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Research and academic skills

Postgraduate studies demand advanced research capability, critical thinking and academic confidence. This category showcases the academic development and research support services that help students strengthen core skills – from writing and data analysis to research design, ethics and digital scholarship. Whether you are beginning your postgraduate journey or refining work for publication and examination, these services are designed to support your excellence, independence and growth as a scholar.

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Digital tools that enable your academic studies

Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching (CILT)

Focusing on digitally-enabled education, CILT utilises AI tools and EdTech to create flexible, student-focused learning experiences. It also provides guidance on UCT's digital learning platforms and resources to help you thrive in both online and face-to-face academic environments.



Transform your research with advanced tools for data analysis, data management and support in research software

eResearch and Research Systems

UCT's eResearch Centre accelerates data-intensive enquiry, supporting you through the full research lifecycle from Advanced Research Computing and Research Data Management to Research Software Engineering and Open Science. Complementing this, the Research Systems unit streamlines your administrative workflows, supporting essential platforms like REDCap (secure data collection), and iThenticate (originality checking), ensuring you have the technological foundation for high-impact research.



Opportunities enabling knowledge-making through language

Language Development Group (LDG)

Supporting postgraduate research capacity development through reading and writing across disciplines, the LDG offers students a range of targeted opportunities to use language to build and communicate research knowledge.



Health Sciences students:
Get the help you need to write your research

Faculty of Health Sciences Writing Lab

At the Writing Lab you will find a supportive, collaborative space where you can meet with trained consultants to brainstorm and discuss ideas and challenges related to any aspect of your academic reading and writing. Our team is also specially trained to help you identify challenges in your reading and writing, and to teach you about the strategies you can use to develop as an academic writer. All our services are completely free-of-charge.



Get the necessary help in writing your research

Writing Centre

UCT's Writing Centre provides free, one-on-one consultations for all students and staff, helping you sharpen academic writing skills – from brainstorming and structuring ideas to refining arguments and citation practices. It's a valuable resource for thesis chapters, grant proposals, conference abstracts and more.



Fueling
academic
success through
holistic support

Office for Postgraduate Studies (OPGS)

The OPGS drives postgraduate academic success through targeted skills development. It goes beyond the thesis, offering dynamic workshops and resources that build core competencies for high-impact research and the establishment of a sustainable career. The office connects students with a full network of support to master their academic journey – from research design and writing to self-management and personal effectiveness.

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Keeping you
informed about
all things
ethics-related

Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

The ORI advocates for research being conducted ethically and with integrity. This office serves to guide, train and support the research community, especially UCT's postgraduate students, with respect to the responsible conduct of research, ethics, biosafety and compliance. This is facilitated with the highest national and international standards applicable to scholarly and scientific work.



Get the help you
need for research
design, data
analysis
and interpretation

Statistical Consulting Services (SCS)

UCT's Department of Statistical Sciences offers professional SCS to postgraduate students. The SCS provides expert support across all stages of the research process, including study design, data analysis and interpretation of results. Through this service, postgraduate researchers are assisted in selecting appropriate statistical methodologies, analysing data accurately, and ensuring methodological rigour in theses and scholarly publications. The SCS operates on a partial cost-recovery basis. All billable consulting work is charged at an hourly rate.



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