

# URC Call for Applications

## VERA DAVIE STUDY AND RESEARCH BURSARY

**Application Deadline: 31 August 2026**

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The late Mrs Vera Davie made a bequest to the University in September 1981. In her will, Mrs Davie suggested "*... that a sum ... be used ... to supplement the income of a member of the staff of the University of Cape Town, who, proceeding overseas for study and research, with a view to publication or to better university teaching, might be hampered in such work by his inadequate financial resources*".

Acting upon a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee (PC 412 date 21/09/81), the University Council determined that this award be known as the Vera Davie Study and Research Bursary.

### Eligibility:

- Members of UCT staff on academic conditions of service, who will be proceeding abroad on study and research leave for a continuous period of three months or more, can apply.
- Applicants should be at the **early career or less established** stage of their careers.
- The applicant (at the early career stage) should have obtained their doctoral degree within 10 years at the time of application.

*Note: Researchers applying for contact leave (research leave) shorter than 3 months are not eligible.*

### Value:

A maximum value of R 100 000

### Conditions of Award:

1. The recipient should return to his/ her post at the University for a period of at least 12 months from the completion of the leave for which the award is made.
2. Should the award not be used in accordance with the conditions stipulated and for the purpose approved by the Committee when awarding it, a portion of the whole of it, as determined by the Committee, would have to be repaid.

### Application Process:

Applications should include the following:

1. Details of the intended programme of study and research.
2. The number of times an applicant has been on study and research leave, and brief details thereof.
3. A full motivation explaining the need for supplementary funding and providing the following information:
  - travel costs;
  - subsistence costs;
  - direct subventions applied for and received; and
  - any other information or variables for the Committee's attention.
4. A full curriculum vitae including a list of publications.

Submissions must be emailed to [researchfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:researchfunding@uct.ac.za) on or before the deadline **(31 August 2026)**.

**Please note:** If you have not received confirmation that your application has been received by the Research Office within three working days of the closing date, please contact the Research Office at [researchfunding@uct.ac.za](mailto:researchfunding@uct.ac.za).