

URC Call for Nominations

2024 UCT COLLEGE OF FELLOWS YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

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Closing date: Tuesday, 15 July 2024

Nominations are invited for the 2024 UCT College of Fellows Young Researcher Award.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Young Researcher Award is offered annually in recognition of outstanding scholarly work by **young academics** who have made **significant independent contributions to research in their field**. A maximum of six awards of approximately R 30,000 each will be made each year. Should there be no qualifying nominations, no awards will be made.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES

Nominations may be submitted by any UCT academic staff member. Nominators may nominate themselves.

The criteria for nominees are:

- Permanent and T2 contract UCT academic staff; and
- Normally under 40. (Please note: nominees 40 and older will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances which are clearly motivated.)

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominators must submit:

- The full CV of the nominee, including publications or equivalent scholarly outputs for the past 3 years;
- A statement of the nominee's scholarly accomplishments (one page); and
- Contact details for 3 individuals who will be requested to provide referee reports. 1 referee must be international and only 1 referee may be from UCT. Referee reports should specifically speak to the candidate's research and impact of their research. Please motivate briefly (a couple of sentences) your choice of referees. Referees who are not closely connected with applicants (e.g. as PhD supervisors) are preferred.

Nominees who were previously unsuccessful should wait at least two years before submitting another nomination to ensure that research output has improved significantly enough to reach a level as is warranted by this award.

Applications should be submitted via email to researchfunding@uct.ac.za on or before the closing date (**Tuesday, 15 July 2024**)

The committee to select the Young Researcher Award will consist of current UCT Fellows (nominated by the UCT College of Fellows) who represent a broad range of academic disciplines and will be chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. The awards will be regarded as final and there will be no appeal process.