



## HEAD OF PHILANTHROPY

(Payclass 13;5 Permanent)

## DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

The University of Cape Town (UCT), renowned for its proud tradition of academic excellence, invites applications for the position of Head of Philanthropy. UCT is the top-rated university in Africa and a globally respected institution, situated in the vibrant and world-renowned city of Cape Town. In line with its ambitious Vision 2030 "Unleash human potential to create a fair and just society"—UCT is deeply committed to driving positive societal change. This vision is at the heart of its endeavors in teaching, research, and social impact. The Head of Philanthropy will play a pivotal role in furthering this mission by leading a dynamic team of national and international fundraisers. The successful candidate will be tasked with securing philanthropic support from individuals, trusts, foundations, and corporations to advance the institution's strategic priorities. The vision of the Development and Alumni Department (DAD) is to be a high performing department that is effective at raising funds to advance the strategic objectives and goals of the university, promotes the active engagement of the alumni community in the life of the university and remains relevant in the way in which it communicates with all of its constituencies and stakeholders.

As a member of the DAD Senior Team, the incumbent will contribute to the enhancement and implementation of a Development Strategy for the University and will coordinate, plan and implement strategies for fundraising in national and international markets for institutional priorities, building and working with Boards of Regional and International Volunteer Leaders, donors and prospects and volunteer leaders and friends and providing leadership and support to the direct line reports and the relevant University leadership. The incumbent will lead in implementing the global philanthropy strategy, working closely with the Executive Director and Head of Alumni & Supporter Engagement and Head of Operations, and will be accountable for deliverables of the full global philanthropy team.

This is a senior role that considers current context and best practices and understands university goals and objectives. The role requires the ability to build and sustain strong interpersonal relationships and partnerships, to communicate in an effective and compelling manner, to support senior leaders including the Vice-Chancellor and Executive Director DAD in major fundraising opportunities, to build a strong portfolio and prospects and to leverage the involvement of volunteer leaders to open fundraising networks and opportunities. The incumbent will contribute meaningfully to the overall fundraising strategy as well as to the broader Development and Alumni departmental strategy.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

**Closing date:** 28 March 2025

**Reference:**

ID 887

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