

Postgraduate Funding Opportunities in Medicine

All information on the scholarships and bursaries administered by the UCT Postgraduate Funding Office are available on <http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/> and <http://www.uct.ac.za/usr/pgfo/booklet/2010PostgradFundingHandbook.pdf>.

UCT Department of Medicine Scholarships:

1. Edith Sorrell Fellowship in Cardiology (Please contact Professor PJ Commerford on patrick.commerford@uct.ac.za)
2. Desmond Tutu Postgraduate Scholarship, The Desmond Tutu HIV Research Centre (DTHRC), Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (Please contact the Director of DTHRC for further details).
3. Guy Elliott Medical Research Fellowship, Department of Medicine (deadline 15 September).
4. Helen and Morris Mauerberger Clinical Scholarship, Department of Medicine (deadline June 15).
5. Immunology Postdoctoral Fellowship (Please contact the Head of the Division of Immunology for further details).
6. Jan Minners Scholarship for PhD study in the Hatter Institute for Cardiovascular Research (contact Professor Lionel Opie – lionel.opie@uct.ac.za)
7. JOCUM and AS Little Awards in GIT (Please contact the Head of the GI Clinic for further details: gillian.watermeyer@uct.ac.za)
8. Wyeth Postgraduate Nephrology Scholarship (Please contact the Head of the Division of Nephrology for further details).

UCT Scholarships:

9. The David and Elaine Potter Fellowships. Closing Date: 28 September. Masters and Doctoral studies at the University of Cape Town. The Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence in any field. gradcentre@uct.ac.za
10. The Harry Crossley Foundation Research Fellowships. Closing Date: 28 September. gradcentre@uct.ac.za
11. Harry Crossley Senior Clinical Fellowship, worth R150, 000 pa as sabbatical leave grants. (Contact: Deputy Dean for Research, Faculty of Health Sciences)
12. The Stephen Bantu Biko Leadership Fellowship Programme. Closing Date: 15 August. Full-time Honours, Masters and Doctoral degrees at UCT. gradcentre@uct.ac.za
13. Vera Davie Study and Research Bursary of R14, 000 to supplement study and research overseas for UCT/PGWC member of staff. Closing date 5 September of the preceding year. Contact: colleen.windwogel@uct.ac.za (Research Office)
14. Woolworths University of Cape Town Postgraduate Fellowship Programme. Closing Date: 28 September. For probiotic and food allergy research. gradcentre@uct.ac.za
15. UCT/Carnergie Research Development Grant, UCT Emerging Researcher Programme. [https://www.UniversityofCapeTown/Research & libraries > Research Office > Research development > Emerging Researcher Programme](https://www.UniversityofCapeTown/Research&libraries/ResearchOffice/Researchdevelopment/EmergingResearcherProgramme)

Local Scholarships:

16. Adcock Ingram Research Grant in Nephrology (R30,000 over 2 years). Closing date 31 May 2011. The Administrator, National Kidney Foundation of SA, P O Box 891, Houghton 2041, Telephone/Fax: 011 447 2531, e-mail: nkfsa@mweb.co.za
17. Medical Research Council Research Training Scholarships for Medical Doctors (deadline 30 June) <http://www.mrc.ac.za/funding/researchchopport.htm>
18. Medical Research Council Senior Research Training Fellowships in Health Sciences for Registrars and Medical Specialists (deadline 30 September) <http://www.mrc.ac.za/researchdevelopment/sentrain.htm>
19. Chris Barnard Postdoctoral Fellowship (deadline 31 July)
20. Sydney Brenner Fellowship (deadline 30 November)
21. Pfizer Global Fellowship (Iqbal.Omar@Pfizer.com)
22. Wellcome Fellowships:
 - Intermediate Clinical Fellowship <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2132.html>
 - Research Career Development Fellowship in Clinical Tropical Medicine <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2135.html>
 - Research Career Development Fellowship in Tropical Medicine <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2138.html>
 - Research Career Development Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2129.html>
 - International Senior Research Fellowship <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2139.html>
23. Human Resource Development Unit, Groote Schuur Hospital: Skills Development Fund (Questions: Pearl Prinsloo – 404-2077 pprinsloo@pgwc.gov.za) ; Submission: Noluvo Mqushulu; Manager: Kennedy Gaya)
24. The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa: Scholarship (R50,000) and Travel Fellowships. <http://www.gastrofoundation.co.za/> (Contact Dr Chris Kassianides on kassanc@lancet.co.za)
25. Discovery Foundation Awards
 - Discovery Foundation Academic Fellowship (10 per year). Registrars/Senior Registrars (R750, 000 pa). Closing date 15 December.
 - Discovery Foundation Sub-Specialist Award. (R225, 000 pa). (8 per year).
 - Discovery Foundation Excellence Award. (R1 million). Organisation or institution that demonstrates excellence in service delivery, training and innovation for the benefit of SA healthcare, particularly by strengthening human resources in healthcare.
26. South Africa Research Chairs Initiative (<http://www.nrf.ac.za/sarchi/index.stm>)
27. Wellcome Trust Masters Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2154.html> . 1 August.

28. Nycomed Pulmonology Fellowship for clinical training in adult/paediatric pulmonology in South Africa. Salary: R450,000; Research and other expenses: R50,000. Closing date 31 October. Contact Professor Gill Ainslie on gillian.ainslie@uct.ac.za
29. Global Research Initiative Program for Foreign researchers (GRIP). GRIP funding for non-US investigators from the Fogarty International Centre of the NIH: intermediate funding for people who have at least 2 years of research experience, at least one of which was spent in their home country. Find out about your eligibility to apply at the following website: http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/research_grants/grip/
30. Poliomyelitis Research Foundation POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS:
- Applications are invited for this newly instituted Fellowship awarded for post-doctoral medical studies in virology to be conducted in South Africa. The Fellowship will be awarded for a one-year period, on a competitive basis, to South Africans or individuals with permanent resident status, as salary for high-level research work in a suitable department, unit or institute of an already identified South African host institution.
 - Applications may be submitted as nominations by institutions or directly by individuals, and must provide full details of preceding doctoral work and publications; a description of the rationale and methodology of the proposed project (including certified evidence of operational funding, facilities and equipment that will be available outside of the Fellowship award); and the names of at least three contactable referees.
 - The emphasis in the selection is on the excellence of the academic track record; evidence of unusual creativity and ingenuity in addressing scientific problems; both the novelty AND the feasibility of the proposed approach; and the quality, adequacy and appropriateness of the host environment.
 - Applicants must be in possession of either a PhD or MBBCh or BVSc or equivalent doctoral level degree (or written proof from the University that all conditions have been satisfied for the award of the degree at the next graduation ceremony).
 - The value of the Fellowship will be R140 000 if conditions are met, no income tax is payable.
 - Please direct enquiries and applications for the Fellowship to prf@nicd.ac.za

Local or International Scholarships:

31. Skye Foundation Scholarships for local (May deadline) or overseas (January deadline) postgraduate study in any field of endeavour. Aimed at South African citizens or permanent residents of exceptional merit who are under the age of 30 years. Need to be nominated by the Dean of the Faculty. Contact Dr Neville Passmore at frog@sdm.dorea.co.za or 021-465-8821
32. Thrasher Early Career Award Programme for research on children. I would highlight that the award is only for \$25,000 and allows up to \$12,500 total for PI salary support. Contact: Justin Brown, M.P.H., Research Manager, Thrasher Research Fund, Phone: (801) 240-2838; email: brownrj@thrasherresearch.org; <http://www.thrasherresearch.org>. ***We are now offering competitive funding for fellows, post-docs and new faculty as part of our Early Career Award Program. The next deadline for concept papers is October 15, 2010.***

33. FIDSSA GlaxoSmithKline Fellowship in infectious diseases research. R100,000 for junior researchers. Apply to info@fidssa.co.za by 30 June. See <http://www.fidssa.co.za> for further details.

Scholarships for South African and Foreign Scholars:

34. NRF Africa scholarships.

35. UCT International Scholarships which close at the end of July 2008.

36. Clinical Infectious Disease Research Initiative *Research Entry Awards*: for further enquiries and application forms, please contact the Research Initiative Manager, Kathryn Wood. Informal enquiries regarding eligibility are also welcome. Email: Kathryn.Wood@uct.ac.za Tel : +27 21 4066389

- Postgraduate Scholarships for PhD training of non-clinicians from Africa (3 years; R125,000 pa plus laboratory costs)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships for non-clinicians from Africa (1 year; R200,000 plus laboratory costs)
- Research Officer Posts for MBChB graduates from Africa (2 years; salary plus laboratory costs)
- Visitors' Awards for MBChB and PhD graduates for UCT staff to outside institutions or staff from an outside institution to UCT (1 year; stipend; travel)

International Scholarships:

37. Lown Scholars Program at the Harvard School for Public Health. To be advertised after July 2009 for a start date of July 2010. See www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/admissions/

38. Directory of Grants and Fellowships in Global Health Sciences for Health Professionals: see list on http://www.fic.nih.gov/funding/directory_fellowships.htm

39. Rhodes Scholarships (deadline usually ~June).

40. Nuffield Oxford Medical Fellowship (deadline 1 April).

41. Lancet International Fellowship (deadline 1 November).


42. Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Award for PhD study in the UK (<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/hodgkin/contact.asp>).

43. MRC Overseas Doctoral Scholarships (Sandwich Programme) (<http://www.mrc.ac.za/researchdevelopment/overseascholar.htm>).

44. Commonwealth Scholarships: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/india-scholarships-commonwealth.htm>

- Closing date – 16 October of preceding year
- 12-36 months support towards completion of either a full-time taught or a doctoral postgraduate qualification at an eligible UK institution.
- 12 months non-degree study in the United Kingdom on a split-site basis to aid the completion of a doctoral degree undertaken at a university in the candidate's home country.

- 6 months clinical training in medicine or dentistry (available only to candidates from developing countries).
45. World Heart Federation Twin Centres Programme <http://www.worldheart.org/capacity-twin-centres.php>, <http://www.worldheart.org/capacity-twin-centres.php#applications> (1 December)
46. Pfizer Perceptorship/Fellowship in Cardiology and Oncology
- US-based clinical fellowships ('touch-feel-do')
 - 6 weeks to 3 months attachments
 - Fully-funded
47. De Beers African Health Scholarship for MPH at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: <http://www.jhsph.edu/debeers> (1 December)
48. Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for International Postgraduate Study. www.firststrandfoundation.org.za (15 March)
49. Harvard South Africa Fellowship Programme in conjunction with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. (25 April). www.fas.harvard.edu/~southafr (steve@mandelarhodes.org.za; Mandela Rhodes Foundation, PO Box 15897, VLAEBERG 8018. A opportunity for study for 1 year at Harvard University Medical School, School of Public Health.
50. Multiple Sclerosis International Federation Awards
- The Du Pré Fellowship enables a young researcher from an emerging country to work with the world's leading researchers in MS with a view to returning to their own country to establish a programme of MS research that involves the application of the newly learned techniques. Further information can be found at: http://www.msif.org/en/research/awards/du_pr_fellow.html
 - The Du Pré Grants are offered to young researchers to enable them to undertake short visits to other MS research centres, either to learn more from each other or to carry out parts of joint research projects. The aim is to encourage cross-fertilisation of skills through collaborative research projects. Further information can be found at: http://www.msif.org/en/research/awards/du_pr_grants.html
51. NIH Forgyat International Clinical Research Fellowships (for USA and non-USA postdocs) http://www.fic.nih.gov/funding/directory_fellowships.htm
52. Clarendon Fund and Oppenheimer Fund Graduate Scholarships. GBP6,500 to 13,330 pa. www.admin.ox.ac.uk/io/funding/index_shtml. Email: student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk
53. James Gear International Fellowship of the Poliomyelitis Research Foundation:
- The award which is at present R 200 000 + flight (one year only), is for outstanding candidates to enable them to develop their research careers in overseas academic institutions.
 - The fellowship is a prestige award made only to those eminently well qualified to receive it.

- Those eligible for the award are postgraduates with at least a medical degree or degree in veterinary sciences or a doctorate degree in the sciences or equivalents
- Detailed motivation including the candidates curriculum vitae and motivating letter from the supervisor or head of the department, detailed research proposal approved by the head of department and by the overseas host institution are required
- This Fellowship will be awarded to outstanding candidates to enable them to develop their research careers internationally in academic institutions
- Potential applicants may need to be interviewed by members of the Scientific Advisory Panel
- Fellows will be required to give an undertaking to return to South Africa for at least 3 years upon completion of their research projects internationally.
- Please direct enquiries and applications for the Fellowship to  prf@nicd.ac.za

54. Advancing Africa Scholarship Fund, Brown University

55. American Association of University Women <http://www.act.org/aauw/contact.html>
The International Fellowship for non-US citizens studying outside the US may be appropriate for you.

56. Canada-HOPE Scholarship for training in cardiovascular epidemiology. Closing date 31 March 2010. <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=915&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>

57. Lasker Clinical Research Scholars:

The NIH has launched a new program in conjunction with the Lasker Foundation to support clinical researchers for upwards of 12 years. The goal is to bridge the widening gap between cutting-edge research and improved patient care. The initiative, called the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program, represents an historic partnership between the NIH intramural and extramural research programs. The program enables exceptional clinical researchers in the early stages of their careers to first spend 5 to 7 years as investigators in the NIH intramural research program. Upon successful completion of this first stage, the scholars would be offered the opportunity to remain at the NIH as senior clinical research scientists or to apply for up to 5 years of independent financial support at a university or other external research institution. The program is open to clinician scientists both from the extramural and the intramural community. Applicants must have an MD, MD/PhD, DO, DDS, DMD, RN/PhD or equivalent clinical degree, and must be no more than 6 years from completion of their core residency training program. The deadline is March 4, 2011, for a letter of intent, and April 4, 2011, for the full application. Candidates must also obtain a DUNS number and register with the NIH eRA Commons prior to submitting an application. More information, including the RFA, is at <http://www.nih.gov/science/laskerscholar>. Direct any questions about this program to Charles R. Dearolf, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Intramural Research, at LaskerScholar@nih.gov.

58. FP7 - Marie Curie Incoming & Outgoing International Fellowships

- Incoming International Fellowships (IIF) - this scheme would enable experienced researchers who are active in a third country (e.g. South Africa) to undertake a research project for 1-2 years at a host institution in Europe

(with an optional return grant to South Africa)

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.peopleDetailsCallPage&call_id=199

- Outgoing International Fellowship (IOF) - this scheme would enable experienced researchers (who must be nationals of an EU Member State or Associated Country) to undertake a research project for 1-2 years in a third country (e.g. South Africa) with a mandatory return phase of 1 year in Europe.

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.peopleDetailsCallPage&call_id=200

- The Marie Curie programmes covers all areas of research and the topic is freely chosen by the applicant. The next deadline is 18th August 2009 and there will be a similar deadline in 2010.

59. ACU Titular Fellowships – 2011

- The ACU Titular Fellowships provide opportunities for staff from member universities and employees working in industry, commerce or public service in a Commonwealth country to spend periods of time in other member universities or relevant institutions outside their own country. Preference will be given to workers in the following priority subject areas: agriculture, forestry and food sciences, biotechnology, development strategies, earth and marine sciences, engineering, health and related social sciences, information technology, management for change, professional education and training, social and cultural development and university development and management. Applications will be considered ONLY if the applicant is approved by the Executive Head (Vice-Chancellor, President or Rector) of a university in ACU membership. The ACU will also consider applications approved by the chief executive officer of a Commonwealth inter-university organisation. Fellowships will be tenable for up to a maximum of six months. The official closing date for applications is 1st July 2011. Please submit your application to Penny van Zyl (penny.vanzyl@uct.ac.za) in the International Academic Programmes Office by 20th June 2011 as she will be getting Executive Head approval on your behalf and submitting your applications to ACU by the official deadline. For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the webpage at

http://www.acu.ac.uk/member_services/fellowships_mobility/acu_titular_fellowships A summary of the awards is as follows:

- University of Wales Swansea Fulton Fellowship is tenable at the University of Wales Swansea. Awarded for any of the priority subjects listed above. Country of Tenure: United Kingdom
- The University of Manitoba Fellowship tenable at the University of Manitoba. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above. Country of Tenure: Canada
- The George Weston Limited, Canada, Fellowship in agriculture, forestry, and food science/ food technology. Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country
- The University of Oxford Fellowship is tenable at the University of Oxford. Awarded in any of the priority subject areas listed above. Country of Tenure: United Kingdom

- The Gordon and Jean Southam Fellowship is open to nominees of any of the Canadian universities in membership of the ACU. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above. Country of Tenure: Any Commonwealth country other than home country

Research Training Courses:

60. 10-day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology of the International Society of Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention (deadline 31 March). Contact: Guita Ramsurun (Mrs), PA to Professor Kay-Tee Khaw; Clinical Gerontology Unit, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, University of Cambridge, Box 25, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ; Tel: +44 1223 335995 or 217292; Fax: +44 1223 336928; email gr216@medschl.cam.ac.uk; kk101@medschl.cam.ac.uk
61. Vienna School of Clinical Research: <http://www.vscr.at>
62. Annual Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Course, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.
63. Pan African Thoracic Society Methods in Epidemiologic Clinical and Operations Research (PATS – MECOR). Initial enquiries should be addressed to the Course Coordinator, Dr Stephen Gordon at sbgordon@liverpool.ac.uk . An application form will be sent to qualified candidates. See also www.africanthoracic.org.
64. South African TB/AIDS Research Training (SATBAT) Grant Writing Course. Contact Dr N Martinson tb@hivsa.com or Dr Charles van der Horst cvdh@med.unc.edu

Travel Grants:

65. The National Kidney Foundation of SA Charlotte Roberts Travel Award, valued at R25,000 is awarded every second year for overseas travel. This is intended to enable junior research workers to travel abroad to learn new techniques. Travel Award in Nephrology. The Administrator, National Kidney Foundation of SA, P O Box 891, Houghton 2041, Telephone/Fax: 011 447 2531, e-mail: nkfsa@mweb.co.za (Closing date 31 May 2011)

66. UCT Research Committee:

2010 Travel Grants available to Postgraduate Students & Postdoctoral Researchers. If you have a conference to attend or you need to do some research overseas, then visit the Postgraduate Funding Office website to get more information regarding these Travel Grants and its Conditions & Procedures

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/awards/travel/>

Closing dates: To attend a conference the application must be submitted before the 9th March and 31st August.

If you have to do research the application must be submitted before the 28th February and 31st August.

For any other questions contact Chantel Reed/Erica Van Wyk on 021-650 2205 or chantel.reed@uct.ac.za or erica.vanwyk@uct.ac.za

67. MRC - <http://www.mrc.ac.za/researchdevelopment/rcdfunding.pdf>

68. NRF - <http://www.nrf.ac.za/studentsupport/docs/Manual.pdf>

69. Poliomyelitis Research Foundation TRAVEL GRANTS:

- Travel Grants are granted for attendance at local or international conferences.
- Applications for conferences will only be considered if an applicant is actively contributing and participating in the conference and copies of acceptance letters must accompany the application form
- Applications for visits to laboratories must be supported by appropriate letters of invitation from hosting laboratories
- Grants will not be given to the same individual in successive years
- Please direct enquiries and applications for the Fellowship to prf@nicd.ac.za
- Grants will be made up of:
 - One single economy class return air fair to destination
 - Registration fee, accommodation and subsistence
 - A maximum of R 20 000 will be granted based on the above

70. Royal College of Physicians International Bursary for African Physicians training in South Africa:

- For attendance at an RCP conference in the UK
- Plus a 2-4 week study visit to a relevant specialist unit.
- Further information is on www.rcplondon.ac.uk/International/bursaries.htm

71. Whitehead Travel Awards for Msc, PhD and postdoctoral scientists. Apply if you are studying in the field of cellular or molecular sciences and plan to attend a scientific conference or meeting before February 2011. You must either be an MSc or PhD student or a post-doctoral researcher who has completed their PhD within the last 3 years. You must be based in a South African laboratory and you may not have been a successful applicant previously. Applicants are required to fill in our travel awards application form, which can be downloaded at www.whitesci.co.za. Completed application forms should be sent to [Dr Shirley Ferris](mailto:Dr.Shirley.Ferris) The application form includes a section to be filled in by the principal investigator supporting the application. We will verify conference registration and travel arrangements before awards are paid out and therefore we encourage applications from individuals who have already secured some additional funding to cover the balance of these costs. To be considered for an award, please send your application to reach us by no later than 30th April 2010. We will announce the successful applicants by mid May 2010.

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