

UCT Alan Pifer Research Award

Call for Nominations

Closing date: Friday 14 August 2026

(Please direct all queries to Werner Van der Ross at werner.vanderross@uct.ac.za)

The *UCT Alan Pifer Research Award* is the Vice-Chancellor's annual prize in recognition of outstanding research that has demonstrable impact on society. Nominations and/or self-nominations are invited for the **2025 Alan Pifer Research Award**.

The award is offered annually to one or more top researchers at UCT who are engaged in medical, economic, scientific, engineering and social research which has demonstrated impact on, and relevance to, the advancement and welfare of South Africa's disadvantaged people. The main criteria for evaluation are (a) **excellence** (as demonstrated through a combination of measurable indicators); (b) **impact** (as demonstrated through ways in which the research has changed - or will change - society for the better); (c) **innovation** (as demonstrated by the novelty of the approach and / or research methodology); **reach** (as demonstrated by the extent or scope of the portion of society that will benefit from the research).

[Click here](#) to see the full recipient list of the Alan Pifer award winners since its inception.

Each nomination should include:

- A full motivation signed by the nominator and the relevant Dean;
- The nominee's *curriculum vitae* (excluding publications); and
- The nominee's full publication record as a separate document.

(Please note that there is no application / nomination form to be completed.)

The closing date for nominations is **Friday 14 August 2025**. All nominations should be sent to researchfunding@uct.ac.za (Attention: Werner Van der Ross). For further information please contact Werner Van der Ross at werner.vanderross@uct.ac.za

PLEASE NOTE: if you have not received a confirmation of receipt of the submitted nomination by Wednesday, 19 August 2026, please contact the *Research Office* to ensure that your nomination has been received.