



DOCTORAL AND MASTERS CANDIDATES

FACULTY OF LAW

INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2023

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 Court room.

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. Our programme also reflects the history and social context of our university in so far as we briefly introduce you to some of the ongoing debates at UCT about decolonial scholarship. In an effort to raise your level of interest and motivation towards succeeding in your project, we have also added a keynote address from a special guest.

The programme will be convened over a period of four days, 31 January – 3 February 2023. Day 1 introduces you to the programme and its overall administration by the Faculty. Day 2 and 3 focus on the technical aspects of research methodology and helping 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.

You will receive a formal invitation and instructions on how to join the different sessions of the Programme from our Faculty postgraduate manager, Ms. Patricia Phillips. We are excited to host you and motivated to help you succeed with your project.

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter
Tuesday (31 Jan 2023)	09h00-09h15	Welcome to the Law Faculty	Prof Danwood Chirwa (Dean - Faculty of Law)
	09h15-09h30	Overview of Research in the Faculty	Prof Jaco Barnard-Naude (Director of Research - Faculty of Law)
	09h30-10h30	Introduction to the Law Faculty's Higher Degrees Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Programme • Introductions • General UCT & Faculty Rules • Registration Process & MOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Timeframes & Dates 	Prof Johann Hattingh (Deputy Dean – Postgraduate Studies)
	10h30-11h00	Overview of Postgraduate Funding Opportunities in the Faculty of Law	A/Prof Hannah Woolaver (Chair – Postgraduate Scholarships Committee - Faculty of Law)
	11h00-11h30	Overview of Internationalisation and Outreach in the Faculty	Prof Fatima Khan (Chair of Internationalisation and outreach committee)
	11h30:12h00	Introduction to UCT's Postgraduate Office	[TBC] (UCT's Director of Postgraduate Studies)
	12h00-12h30	Introduction of Postgraduate Law Students Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and Functions • Key Contacts 	[TBC] (Chairperson of Postgraduate Law Students Council)
	12h30-13h30	Lunch Break	
	13:30-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Kramer Law Library • Introduction to Accessing and Using Electronic Resources • Data Management 	Ms Anthea Paulsen (Librarian - Kramer Law Library).
	15h00-15h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plagiarism • Bibliographical Management 	Prof Hanri Mostert (Professor - Private Law)
	15:30-16:00	Registration Process & Questions	Ms Patricia Phillips (Postgraduate Manager - Faculty Office - Faculty of Law)
	16:00	Close	
Wednesday (1 Feb 2023)	09h00-10h00	Preparing your research proposal	Dr Leo Boonzaier (Lecturer – Private Law)
	10h00-11h00	Preparing your Literature Review	Prof Dee Smythe (Director of Centre for Law and Society – Faculty of Law)
	11h00 - 12h30	Research Methodology	A/Prof Kelley Moult (Member of Research Ethics Committee - Faculty of Law)
	12h30-13h30	Lunch Break	

	13:30-14:00	UCT's Transformation Agenda and the PhD Journey	Prof Elelwani Ramugondo (DVC Transformation - University of Cape Town)
	Close	14:00	
Thursday (2 Feb 2023)	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)
	12h00-13h00	Legal Theory	Mr Khomotso Moshikaro (Lecturer – Private Law)
	13h00-14h00	Lunch Break	
	14h00-15h30	Succeeding in doctoral research	Discussion with two doctoral alumni (Dr Simphiwe Phungula and TBC) moderated by Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana
	15h30-16h30	Social Science (empirical) methods for studying Law	A/Prof Sindiso Mnisi-Weeks (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
	16:30	Close	
Friday (3 Feb 2023)	09h00-10h00	The supervisor-candidate relationship	Prof Caroline Ncube (Professor – Commercial Law)
	10h00-11h00	Postgraduate conferences, seminars, winter/summer schools and publishing	Dr Tebello Thabane (Head of Department – Commercial Law)
	11h00-13h30	Introduction to Faculty Research units	Directors from Research Institutes in the Faculty will provide a brief introduction into research being undertaken in the Faculty.
	13:30	Faculty Social/Online hangout and Higher Degrees Colloquium	Introductions by candidates and members of Faculty