

UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – CONVOCAATION NOMINEE



DAVID ANSARA

CONVOCAATION NOMINATORS

- Mr Ian Macleod
- Ms Tarryn Richardson
- Mr Jared Jeffery
- Mr Simon Apfel
- Mr Grame Rubenstein
- Mr Rob Price

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As an alumnus of the University of Cape Town, I have been concerned by the recent governance and financial problems that have affected the University. The legacy of disputations in student life and unstable leadership have wrought enormous damage on a once venerable institution.

As a member of Council, I will ensure that UCT focuses on three key objectives:

1. unambiguously committing the university to academic freedom
2. appointing a suitably qualified leadership team based solely on their competency and personal integrity
3. developing a strategy to address the growing funding crisis confronting the university.

I have leadership experience in both the private and non-profit sectors, having worked for a variety of think tanks, consultancies, and trade associations. I currently serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Free Market Foundation (FMF), a classical liberal think tank headquartered in Johannesburg.

I hold a master's in social science in political studies. During my six years at UCT, I served as an orientation leader and curriculum advisor in the Faculty of Humanities, as well as a tutor in the Department of Political Studies.

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Selected work experience

Company	Position	Date/Duration
Free Market Foundation	Chief Executive Officer, Johannesburg	January 2023 to present
Institute of Race Relations	Chief Operating Officer, Centre for Risk Analysis, Johannesburg	May 2018 – December 2022
Various	Consultant, Johannesburg	May 2016 – April 2018
Norton Rose Fulbright SA	Associate Director (Africa), Loan Market Association, Johannesburg	November 2010 – April 2016
Chambers and Partners	Researcher/Writer, London	June 2009 – July 2010

Education

Institution	Degree	Date/Duration
University of Cape Town	Master of Social Science, Political Studies	February 2006 – February 2008
University of Cape Town	BSocSci (Honours), Political Studies	February – November 2005
University of Cape Town	BA, Political Studies; Media & Writing	February 2002 – November 2004
St Peter's College	IEB senior matric certificate (exemption)	2001

Professional development

Institution/ Organisation	Programme	Date/Duration
US Department of State	Distinguished Humphrey Fellowship Programme	November 2019
University of Pretoria (GIBS)	Bloomberg Media Initiative for Africa	April – November 2015
University of the Witwatersrand	Certificate in Foundation Mathematics	February – November 2011