this scholarship will not only provide financial support but will also instil a commitment to justice and constitutionalism in its recipients. A fourth example is the newly established *Khoro Makhesha Scholarship*, established by the family of Khoro Makhesha (LLB alum and Commercial Law teaching assistant) in his memory following his tragic passing in May 2023.

Expanding the scope of legal research and advocacy

Besides scholarships, our Faculty donors support legal research initiatives. This support is critical in addressing some of the most pressing social justice challenges of our time. UCT Law leads pioneering work in ensuring accessibility of legal information, judgments and legislation; in constitutional law; and in environmental justice, gender equality, refugee rights, health rights, children's rights and human rights advocacy. Philanthropic contributions enable Faculty members to conduct research that influences judicial decisions, informs policy-making, and strengthens the rule of law – and has positive impact at national, regional, continental, and global levels.

Further, the Faculty has been able – with donor support - to sustain projects such as community law clinics, where law students and qualified attorneys provide pro bono legal services to people from marginalised communities without access to justice. These clinics not only offer critical legal assistance to those who need it most but also provide invaluable training for students, instilling in them the principles of service and social responsibility.

Thank you

Your gifts propel us forward, enabling us to reach more people, create meaningful programs, and inspire transformation. We are indebted to all our donors.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In 2024 our fundraising efforts resulted in R10,5million being added to the Faculty Endowment and Designated Funds accounts, and being made available in support of our students. On behalf of the Faculty and our students, we express our most sincere thanks to all our donors and supporters. We do better because of you.

Below are listed some of the key sources that contributed to this success.

Income: 2024

Law Faculty Endowment Fund

Income	Donor	Amount
<i>Donations</i>	Alumni & Friends	433 656,00
<i>McFarlane Scholarship Endowment</i>	Revenue Distribution	622 571,00
<i>Faculty Enterprise</i>	Law@work (professional development courses)	1 000 000,00
TOTAL		R2 056 227,00

Law Faculty Designated Funds

Income	Donor	Amount
PJ Smeets Prize for Postgraduate Studies	Maarten Smeets in recognition of his brother	36 000,00
KAS-iNtaka Scholarship for Postgraduate Law & Technology	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (<i>scholarship paid directly to student, but managed by Development & Marketing</i>)	200 000,00
Faculty Postgraduate Scholarship in Marine & Environmental Law	Private philanthropic donor	345 000,00
The John Hare and Graham Bradfield Prizes in Shipping Law	Dr Echefu Ukattah	20 000,00
Khoro Makhesha Scholarship	Makhesha Family	70 000,00
Boydell Legacy Scholarship	JNW Boydell	3 721 945,00
Student Crisis Fund	Radiant Law	118 000,00
TOTAL		R4 510 945,00

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

Through the Faculty's donor-funded scholarships programme, the Faculty supported:

i) 28 LLB scholarships, including support for seven MacFarlane Leadership Scholars, 20 Excellence in Law Scholars, and one Sir Frank Berman Fellow.

Of the 28 LLB scholarships awarded, 18 (64%) were to women students and 10 (36%) to men students; 13(46%) scholarships went to African students, 14 (50%) to coloured students and 1(1%) to a Chinese student.¹

ii) and contributed R1 000 000 in postgraduate funding to LLM, MPhil and PhD students (including the Alexander Burman Memorial Scholarship).

While the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee seeks to ensure a fair allocation of scholarships across the three different LLB programmes, the focus remains on supporting graduate LLB students no longer supported by the National Student Financial Assistance Scheme, and students going into their final year so that we may contribute to these students completing their law studies.

The UCT Excellence in Law campaign (and its predecessors) was originally established between 2002 and 2008 to garner support for law students from historical disadvantage who needed financial support to be able to pursue university studies. The fund became ever more important when the National Student Financial Assistance Scheme (NSFAS) stopped funding students pursuing their LLB as a graduate qualification. NSFAS provides funding for tuition, books, accommodation, and other expenses for eligible students, so the withdrawal of this support left about 2/3 of our LLB students without access to funding.

The Excellence in Law Fund is supported through an annual call to our alumni and friends to support our students. It is the generosity of these alumni and friends from all over the world that underpins the establishment of scholarships, prizes, bursaries and other innovative funding instruments. The Fund supports both LLB and postgraduate students.

¹ The terms used are as reflected in the national South African census.

LLB SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

Allie-Ebrahim	Khadeeja	Excellence in Law
Ally	Zahra	Excellence in Law
Busakwe	Sandile	Excellence in Law
Cassim	Salmaan	Excellence in Law
Chuang	Jessica	MacFarlane
Dakile	Katekile	Sir Frank Berman Fellowship
de Faria	Jose Antonio	Excellence in Law
Gardiner	Kaylan	Excellence in Law
Hitler	Quincy	MacFarlane
Kene	Asange	Excellence in Law
Legote	Mona Kamogelo	Excellence in Law
Madell	Ashleigh	MacFarlane
Mazaleni	Lwando	Excellence in Law
McAllister	Ashleigh	MacFarlane
Mingo	Matthew	Excellence in Law
Mkaza	Linda Olwethu	Excellence in Law
Mkhize	Nosipho	Excellence in Law
Molefi	Amohelang	MacFarlane
Monoane	Sandile	MacFarlane
Moropoli	Basetsana	Excellence in Law
Mtembu	Luyanda	Excellence in Law
Naidoo	Kiara	Excellence in Law
Ncoko	Siyasanga	Excellence in Law
Paulsen	Faith	MacFarlane
Petersen	Dylan	Excellence in Law
Sikolisi	Lusakhanya	Excellence in Law
Singlee	Shifaa	Excellence in Law
Williams	Kauthar	Excellence in Law

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

ALEXANDER BURMAN MEMORIAL GRANT

Wilke, Jean PhD

BASIL & CON CORDER SCHOLARSHIP

Dhaya, Delan LLM

Turok, Caitlin LLM

BERIC CROOME POSTGRADUATE TAX LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Nene, Pearl LLM

DIKGANG MOSENEKE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Lion-Cachet, Francois PhD

Ramatlapeng, Mapeshoane PhD

EXCELLENCE IN LAW POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Biyela, Mlondi LLM

Busco, Victor PhD

Deyal, Naadirah LLM

Dhaya, Delan LLM

Dollie, Tashreeq LLM

Jung, Constantin PhD

Maropefela, Alfred LLM

Oppon, Euraeffie PhD

Sichinga, Daniel Lefuka PhD

Tamajong Nfor, Chebo PhD

Weldman, Julian PhD

Xulu, Luyanda Shaun LLM

SIR WILLIAM SOLOMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Baffour, George PhD

Chakapfava, Natsai Lassie LLM

Fakude, Simphiwe LLM

Kaneunyenye, Simbarashe PhD

Manganyelwa, Simangele LLM

Molefe, Didintle LLM

Mragane, Athenkosi LLM

Msibi, Ntokozo Pamela LLM

Ngqakoshe, Gcobisa LLM

Ngqotheni, Bongani LLM

Nhika, Blessing Tendai LLM

Nqwemesha, Lihle LLM

Ntaka, Zodwa LLM

Okonkwo, Ifeanyi PhD

Ondieki, Moturi PhD

Phakathi, Elias LLM

Runganga, Desire PhD

Sandile, Sipehelele LLM

Tose, Monde Vincent LLM

Zondo, Wandile PhD

WILFRED KRAMER LAW GRANTS

Baffour, George PhD

Bambatha, Zine LLM

Chakapfava, Natsai Lassie LLM

Chimanga, Tsungirai LLM

Dipa, Silindile LLM

El Ouakili, Oualid LLM

Fakude, Simphiwe LLM

Isak, Hassan LLM

Kaneunyenye, Simbarashe PhD

Kauluma, Simson LLM

Lambo, Oluwaseun LLM

Magaseng, Gafela LLM

Mahkuntsu, Miranda LLM

Makamure, Tawongaishe LLM

Manganyelwa, Simangele LLM

Mosanteli, Molefe PhD

Moyo, Dumoluhle LLM

Mragane, Athenkosi LLM

Msibi, Ntokozo Pamela LLM

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Mullins, Geoff LLM

Naqvi, Zahra LLM

Ndlumbini, Anelisiwe LLM

Nene, Pearl LLM

Ngqakoshe, Gcobisa LLM

Ngqotheni, Bongani Phakamani LLM

Ngqwemesha, Lihle LLM

Ngubevana, Camagu Luvo LLM

Nhika, Blessing Tendai LLM

Ntsane, Ofentse Kgotso LLM

Pato, Akhona LLM

Phakathi, Elias LLM

Poti, Sisiphosenkosi LLM

Ralejoe, Komane LLM

Ramatlapeng, Mapeshoane PhD

Saani, Adib PhD

Sandile, Sipehelele LLM

Tose, Monde Vincent LLM

Zheng, Huan Zheng PhD

THE LASTING VALUE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Endowment funds for scholarships are critical for ensuring sustainable and equitable access to education. By providing a perpetual source of scholarship support, these funds enable deserving students, often from underprivileged backgrounds, to pursue academic and career goals without the burden of debt. They promote inclusivity, bridging the gap between economic disparity and educational opportunity.

By generating sustainable income, endowment funds ensure consistent financial support for deserving students, regardless of economic fluctuations. Endowments enable donors to leave a lasting legacy and to align their values with meaningful and ongoing impact through investment in future leaders and in the power of education as a key driver of social change and growth.

The Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship

In 2021 the Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship was established in the Faculty of Law at UCT. The MacFarlane Family set up the fund in memory of their parents who believed firmly in the value of education; that hard work and application were as important as access to opportunity; and that we all have the capacity to lead and change the world for the better. All three of the MacFarlane siblings - Roger, Stuart and Lynne - are UCT alumni.

This scholarship fund, generously endowed with R15million, supports students who display both academic excellence and leadership skills to augment those strengths through a comprehensive Faculty-based programme.

In the five years since its inception the MacFarlane Scholarship programme has supported 15 students to date, with four new students coming into the programme in 2025. Awarded for the last two years of the LLB, students come into the programme in Intermediate Year and continue (depending on academic performance) through Final Year. Every two years a new cohort starts the two-year programme emerging after 24 months with a holistic understanding of the interconnectedness between law, society, culture and global issues. MacFarlane Leadership Scholars are empowered to contribute meaningfully to society, navigate the evolving legal landscape, and advocate for justice effectively. They are also uniquely positioned to uphold the rule of law with integrity and compassion in pursuit of equitable and sustainable societal solutions.

The MacFarlane graduates 2021-2024

In alphabetical order, the following LLB students have been part of the programme:

Nuraan Armino * Jessica Chuang * Quincy Hitler * Siphenkosi Hlangu * Jessica Jaftha
* Ebrahim Khan * Ashleigh Maddell * Peter-Wallace Mathebula * Ashleigh McAllister
* Amohelang Molefi * Sandile Monoane * Sabelo Ndlovu * Faith Paulsen
* Ashley Petersen * Lwazi-Lwandile Simelane *



The MacFarlane Family pictured with the 2023 group of MacFarlane Leadership Scholars

MacFarlane Leadership Scholar 2021 - 2022 | Q&A with Sabelo Ndlovu



Sabelo Ndlovu is a former MacFarlane Leadership Scholar, has completed his articles at Webber Wentzel and awaiting admission to the High Court of South Africa. Sabelo holds a BA (cum laude) from Amherst College (2014) and an LLB from UCT (2022). While at UCT he was also a student legal advisor in the UCT Law Clinic, a Faculty writing tutor and a Dean-appointed student mentor.

Where are you currently working?

I am at Webber Wentzel. I received an offer to be retained as an associate in the Projects Practice Group, and will soon be joining Linklaters in London for a year-long secondment and then returning to Webber Wentzel in 2026 as a second-year associate.

Do you have plans for further study?

I have submitted applications to a few UK institutions to read for an LLM. Should I be successful I will have choices to make regarding absence from work and the secondment to Linklaters. I have registered to sit the Notarial Practice Exam in September.

What did being a MacFarlane Leadership Scholar mean to you?

I was a fully independent student at UCT, meaning that I could not rely on family and friends for financial support. I dipped significantly into my savings during my first year and I had to take on casual employment, which sometimes made it difficult for me to perform at my best in my studies. The scholarship reduced this burden and allowed me to improve my performance because I could focus fully on my studies.

What are some of the best things about the programme?

The scholarship gave me the space and time to take full advantage of being at UCT. I was able to connect with fellow students and other members of the law school community because I had the time to participate in extracurricular and social activities. It gave me the opportunity to become better acquainted with the Faculty

administration, management and leadership. This gave me valuable insight into the Faculty's strategic goals, approach to teaching and learning, and the ways in which it leverages the alumni network to support the work of the Faculty and students.

An important aspect of being a MacFarlane Leadership Scholar is that of mentorship. How did you experience this programme aspect?

The relationship I have formed with Professor Pierre de Vos as a result of the mentorship aspect of the programme has been invaluable. Pierre has assisted with guidance on so many issues related to my personal, scholarly and professional development. He also provided me with references that I believe reflected a deeper awareness of my strengths, personality traits and competencies that would not have been possible without the mentoring relationship. I really enjoyed the conversations we shared over meals – also because I love eating.

Is there anything you would like to say to the Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship Founders?

Absolutely. The scholarship made me feel validated and empowered. I felt that I was seen as a capable person with something meaningful to contribute to the world. Thank you. Do not stop!

What would you say to potential applicants for the scholarship?

You have nothing to lose and a wealth of opportunities to gain. You deserve good things. Throw your hat into the ring and apply.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND PRIZES

Every year the Faculty of Law recognises hard work, academic excellence, and contribution to the student community, through its donor-supported Prizes and Awards. The Faculty's list of LLB prizes has been relatively stable for a number of years, with prizes supported annually by (amongst others) the Molteno Family, the Gering Family, Dianna Yach, the Ackermann Family, the Henry Blumberg Family, the Lawrence Miller Family, the Phillip Schock Charitable Trust, Sir Frank Berman, the Tom Price Family, and the Cape Town Bar Council – as well as prizes supported by a number of law firms, and Juta and LexisNexis Butterworths.

There has been an encouraging increase recently in establishing postgraduate Law prizes for academic excellence in our Master's-level courses, and we're delighted to have established a number of new postgraduate prizes in Law. These include the Hare and Bradfield Prizes in Shipping Law, supported by Dr Echefu Ukattah; the PJ Smeets prize supported by Maarten Smeets and his family in honour of their brother PJ Smeets; and the Faculty Postgraduate Prizes in Marine & Environmental Law.

These prizes and awards go a long way to encouraging our students to strive for their academic best, and to put in the extra work towards such recognition. The Faculty is particularly fortunate to have such a great number of individuals, families, firms and philanthropists who are keen to support academic excellence amongst our LLB and postgraduate students in this way.

PRIZES RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

Prizes inspire excellence, reward achievement, and motivate students to strive for their best. They also recognise hard work, build confidence, encourage innovation, and strengthen the Faculty's reputation by celebrating academic and extracurricular success. UCT Law awards several annual prizes that contribute toward a culture that celebrates high standards and inspiring achievement.

Below we have provided some detail about our newly-established prizes.

The Hare and Bradfield Prizes

Alumnus establishes prizes in honour of his law professors

In 2010 Chukwuechefu Ukattah completed his LLM in Shipping Law at UCT Law and in 2013 he was awarded his UCT PhD in Shipping Law. In a post marking 10 years

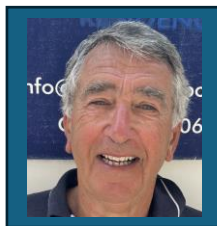
since obtaining his PhD, Dr Ukattah paid tribute to Emeritus Professor John Hare and Professor Graham Bradfield for the parts that they played in the success of what he terms his “maritime odyssey at UCT”.

I am eternally indebted to Professors Hare and Bradfield and the Faculty for their benevolence and commitment to my academic success while at UCT. I obtained my doctorate without paying a dime as both the Faculty and the university gave me scholarships for my doctoral research, despite the fact that I intended to return home to be in private practice and not follow an academic career.

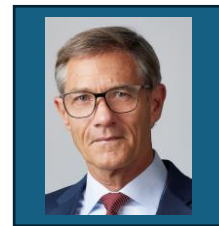
In tribute to the two professors who had such a positive impact on his study career and who he considers to be maritime law icons, Dr Ukattah has established two prizes at UCT Law. *The Hare Prize for Carriage of Goods by Sea* will be awarded to the top LLM student enrolled in the course Carriage of Goods by Sea. *The Bradfield Prize for Admiralty Law* will be awarded to the top LLM student enrolled in the course Admiralty Law.



Dr Echefu Ukattah



Emeritus Professor
John Hare



Assoc Professor
Graham Bradfield

Speaking about his time at UCT, Dr Ukattah noted that he had another excellent reason for remembering UCT so fondly. Dr Ukattah met Rezeni Papaya while ensconced in his tiny office in the Faculty’s Shipping Law Unit. Rezeni Papaya-Ukattah is now his wife and they share two daughters.

Dr Ukattah is a partner in leading Nigerian law firm *Olaniwun Ajayi*. His expertise is in shipping law, international trade law, arbitration and litigation. He is an article reviewer for the *Maritime Law Journal of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies* and a regular presenter at conferences with several articles published in reputable local and international law journals. Dr Ukattah was the recipient of the Sir William Solomon Memorial Scholarship and the Excellence in Law Scholarship (then the Law Endowment Fund Scholarship at UCT. Most recently in 2024 he was recognised as a “Next Generation Partner” in the prestigious Legal 500 EMEA ranking.

The Peter Jan Smeets Prize

In 2023 the Maartens Family - Maarten, Mina and Anahita - established a prize named for their brother Peter Jan Smeets who studied at UCT in the early 80s. He lost his life in a car accident while living in Cape Town and the prize honours his life and memory.

The prize is awarded to the top African LLM student in each of the following courses: Law of International Trade; Law, Regional Integration and Development in Africa; Comparative Law and Business in Africa; and Chinese Law and Investments in Africa.

The recipients for 2024 are:

Comparative Law and Business in Africa: Mofu Mbulo

Chinese Law and Investments in Africa: Dumo Moyo

Law of International Trade: Valentina di Savino

Law, Regional Integration and Development in Africa: Rogers Andagalu & Wilson Abaho



(L) Professor Danwood Chirwa signs the award agreement with Mr Maarten Smeets, March 2023

(R) Mr Maarten Smeets, Professor Ada Ordor and Professor Danwood Chirwa with the signed award agreement

LLB PRIZES 2024

BEN BEINART MEMORIAL PRIZE

Suter, Matthew Ifemedebe,
Chiamaka, Naledi Nichole

BLUMBERG PRIZE FOR SERVICE TO STUDENT COMMUNITY

Beukes, Callum

BOWMANS PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

CLIFFE DEKKER HOFMEYR PRIZE BEST PRELIMINARY LEVEL

Ackermann, Jo Alpha

D B MOLTEÑO PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

DEAN'S AWARDS FOR SERVICE

Beukes, Callum

DIANNA YACH PRIZE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Allie-Ebrahim, Khadeeja

EPHRAIM KLUK AWARD

Behari-Leak, Yuri

FACULTY PRIZE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Klopper, Reuben James

INA ACKERMANN PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

JUDGE SCHOCK PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

JUTA LAW PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

LAWRENCE MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Laubscher, Jessica

LEXISNEXIS BUTTERWORTHS PRIZE CIVIL PROCEDURE

Behari-Leak, Yuri

LEXISNEXIS BUTTERWORTHS PRIZE

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

MIKE BLACKMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

SIR FRANKLIN BERMAN PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Sekokedi, Tshiamo

SOLLY KESSLER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Krige, Ayanda Rosa

SPOOR AND FISHER PRIZE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Essa, Raisa

Lancaster, Frances Ella

THE GERING PRIZE

Wilson, Abigail Grace

TW PRICE MEMORIAL PRIZE

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

WERKSMANS ATTORNEYS PRIZE

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

POSTGRADUATE PRIZES 2024

The PJ Smeets Prize in International Trade Law

Di Savino, Valentina

The PJ Smeets Prize in Law, Regional Integration & Development in Africa

Andagalu, Rogers & Abaho, Wilson

The PJ Smeets Prize in Comparative Law & Business in Africa

Mbulu, Mofu

The PJ Smeets Prize in Chinese Law & Investments in Africa

Moyo, Dumo

Faculty Postgraduate Prize in Marine & Environmental Law

Naicker, Terysha Tiara

Faculty Postgraduate Prize in Environmental Law

Khan, Zarreen Xanthé

Hare Prize for Carriage of Goods by Sea

Kim, Ah-Young

CLASS AWARDS LLB 2024

Administrative Law

Wilson, Abigail Grace

African Customary Law

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

Civil Procedure

Behari-Leak, Yuri

Commercial Transactions Law

Wilson, Abigail Grace

Constitutional Law

Rubin, Julia Bulbring

Corporation Law

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

Criminal Law

Mphake, Kgolagano Tshegofatso

Criminal Procedure

Behari-Leak, Yuri

Foundations of South African Law

Grey, Zintle

International Law

Sebokedi, Tshiamo

Jurisprudence

Gill, Rhea

Labour Law

Wilson, Abigail Grace

Law of Contract

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

Law of Delict

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

Law of Evidence

Wilson, Abigail Grace

Law of Persons & Family

Adusei Herbstein, Marie Helene

Law of Property

Kyle, Chloë Rose

Law of Succession

Press, Emma Jay

South African Private Law:

System & Context

Suter, Matthew

Sir John Gilbert Kotze Medal

Roman Law/South African Private Law

Krok, Jaydon Samuel

FROM OUR STUDENTS

Extracts from letters from scholarship recipients

Asange Kene (LLB) **Excellence in Law Scholarship**

I would first of all like to say Thank you! No words could ever be able to express how much this funding has meant to me and my family in the past 2 years and hopefully going on the third.

This scholarship is more than funding but rather an investment for my future which motivates me even more to work harder than ever especially at an institution which challenges you to do your best.

I have a sense of hope and inspiration that goes beyond the lecture theatre. I am actively involved in societies and extra-curricular activities which have allowed me to develop myself and become a more rounded individual who is slowly getting ready for the professional working world. I have also had the opportunity to do some vacation work this year which made me realise my true love for law and my dedication towards continuing studying that I was able to be a vac student.

I truly hope this letter adequately represents my gratitude for this opportunity and I can only hope I have made you proud in my time at UCT.

Katekile Dakile (LLB) **Sir Frank Berman Fellowship**

I would like to humbly thank you for your scholarship. Over the past few years, particularly after the Covid-19 epidemic, my family has faced financial instability.

This scholarship has therefore enabled me to continue to pursue my studies without having to deal with the anxiety and stress relating to whether my fees could be paid and if so, when. That alone was a great privilege that has really assisted in my mental health and has contributed to my prosperity this year, so far.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of education and supporting a young black woman like me in achieving my goals. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to continue to receive an education with your assistance.

Kiara Naidoo (LLB)

Excellence in Law Scholarship

As a young girl from a small town in Johannesburg, I harboured grand aspirations. I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to navigate my academic journey smoothly at Africa's leading university. The financial assistance you have provided over the past two years has truly been life changing. I am immensely grateful for having the chance to pursue my LLB at UCT; this opportunity was made possible by alleviating the financial burdens faced by my family and me.

Striving for academic success has been a longstanding journey, and arriving at UCT with recognition and support, by you, has profoundly shifted my self-perception and outlook on others. I aspire to extend the same hope to others that you have extended to me, in the near future, and look forward to giving back.

Matthew Mingo (LLB)

Excellence in Law Scholarship

I would first just like to say a heartfelt thank you for your generous contribution towards my studies. I wanted to study law because I wanted to make a meaningful difference in the world. I am now poised to do that having completed my legal studies and having signed a contract for my articles at a leading law firm. None of this would have been possible without your financial contribution.

I hope that I am able to do the same one day and be able to assist even just one future law student. To whom much is given, much is expected.

Sandile Monoane (LLB)

MacFarlane Leadership Scholarship

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the Law Faculty Scholarship. The scholarship came when I did not know how my fees would be paid. The faculty, through its donor funding, ensured that I was able to register and proceed with my studies.

It is because of the scholarship that I was able to focus on securing articles with law firms. I am a first-generation university student, and the scholarship not only helped me but also my whole family as I am the only one who the hopes and dreams of the family are placed on.

I hope to be in a position to be able to give back to the Faculty one day.

Shifaa Singlee (LLB)

Excellence in Law Scholarship

I am writing to you to express my deepest gratitude for all the support you have given me this academic year. To go through each part of this challenging year without the added strain of financial worries has truly been the best blessing.

As someone who has grown up on the Cape Flats, your funding has made an immense difference in my life, for the better. I was overjoyed to be awarded the Excellence in Law Scholarship. To me, it meant that I could pursue my dream qualification, it meant that I could succeed as a first generation university student and become the first lawyer in my family, it also meant that I could go into my career debt free, and that my parents, who were dealing with health challenges and both unemployed, would not have any added worries about my funding.

I write this sincerely, your support has made an actionable difference in my life, and I can promise that the impact of this scholarship will be lasting. It is my hope to succeed and become an *excellent* lawyer and future career professional. I hope to inspire other young girls and women on the Cape Flats to know that they too can achieve their dreams, and that there is kindness and support out there for them.

Thank you for all you have done and that you continue to do for students like me.

Zahra Ally (LLB)

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I am a recipient of the UCT Law Faculty scholarship and have just completed my intermediate year of the LLB. I wish to express my sincerest gratitude for your generosity and for furthering the accessibility of studying at UCT — an opportunity that would otherwise remain out of reach for students like myself. As a postgraduate student, I do not qualify for NSFAS and have to contend with Cape Town's considerable costs of living. Without the scholarship, I may not have been able to continue my studies at all. The scholarship alleviated my financial stress and allowed me to register for a full course load in 2024, actively participate in several societies, gain exposure to several law firms and organisations, and contribute to legal research initiatives. The knowledge that someone recognised and invested in my potential was a key motivating factor that pushed me to forge ahead with my studies. Thank you for your continued belief in myself and my fellow students as future members of the legal field and for investing in our potential.

Basetsana Moropoli (LLB)

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I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the transformative impact of the Excellence in Law Scholarship on my academic journey at UCT. This scholarship has not only provided me with financial security but has also enabled me to grow exponentially, develop determination, leadership skills, and attain academic excellence.

Since receiving this scholarship, I have completed my term as an elected member of my residence House Committee, representing 500 students, and served as a Faculty Mentor. Additionally, I have been honoured by my peers in the Law Faculty to serve as the Media & Communications Officer on

the 2025 Law Students' Council. The recognition and financial security provided by this bursary also motivated me to co-found a tutoring society where I assist over 200 first-year students. These experiences have allowed me to give back to my community while honing the skills that will benefit me as a legal practitioner post-graduation.

In the first semester, I achieved an 81% GPA, the highest in the Law Faculty within my residence, received my second top-learner Class Medal for Literature, and was awarded the Klaus-Jürgen Bathe Scholarship for academic performance, leadership, and social justice contributions.

Coming from a family responsible for many dependents and unable to contribute financially to my studies, this scholarship has been a gift that I deeply appreciate. Thank you for your continued support, which has empowered me to achieve these milestones and inspired me to strive for even greater success. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has afforded me, and I am determined to honour your belief in my potential.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Faculty and our students we express our most sincere appreciation to our generous donors. Your support of our programmes and scholarships empowers our students, supports excellence in research and education, fosters innovation and creates lasting opportunities for students and staff. Thank you.

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