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# Professional development and entrepreneurship

A postgraduate degree opens doors to a wide range of career pathways – within academia and far beyond it. This category brings together services that support career exploration, professional skills development, innovation and entrepreneurship. From preparing for the job market to developing creative problem-solving and leadership capabilities, these services help postgraduates translate their expertise into impact, opportunity and long-term career success.

This section contains info about the services available to you at UCT under this category

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Career-planning  
tools, industry  
insights, job-  
search support  
and more

## Careers Service

This service equips postgraduates with career planning tools, industry insights, job-search support, CV and interview coaching and networking platforms. Through career events, personalised consultations and the MyCareer portal, you'll be better placed to transition from postgraduate study to fulfilling professional pathways.

**Entrepreneurship at Careers Service:** A postgraduate degree opens doors to diverse career pathways within and beyond academia. To support this transition, the Careers Service helps students develop strategic risk-taking, innovative thinking and the ability to learn from failure. Through initiatives such as industry collaborations on real-world challenges and participation in intervarsity entrepreneurship programmes, postgraduates build the professional, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities needed to translate their expertise into long-term career success.



Equipping students  
to tackle complex  
challenges through  
design thinking

## Hasso Plattner d-school Afrika

The Hasso Plattner d-school Afrika fosters creative and design-led thinking, equipping postgraduate students to address complex challenges through human-centred innovation. Its programmes develop analytical ideation and prototyping skills valued by employers and highly applicable across academic, research and professional contexts.



The guidance you  
need to translate  
your research into  
commercial  
outcomes

## Research Contracts & Innovation (RC&I)

RC&I helps postgraduates negotiate contracts, protect intellectual property, manage compliance and support the translation of research outcomes into commercial, social or policy impact – helping you maximise the value of your research.

