

## Science Faculty PhD Fellowships for 2019

*The Science Faculty is in the fortunate position to be able to provide 12 PhD fellowships in 2019. All students (local and international) are eligible to apply. The intention is to favour those who are new to UCT, have a good academic record, an academically strong proposal with evidence of original planned research, a realistic time frame for completion of the thesis within three years and appropriate supervisor(s). A committee chaired by the Dean will consider proposals received from departments for final approval.*

### Criteria and eligibility:

- Excellent academic record
- Completed Masters degree in appropriate field of research
- Identified supervisor(s) and host department in the Faculty of Science, UCT

### Conditions of award:

- Successful applicants must register for full-time doctoral study in the Science Faculty, University of Cape Town;
- The Faculty PhD Fellowship should be awarded preferably to students who are new to UCT.
- Successful applicants must comply with the University's policies, rules and procedures;
- Successful applicants must enter into and adhere to a bi-lateral Memorandum of Understanding with his/her supervisor(s) outlining the work-plan for the research project and time frame for completion of the degree/research.
- Successful applicants must present an annual seminar on progress at a special Science Faculty PhD Fellowship Research Day.
- Successful applicants are expected to produce a minimum of two ISI accredited publications during the course, or immediately after the completion, of their degree.
- Students who do not complete their studies within 3 years, do not qualify for further support from the Science Faculty PhD Fellowship programme. Supervisors and students are responsible for resolving any funding requirements beyond 3 years of support.

### Value:

The total value of the Science Faculty PhD Fellowship is R330 000 spread over three years to be paid according the following guidelines.

- The maximum component for running expenses is restricted to R60 000 in total, with a limit of R30 000 per annum.
- The maximum component for a bursary is restricted to R110 000 for any one year.
- The value of the Science Faculty PhD fellowship will be reduced pro-rata if an applicant receives more than R200 000 in bursary/scholarship funding in any one year.

**Call for applications opens:**

**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018**

**Closing date for Departments to send nominations to the Dean**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### Science Faculty PhD Fellowship Application Guidelines

Interested applicants should contact their relevant Department in which they wish to study as soon as possible and identify a supervisor and topic for their doctoral research. Applicants should complete sections 1 to 3 of the application form and submit an electronic copy of the application form, together with a CV, copy of academic record and names of two referees, **to the relevant Department for consideration**. Departments must complete sections 4 and 5, rank and forward the applications and supporting documentation to the Science Faculty Postgraduate Office (Ayesha.Shaik@uct.ac.za) by **February 28, 2019** for final approval by the Dean.

Note: Candidates must also apply to the University through central admissions<sup>\*1</sup>. Final award of fellowship is conditional on candidates being accepted into the Faculty of Science according to the criteria published in the Faculty handbook.

1. Personal information of applicant	
Name:	
Department:	
Supervisor:	
Co-supervisor:	
Co-supervisor:	
Student Number:	

2. Summary of Academic record <sup>*2</sup> , Awards and Publications	
Institution that awarded BSc degree:	
Year obtained:	
Distinctions/awards:	
Institution that awarded Honours degree:	
Year obtained:	
Distinctions/awards:	
Institution that awarded Masters degree:	
Year obtained:	
Distinctions/awards:	
Peer reviewed ISI accredited publications to date:	

<sup>\*1</sup> <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/applications/apply/forms>

<sup>\*2</sup> A copy of the applicants complete academic record should be attached to this application.

**3. PhD Proposal** (*word limits to be strictly adhered to and all content should be clear to a non-specialist reviewer*)

**3.1 Title of project proposal:**

**3.2 Research rationale, originality and aims:** (750 word limit)

word count:

**3.3 Planned research activities/methods during 3 year period:** (500 word limit)

word count:

**4. Sources of available funding:** (Supervisor to complete, in consultation with the applicant. Provide a summary of other sources of funding that will be used to support the student and their running expenses)

**All other sources of funding**

**A) Student support**

**B) Research support**

**5. Motivation by Supervisor and Head of Department**

**Motivation by Supervisor:** (500 word limit)

**Date:**

**Motivation by Head of Department:** (200 word limit)

**Date:**