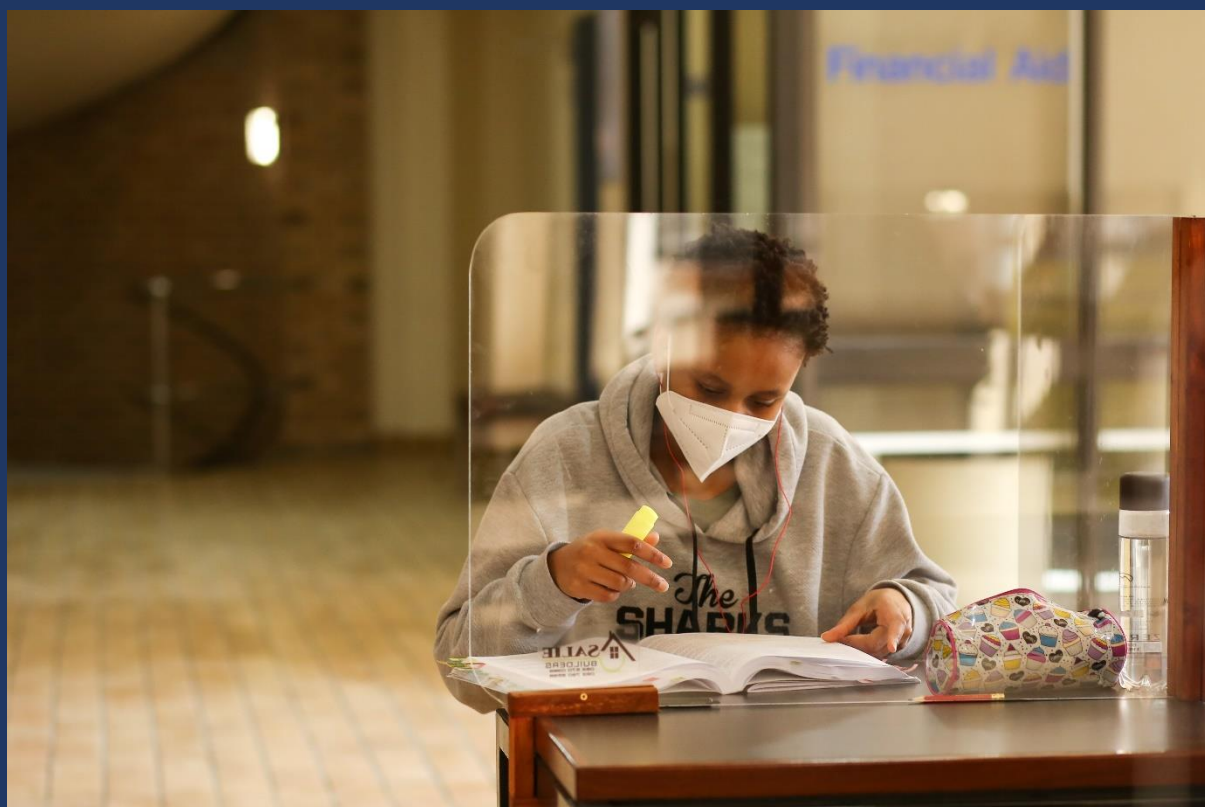


# FUNDRAISING REPORT

## 2021



Faculty of Law  
University of Cape Town



## INTRODUCTION

The extraordinary circumstances of 2020's global pandemic demanded ingenuity, compassion, determination and a resilience of spirit from all our students and staff. We are immensely proud of the way in which our entire Law family responded to those demands and were hopeful that in 2021 we would be able to build on what we had achieved in 2020.

At the beginning of 2021, teaching and learning moved fully online. This was not without its challenges as obstacles of access, learning environments, group teaching and care for the emotional and psychological wellbeing of our students accompanied the sustained shift to the online environment.

It became clear very quickly that we were able to act rapidly and meaningfully in carrying our programmes forward and supporting our students because of the steady success of our scholarship fundraising campaigns. The gifts so generously contributed to our scholarship and student assistance drives by our alumni, friends and donors allowed us to alleviate many of the extreme stresses and difficulties experienced by our students in 2021. Thank you to all of you who have given so generously over the years, and who responded to our appeals during 2021.

We also express our deepest gratitude to all our staff for the dedication they showed and the "extra miles" they walked to ensure that our students were given the best possible learning experience despite the circumstances.

And then, on 18 April, our University and students were hit with another catastrophe. The wildfire which ripped across the lower slopes of Devil's Peak caused extreme devastation to wildlife, the environment, livelihoods, buildings and resources. Fortunately no lives were lost but the wreckage of the Jagger Library and the destruction of residences and buildings brought a different kind of loss for our campus community. We remain deeply appreciative of the generosity with which so many of our alumni and donors responded to the appeals to assist in the aftershock of the fire.

The emphasis on scholarship funding will remain the focus of our campaigns through the next three to five years. Our students and their families continue to deal with the aftermath of the pandemic and the economic hardship that it has wrought on individuals and families who lost jobs and savings. They will need our focused assistance for a few more years.

Student scholarship difficulties and student debt are not unique to Law students. Student debt, rather, is a national crisis. In 2021 it was estimated that total student debt in South Africa had reached R16.5bn – and servicing that debt costs universities an additional R1.2bn per annum. Nationally, and globally, student debt, sustainability and redesigned funding models are top agenda issues for higher education institutions in the midst of the economic devastation caused by COVID-19.

We could feel discouraged by these statistics, but every year - without fail - our students and graduates give us every reason to be hopeful and confident.

We remain grateful to and appreciative of our alumni and friends who have ensured over decades that we are able to provide more than R2,5million in scholarship funding to Law students each year. As your support grows, so too does our capacity to lift the fee burden off increasing numbers of excellent Law students – ensuring that UCT Law continues its long tradition of producing the best Law graduates on the continent.



## EXCELLENCE IN LAW CAMPAIGN

The Faculty's **Excellence in Law** campaign is an ongoing initiative to attract funding for Faculty fundraising priorities in direct support of our students. We focus on fundraising in three key areas:

1. [The Scholarship Fund](#)
2. [The Law Technology Fund](#)
3. [The Student Crisis Fund](#)

2021 marked the second year of the Faculty campaign to raise R10m over five years for scholarships. This focus on scholarships remains at the forefront of our fundraising as the negative fallout resulting from the withdrawal of funding by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in several degree streams continues to spread throughout the South African tertiary education system. In particular, as previously reported, NSFAS no longer funds students who are registered for the two graduate LLB programmes, and now limits its support to students in the 4-year undergraduate Bachelor of Laws. This places immense pressure on alternative sources of funding in an environment marked by rising unemployment, the pandemic aftermath and a struggling economy.

The amount contributed to the Fund for 2021 totalled R542 373. In addition, *The Everard and Joan Macfarlane Family Leadership Scholarship* was inaugurated in 2021 - with a gift of R15m, given over 2020 and 2021, for an endowed scholarship fund in Law. (Please see below for an expanded description of this scholarship.)

Alumni contributions to the Law Annual Fundraising drive fell in comparison with 2020. This is primarily as a result of the special emergency funding appeals by both the Law Faculty and UCT in response to the devastating fire in April 2021. Offers of assistance poured in from across South Africa and the world and the response by Law Alumni to the Faculty request to contribute to the UCT Fire Fund was open-hearted and swift. We thank all of our Alumni and Friends who so generously gave in so many different ways in the aftermath of the fire. (Updates on the progress of repairing the damage to upper campus can be found on the UCT news website [www.news.uct.ac.za](http://www.news.uct.ac.za))

<b>Excellence in Law Campaign 2021</b>	<b>ZAR</b>
Alumni and Friends	367 373
Foundations & Trusts	175 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>542 373</b>

The **Excellence in Law** Campaign continues in 2022.

## THE EVERARD AND JOAN MACFARLANE FAMILY

### LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Faculty announced the launch of a new scholarship fund, for which the first four awards were made in March 2021.

The *Everard and Joan MacFarlane Family Leadership Scholarship* is a prestigious new scholarship award, established by a Faculty alumnus and his family, for University of Cape Town Law students in their intermediate year of study.

The scholarship seeks to contribute to the demographic transformation of the Law Faculty student body and, in turn, the South African legal profession. As such, this scholarship is for law students with financial need who are previously disadvantaged South African citizens, and who also meet the criteria related to leadership and social engagement. Selection is primarily based on academic performance as MacFarlane Leadership Scholars are expected to have an excellent academic record.

Successful awardees demonstrate leadership potential and social engagement through a history of participation in student life and leadership, and a commitment to social justice as well as evidence of a practical commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged groups or communities.

The scholarship award is valued at R75 000 per annum (plus an annual inflation-linked increment) per recipient, for a maximum of two years.

The inaugural recipients for the 2021-2022 Macfarlane Leadership Scholarship were Jessica Jaftha, Ebrahim Khan, Sabelo Ndlovu and Lwazi-Lwandile Simelane.

## STUDENT CRISIS FUND

This fund enables us to assist students with medical and travel emergencies. Most often students who are assisted are those whose are away from their families and communities to whom they would have had recourse. Students may make application to the fund at any time and need is assessed and appropriately supported within 24 hours where possible to minimise student stress.

In 2021 the Student Emergency Fund paid out R26 890 in travel, medical expenses and food vouchers for students in desperate circumstances.

## LAW TECHNOLOGY FUND

The Law Technology Fund is specifically designed to help students with unanticipated technology and equipment difficulties. In 2021 the Faculty bought 5 laptops at a cost of R41 000. These laptops are made available to students on a short term basis to bridge the time gap between losing a laptop to, for example theft, damage or technology crashes and obtaining a new or repaired device.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Excellence in Law Scholarships for LLB students*

The Excellence in Law Scholarships for LLB students are awarded expressly for fees and in 2021 this fund disbursed a total of R1 360 000 for 25 LLB scholarships.

<b>Category</b>	<b>M/F/Non-binary</b>	<b>Census Grouping</b>	<b>LLB Programme</b>
Excellence in Law - renewals	3 Female 3 Male	3 Black 3 Coloured	3 x 4yr LLB 3 x graduate LLB
Excellence in Law – new awards	8 Female 5 Male	9 Black 3 Coloured 1 Indian	4 x 4yr LLB 9 x graduate LLB
MacFarlane Leadership Scholars	2 Female 2 Male	2 Black 2 Coloured	1 x 4yr LLB 3 x graduate LLB
Giles & Debra White Scholarship	1 Female	1 African	1 x 4yr LLB
Linklaters Scholarship	1 Male	1 African	1 x 4r LLB

#### *Summary LLB Scholarships Awarded in 2021*

<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Coloured</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>4yr LLB</b>	<b>Grad LLB</b>
56% (14)	44% (11)	64% (16)	32% (8)	4% (1)	40% (10)	60% (14)

### *Excellence in Law Scholarships for Postgraduate students*

The postgraduate Excellence in Law Scholarships, awarded to 16 recipients in 2021, totalled R1 000 000. This includes the Alexander Burman Memorial Scholarship which awards R100 000 per annum to a South African woman student focused on socio-legal research. The scholarships were awarded to seven LLM students and nine PhD students.

#### *Summary Postgraduate Scholarships Awarded in 2021*

<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Coloured</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>LLM</b>	<b>PhD</b>
62% (10)	38% (6)	82% (13)	6% (1)	12% (2)	44% (7)	56% (9)

## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

The Faculty's donor-funded scholarship funding and awards process is managed by Faculty committees which report regularly to the Faculty Board, as well as to the Faculty's Endowment Fund Advisory Board.

For LLB scholarships, a call for applications is sent out in November/ December each year with a closing date in January/February. The Faculty's Undergraduate (LLB) Scholarship Committee meets to review the applications, and ranks them on both academic and financial criteria. The Scholarships are then managed from the Development & Marketing desk in the Faculty.

For postgraduate scholarships, a similar process is followed with a call in December for the following year. The Postgraduate Scholarships Committee meet to review applications and assess these against stringent scholarships criteria. This process of applications and awards is run from the Faculty Office.





## FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

*When NSFAS made the abrupt decision to cut all funding for the graduate LLB programmes I thought my world was coming crashing down, but the Excellence in Law Scholarship has made my dreams of a career in law a reality. Not only am I able to pursue an LLB degree from Africa's foremost university, learning from the best legal minds, but I am able, through the Faculty's various outreach societies to apply the knowledge I have accumulated thus far. This scholarship made possible by all of you means that one day in the very near future, I would be able to help those who often think there is nothing and no one to protect them, to have faith in the law once more.*

*Being able to focus my attention on my academics without the anxieties of fees made it possible for me to achieve an academic average of 70% last year, allowing me to achieve for the first time the Dean's Merit List. All thanks to you, the donors, and the Faculty of Law. This year I hope to only improve!* GRANT BEYERS

*As the eldest child of a single parent, financial worry is constantly at the back of my mind. By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened the financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning.*

*The most valuable benefit of this scholarship has been education; the lessons I have learned at the Law faculty have been invaluable. The classes have been an enriching learning environment and a place where students like me feel comfortable sharing and engaging with other students. Without the Faculty's scholarship, I would not have had the opportunity to do so.*

*I hope one day I will be able to pay it forward and help students pursue their dreams just as the scholarship has helped me. Thank you again for your generosity and support.* MULANGA MUGHIVI

*This scholarship, now more than ever, is a crucial stepping stone to helping me on my journey in pursuing the best version of myself, as well as a better future. Thank you for taking me into consideration and thank you for believing in me.* GOUWA JUMAT

*To say that I am grateful for the opportunities the Excellence in Law Scholarship has given me would be an understatement. It feels comforting, but most importantly, beyond motivating to know that there are a panel of individuals that believe in my academic capabilities and are therefore willing to be part of my journey.*

*I can firmly state that without the support of the Excellence in Law Scholarship, I would not possess the same vigour to strive forward. My mother, as my main provider, is a teacher by profession and would not be able to comfortably pay for my tuition if not for this award – thus, I extend my gratitude to the Donors for placing me in a position that will allow me to fulfil my career goals. ANELISA ZUNGU*

*Receiving this scholarship has relieved my father of the burden and strain of paying my tuition fees to a considerable degree. The burden of having financial stress is truly a big contributing factor in the performance of many students including myself. I am very appreciative of the Scholarship because I can now focus my time and energy completely on studies knowing that my father is both financially relieved and proud of my grades. Obtaining this scholarship has brought me one step closer to achieving my dream of becoming a Judge. Your generosity has also inspired me to open similar scholarship opportunities in the future for students like myself so that they too can experience the relief I have known. ASHISHAA KASIPERSAD*

*Ensuring justice for all is what matters, whether rich or poor, black or white, male or female and everything and anything in between. The most important thing [to me] is making sure that the right person goes to jail. It is unbelievable how many people are in prison for crimes that they did not commit. If it takes 1 person or 10 people who want to make this change, I would like to be a part of that. That is what this scholarship is doing for me - ensuring that I am a step closer to the ultimate goal. KEAMOGETSWE MUSI*

*I would like to thank our sponsors from the bottom of my heart for the contribution that they have made towards my education, and for further contributing to making it easier for my family to deal with what we were going through and for believing in students in the law faculty and their dreams. I studied law to bring about change and transformation. It is because of the willingness of our sponsors that I am able to pursue this dream. TSHIMANGADZO MALADA*

## THANK YOU

The part that our alumni, friends and donors play in the success of our Faculty can never be overstated. We are deeply appreciative of the responses to our annual fundraising campaigns and the further generosity with which you respond to our emergency appeals, such as the one which followed the fire in April 2021.

On behalf of all our staff and students, we would like to express our most sincere and heartfelt appreciation for walking the road with us.

Together we are building a stronger present and a better future.

Thank you.

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