

**URC CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
VISITING SCHOLARS FUND (VSF) AND VISITING LECTURERS FUND (VLF) GRANTS**

The deadline for the first round of applications for all the visits, which occur between 01 Jul – 31 Dec 2026, is Wednesday, 15 April 2026

Please send all queries to Zam Ndzotyana (zam.ndzotyana@uct.ac.za)

Purpose of the grant

- Visiting Scholars Fund (VSF): This grant aims to bring eminent academics from outside South Africa to UCT.
- Visiting Lecturers Fund (VLF): the purpose of this grant is to bring eminent academics based abroad, who are already in South Africa on other business, to UCT; also, eminent academics who are employed at other educational institutions within South Africa.

These Visiting Scholars/Lecturers are expected to **provide an academic stimulus** by means of lectures, seminars, or similar contributions within the University.

Note: Participation integrated into conferences or symposia will not be considered. The participation must provide a stand-alone academic stimulus outside of already planned events. Please see Section One of the application form for further details, including the conditions of the award.

Eligibility

The following affiliated UCT researchers can apply:

- Permanent and T2 contract (travel must be occurring within the contract period) academic staff;
- Permanent Professional Administrative Support Services (PASS) staff affiliated with an academic department;
- Honorary Research Associates; Emeritus Professors; Emeritus Associate Professors; Honorary Professors; Honorary Associate Professors, and Senior Research Scholars who have published in accredited, subsidy-earning publications in the past year; and
- Permanent joint academic staff (excluding registrars).

Kindly note that T1 contract staff are unfortunately not eligible to apply for this grant.

Submission process

1. All applicants must complete the latest version of the R&I13 application form, which is available here - <http://forms.uct.ac.za/ri13.doc>.
2. Applications for visits/lectures retrospective to the second-round closing date of **Wednesday, 15 April 2026** will **NOT** be considered.
3. The applicant must ensure that the completed and correctly endorsed application reaches the Research Office as soon as possible.
4. Applications may be emailed to researchfunding@uct.ac.za. Please ensure that you receive an acknowledgment of receipt from the Research Office within two days of the closing date.

Note: After the visit, a brief report must be submitted to the VSF Committee. Please see the report template, which can be accessed here: <http://forms.uct.ac.za/ri15.doc>