UCT Law Faculty Postgraduate Scholarship in Marine & Environmental Law 2027 LLM, LLM Professional or MPhil

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The University of Cape Town Law Faculty's Institute of Marine & Environmental Law invites applications for a once-off LLM/MPhil/LLM Professional Scholarship in *Marine & Environmental Law* or *Environmental Law* for the 2027 academic year to the value of around R100 000 to cover tuition fees. The scholarship should almost cover the recipient's full tuition fees.

The objective of this Scholarship is to build capacity in the field of marine and environmental law, and for recipients – after their academic studies - to contribute actively to promoting the sustainability of all species on Earth.

For further information on these degree programmes, the courses on offer, and the admission requirements and procedures, see www.imel.uct.ac.za and www.sals.uct.ac.za.

Requirements

The key criteria informing the scholarship award are outstanding academic performance, and a demonstrated commitment to using marine and environmental law to promote the sustainability of all species on Earth.

The following application requirements must be met:

- The applicant must meet the entry requirements and have applied for enrolment in 2027 for one of the following degree programmes specialising in Marine and Environmental Law or Environmental Law:
    - LLM by Coursework or Minor Dissertation Degree
    - MPhil by Coursework and Minor Dissertation Degree, or
    - LLM Professional Degree.
- The applicant may have applied to register on a full-time or part-time basis.
- If not South African, or a permanent resident in South Africa, the applicant must have a valid study permit.

Application Process

Applicants must apply with all documents combined into a single pdf file, sent via email to law-marketing@uct.ac.za by **23 November 2026.**

Applications must include the following:

- A completed application form (see below)
- A covering letter containing a 600-word motivation outlining the applicant's interest and passion for marine and/or environmental law and indicating how they intend using the skills and knowledge they acquire through their degree to promote the sustainability of all species on Earth. Use of AI to draft your covering letter will disadvantage your application.
- A full CV
- Certified copies of all academic qualifications
- Certified copies of academic transcripts of all previous degrees; and
- Two references from academics who have taught/supervised the applicant during their previous degrees.

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

All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of the application.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.
2. All applications **must be submitted as a single pdf file**. Applications submitted as separate files will be deemed INCOMPLETE and will not be considered.

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APPLICATION FORM

Surname:……..

First name:……..

Residential home address: ……

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Cell no:……

E mail address: ……

Student no/ UCT application reference: ……

SA Identity no./ Passport no: ……

Intended UCT Law Master's Degree Programme:……

Have you already received an offer of a place on this programme? Y/N……..

Are you intending to study on full-time or part-time basis: ……

Please declare any other scholarship funding, including any external funding support or Faculty of Law financial support, you have received for the current academic year:

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Signature: ……..**Date:** ……

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applications must include the following:

- A completed application form
- Proof of application to UCT
- A covering letter containing a 600-word motivation outlining the applicant's interest and passion for marine and/or environmental law and indicating how they intend using the skills and knowledge they acquire through their degree to promote the sustainability of all species on Earth
- A full CV
- Certified copies of all academic qualifications
- Certified copies of academic transcripts of all previous degrees; and
- Two references from academics who have taught/supervised the applicant during their previous degrees.

Please note that any application that does not include all of these items, submitted in a single PDF file with your name and student number, will be considered incomplete and therefore invalid.

NOTES:

1. Please submit by email to law-marketing@uct.ac.za by 23 November 2026.
2. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Scholarship payments are made directly into a student's fee account once funding is received by the donor, and after the student has registered for the programme.
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 to complete the qualification for which they are registered, the scholarship will be withdrawn and the student will be fully liable for any tuition fees incurred.