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DOROTHY CAMERON SCHOLARSHIP - 2026

Eligibility: The Dorothy Cameron Scholarship is specifically for projects that have a **clear botanical theme**.

Applications are invited from all full time MSc and PhD students in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town. The award will only be made to PhD students who are within their first 3 years of PhD registration, MSc students within 2 years or course-work MSc students in their 1st year of study. The award is made based on a combination of both academic merit and financial need. If there is a strong merit component articulated in the letter of motivation an exception may be made for the award to be made in the 4th year of a PhD.

Conditions: The successful incumbent will be required to:

- Be registered for full time study in the Department of Biological Sciences
- Comply with the University's policies on postgraduate funding.
- The award may be held concurrently with other bursaries but may only be held once for a specific degree. Students who have upgraded from MSc to PhD may only hold the award once.
- No services will be required in return for the award.

Value and Tenure: Normally, two awards of up to R30 000 (each) will be made each year, tenable for one year. The committee reserves the right to alter the number or amount of the awards depending on need and merit of applications.

Application: Your application should be in the form of a single pdf file which includes a completed application form, letter of motivation, CV, copies of academic transcripts, personal budget and a detailed project abstract (<300 words) clearly indicating the botanical framework/theme/methods of the research. Names and contact details of at least two academic referees who have taught, supervised or worked alongside the applicant must be provided. The motivation letter (< 300 words) should describe why you



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should receive this award (i.e. **merit**) and describe the **need** that you have for this funding (i.e. current funding and financial needs). Financial statements should include Rand value of awards or income and a monthly budget reflecting income and expenses.

Selection process: The awards are decided by a committee comprising academic staff of the Department of Biological Sciences. The criteria for this award are that the project must have a clear botanical theme and a combination of merit (60%) and need (40%). Merit is judged by academic achievements at Honours and MSc level, evidence of publications or publication quality research and awards or other recognition of excellence.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 MAY 2026.

Application forms are available from Natalie Jodamus and the completed form should be sent to the Biological Sciences Admin Assistant: Ms Natalie Jodamus, room 1.33 John Day Bldg, Tel: 021 650 3627, email: Natalie.Jodamus@uct.ac.za

UCT's Indemnities: The University of Cape Town reserves the right to disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications. The University of Cape Town reserves the right to change the conditions of award or to make no award at all.



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1. Name:
2. Student ID:
3. Email:
4. Thesis title:

5. Year of first registration:
6. Degree registered for (i.e. MSc or PhD):
7. Name(s) of Supervisor(s):

8. Other bursaries applied for (give details of source and Rand value):

9. Other bursaries received (provide source and Rand value):

10. Bursaries received in previous years (provide source and Rand value):

11. Student loan for this year (source and Rand value):

12. Total study loan commitment to date (Rand value):

13. Other support (e.g. top-ups from supervisor; give details):

14. Other support received in previous years (give details):

15. Earnings from part- or full-time employment (give details and annual or monthly salary before tax):



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Please include the following with this form:

- Motivation letter (< 300 words).
- Detailed project abstract (< 300 words).
- Transcripts (e.g. Peoplesoft) of your academic record(s).
- Monthly summary budget reflecting income and expenses (see suggested template below).
- Names and addresses of two academic referees.

The application form, letter of motivation and any supporting documentation should be combined into one PDF document. Completed forms should be submitted to Natalie.Jodamus@uct.ac.za by the closing date of **31 May 2026**.

Suggested budget template:

	Monthly budget	
	Budget Item	Rands
Monthly expenditure	Rent	
	Food	
	Personal Expenses	
	Transportation	
	Books and Supplies	
	Health care costs	
	<i>Total Non-Tuition Expenses</i>	
Monthly income	Employment (demonstrating/part- full-time work)	
Note: for lump amounts	Parental Support	
take annual amount divided by 12	Scholarships (totals from form above)	
	Financial Aid/loans	
	Other sources	
	<i>Total monthly income</i>	
	Annual costs	
Expenditure	Annual tuition fee	
	Other annual expenditure (e.g. dependents, society memberships)	