



# **DOCTORAL AND MASTERS CANDIDATES**

## **FACULTY OF LAW**

### **INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2024**

Welcome to the Law Faculty of the University of Cape Town. We have put together the following short Induction Programme in preparation for the commencement of your postgraduate research journey. The programme will be convened in person at the Faculty of Law Kramer Building where you will have the opportunity to get to know one another, academic members of staff and the surroundings of your academic home for the duration of your postgraduate studies. All of the speakers on the programme will be giving their presentations in person in the O.R Tambo Moot Courtroom.

The sessions on the programme are designed to introduce you to the various administrative procedures for postgraduate research students at UCT and to provide you with an introductory account of some of the core constituents of postgraduate research. These include: research methodology; preparing your research proposal and designing your literature review. In addition to these, there are sessions in which you will be given some practical advice on how to succeed in postgraduate research.

The programme will be convened over four days, 29 January – 1 February 2024. Day 1 introduces you to the programme and its overall administration by the Faculty. Days 2 and 3 focus on the technical aspects of research methodology and help you prepare your research proposal and literature review. Some of the exciting sessions from Days 3 and 4 include some helpful practical guides from our doctoral alumni about how to succeed in postgraduate research; a discussion on the nature of the supervisor-candidate relationship; and an introduction to some of our research units in the Faculty.

We are excited to host you and motivated to help you succeed with your project.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Monday (29 Jan 2024)	09h00-09h30	Welcome to the Law Faculty and Overview of Research in the Faculty	Prof Danwood Chirwa (Dean - Faculty of Law)
	09h30-10h30	Introduction to the Law Faculty's Higher Degrees Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Programme</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• General UCT &amp; Faculty Rules</li> <li>• Registration Process &amp; MOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Timeframes &amp; Dates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	A/Prof Kelley Moulton (Deputy Dean – Postgraduate Studies)
	10h30-11h00	Breakout session – and feedback on participants expectations of the workshop	Participants – moderated by Ben Cronin
	11h00-11h30	Tour of Kramer Law Building, departments, and common areas by Postgraduate Students	Postgraduate Students
	11h30:12h00	Introduction to UCT's Postgraduate Office	[Chantel Schwartz] (for UCT's Director of Postgraduate Studies)
	12h00-12h30	Experiences of current law students in the Faculty – interactive session	Current Law Students
	<b>12h30-13h30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	13:30-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Kramer Law Library</li> <li>• Introduction to Accessing and Using Electronic Resources</li> <li>• Data Management</li> </ul>	Ms Anthea Paulsen (Librarian - Kramer Law Library).
	15h00-15h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plagiarism</li> <li>• Bibliographical Management</li> </ul>	Prof Hanri Mostert (Professor - Private Law)
	15:30-16:00	Registration Process & Questions	Ms Patricia Phillips (Postgraduate Manager - Faculty Office - Faculty of Law)
	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Close</b>	
Tuesday (30 Jan 2024)	09h00-10h00	Preparing your research proposal	Dr Leo Boonzaier (Lecturer – Private Law)
	10h00-11h00	Preparing your Literature Review	Prof Caroline Ncube (Lecturer – Commercial Law)
	11h00 - 12h30	Research Methodology	A/Prof Kelley Moulton (Member of Research Ethics Committee - Faculty of Law)
	<b>12h30-13h30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	13:30-14:00	Tour of UCT Library and Introduction to Databases and Other Resources	Library Staff
	<b>Close</b>	<b>14:00</b>	

Wednesday (31 Jan 2024)	09h00-10h00	Doctrinal and critical legal methods	A/Prof Jameelah Omar (Lecturer – Public Law)
	10h00-11h00	Comparative Law method	Prof Ada Ordor (Director of Centre for Comparative Law)
	11h00-12h00	Centre for Higher Education Development – Support for Law PhD Students	A/Prof Bongzi Bangeni (Centre for Higher Education and Development)
	<b>12h00-13h00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	13h00-14h00	Social Science (empirical) methods for studying Law	A/Prof Sindiso Mnisi-Weeks (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
	14h00-15h30	Succeeding in doctoral research	Discussion with two doctoral alumni moderated by Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana (Yakubu Nagu, Tebogo Lefifi, Aisha Adam)
	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Close</b>	
Thursday (1 Feb 2024)	09h00-10h00	The supervisor-candidate relationship	A/Professor Melanie Murcott (A/Professor – Public Law)
	10h00-11h00	Postgraduate conferences, seminars, winter/summer schools and publishing	Dr Mikovhe Maphiri (Lecturer – Commercial Law)
	11h00-13h30	Introduction to Faculty Research Units	Directors from Research Institutes in the Faculty will provide a brief introduction to research being undertaken in the Faculty.
	<b>13:30</b>	<b>Faculty Social</b>	Introductions by candidates and members of the Faculty