



UCT RESEARCH IN NUMBERS*

*All numbers given are for 2025 unless otherwise stated



WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS IN 2024-25

1ST

In Africa

(THE, US News, QS, CWUR, ARWU)



=60TH

Most international university in the world

(THE 2025)



=124TH

In the world

(US News 2025-26)



=164TH

In the world

(THE 2026)



POSTGRADUATES AT UCT

± 11 000

Students enroll as postgraduates at UCT every year

(almost 40% of all students)



+ 3 000

Are international from more than 100 countries



RESEARCH INCOME



Total research Income

R2.6 BILLION



Total external research income

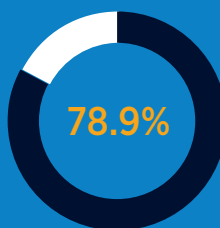
R2.47 BILLION



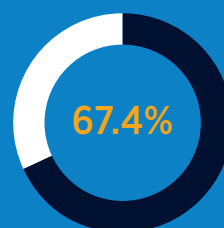
PUBLICATION IMPACT

Percentage of publications in the top 10% most cited publications worldwide

15.6%



Percentage of UCT publications with external co-authors (Elsevier SciVal 2020-2024)



Percentage of UCT publications with international co-authors (Elsevier SciVal 2020-2024)

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Number of influential researchers on the 2025 Clarivate Analytics' highly cited researcher listing for papers in the top 1% by citation.



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QS SUSTAINABILITY 2026

=59TH

In the world



1ST

In Africa



1ST

In South Africa



THE IMPACT RANKINGS 2025



TOP 100 IN THE WORLD

14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



51ST SDG14

(Life below water)

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



=80TH SDG11

(Sustainable cities and communities)

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



=86TH SDG9

(Industry innovation and infrastructure)



SUBJECT RANKINGS

Top 50 in the world

- 15TH** Development Studies (QS 2025)
- 25TH** Sport Science Schools and Departments (ShanghaiRankings 2024)
- 28TH** Infectious Diseases (US News 2025–26)
- 47TH** Geography (GRAS 2025)
- 49TH** Public Health (GRAS 2025)
- 50TH** Public, Environmental and Occupational Health (US News 2025–26)

Top 100 in the world

- Anthropology (QS 2025)
- Clinical Medicine (US News 2025–26)
- Ecology (US News 2025–26)
- Immunology (US News 2025–26)
- Marine and Freshwater Biology (US News 2025–26)
- Medical and Health (THE 2025)
- Medicine (QS 2025)
- Microbiology (US News 2025–26)
- Mining and Mineral Engineering (GRAS 2025)
- Neuroscience and Behaviour (US News 2025–26)
- Oceanography (GRAS 2025)

Key Terms

ARWU

ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities

CWUR

Centre for World University Rankings

GRAS

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects

QS

Quacquarelli Symonds

THE

Times Higher Education

US News

US News & World Report Best Global Universities



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