



RAPCAN LEGACY DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Resources and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RAPCAN), plays a leading role in the field of child rights and protection.

Child abuse and neglect are very significant problems in our country but the evidence on causes, consequences and effective interventions is very limited. We decided to establish this award so as to encourage doctoral students to contribute to both our understanding of the problem and to its prevention. Child protection is a complex field that benefits from the insights of several academic disciplines and for that reason the award is not restricted to any particular discipline.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Be financially deserving according to UCT's means test,
- Have demonstrated academic excellence at postgraduate level,
- Be a full-time South African doctoral student,
- Research Topics are restricted to research which will contribute knowledge relating to the field of Child Protection in South Africa. Studies that contribute to the prevention of child abuse and neglect are particularly encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY:

If interested in applying for RAPCAN, kindly apply by completing the UCT Online Funding Application via the [student portal](#), and email with your abstract/concept of topic and letter of support from supervisor separately to pgfunding@uct.ac.za with the subject line: "RAPCAN 2027" by 10 November 2026.