

UCT Elizabeth Clough Bursary

Call for Applications

Deadline: Wednesday, 25 November 2026

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The late Miss Elizabeth Clough made a bequest to enable members of the University of Cape Town to undertake a journey in the nature of a pilgrimage to experience the religions / spiritual traditions of the East.

The value of the fellowship will be in the region of **R45 000** and it is intended to contribute towards the costs of a visit to India, China, Japan or another Eastern country where the fellow can gain exposure to religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Taoism. The length of the visit will depend on the destination, travel costs and proposed programme. Only one fellowship will be awarded.

The criteria for selection would include spiritual maturity and a serious interest and desire to experience Eastern paths to knowledge, giving applicants the opportunity to extend and disseminate the insights gained abroad. Any member of the UCT community is eligible to apply (i.e., students, academic and PASS staff members).

Application by letter must include:

- a brief personal life history of the applicant (must not exceed two pages);
- a clear indication of the applicant's specific spiritual path (must not exceed two pages);
- a clear itinerary of no more than two locations in the East where the applicant intends to pursue the path;
- a one-page outline of the reasons for the application; and
- two written references from anyone equipped to evaluate the applicant's suitability.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

E-mail your application letter to researchfunding@uct.ac.za on or before the deadline (**25 November 2026**).

Applicants please note: If you have not received confirmation that your application has been received by the Research Office within two days of the closing date, please contact amanda.raman@uct.ac.za.