Faculty of Health Sciences

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Submission deadline: 06 NOVEMBER 2026

VALUE: ZAR 320,000 for 2027

The University of Cape Town's Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) invites applications for Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in the following areas:

- Cardiac research (ring-fenced funds are available for cardiac research)
- Cancer research (ring-fenced funds are available for cancer research)
- Open category: any research area in the Faculty of Health Sciences

Applicants should not be registered for study towards any degree or for a postdoctoral position elsewhere at the time of assuming the fellowship. Strong emphasis will be placed on the merit of the applicant and the quality of the research proposal. Applications for projects hosted in under-resourced research groupings are encouraged.

Applicants should submit a research proposal developed with a suitable scientific host employed in the Faculty of Health Sciences and if awarded the fellowship should be registered in the Faculty of Health Sciences. For information on the Faculty of Health Sciences and its research activities, see http://www.health.uct.ac.za/

The following conditions apply:

- Applicants who were awarded their PhD degree no earlier than December 2022 are eligible.
- **Applicants who have not yet obtained their PhD but have official proof that their PhD thesis has been examined and approved by the submission deadline of 06 November 2026 are eligible.**
- Only one application may be submitted per individual.
- Preference may be given to South African citizens.
- Applicants may not have held any previous professional or comprehensive academic posts.
- Successful candidates will be expected to spend most of their time undertaking the proposed research but may be required to participate in limited teaching duties as part of professional development.
- Successful candidates will not be expected to perform any service to the host department in return for the Fellowship.
- Fellowships are awarded for one year. Applications for renewal for one further year will be considered, subject to sufficient progress from the previous year's award and in competition with new applications.
- The Faculty Postdoctoral Research Fellowship may be held concurrently with another formal research fellowship and/or supplementary grant provided 1) this does not contravene the other funders' policies, and 2) the combined total funding does not exceed UCT's capped value for postdoctoral research fellowships. This value changes annually and can be confirmed by UCT's Postgraduate Funding Office.
- The Fellowship must be taken up by end of February 2027.
- Fellows will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Cape Town, and a Memorandum of Understanding with their research host.
- Fellows will be required to comply with the University of Cape Town's approved policies, procedures, and practices for the postdoctoral sector.

There are no fringe benefits, thus, the successful candidate is responsible for his or her own medical aid and insurance arrangements. Tax-free status will be arranged with the South African Revenue Service.

An application form is attached. Enquiries and completed applications should be addressed to: Precious Nobongoza via email: research.health@uct.ac.za

The University of Cape Town reserves the right to: disqualify ineligible, incomplete and/or inappropriate applications; change the conditions of award or to make no awards at all.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 06 NOVEMBER 2026**	
CARDIAC RESEARCH (TICK)	
CANCER RESEARCH (TICK)	
OTHER RESEARCH AREA (PROVIDE BRIEF DESCRIPTION)	

Give concise answers. Where applicable mark with **X**
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A	**PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT**													
Surname										Title				
First names										Gender				
Place of birth					Date of birth	y	y	y	y	m	m	d	d	
Identity number (if South African)														
African*		Coloured*		Indian*		White*		other* (please specify)						
Citizenship														
Telephone number & code					E-mail address									
Are you currently residing in South Africa?														
Would you require a VISA to take up this Fellowship in South Africa?														
Name of institution at which you will obtain or have obtained your doctoral degree														
Date at which you will obtain or have obtained your doctoral degree														
Current Department					Current Faculty									
Current institution														

* To enable the University to monitor redress

B	**DEGREES OBTAINED** (A full certified academic record must be attached as **ANNEXURE 2**)				
Degree	First registration (month/year)	Degree obtained (month/year)	Full-time/ Part-time	Institution	Degree with distinction (yes/no)
Title of project for doctoral degree					

C	**AWARD/S RECEIVED**

D	**EXPERIENCE TO DATE**	
Name of institution	Position	Period

E RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Please supply your publication list. Full references (i.e. authors, title, year and name of journal/publisher, volume and page numbers) must be given.

As publication and citation practices differ markedly between fields, with some areas characterized by higher citation rates than others, this information will be considered in the context of the applicants' discipline or field.

- Journal articles

Article reference	Citations

- Conference proceedings

Conference paper title	Conference and date

- Other research outputs

Output title	Date	Type

F	DETAILS OF PROPOSED POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH			
Short descriptive title of research project for this application				
Please attach details of research in a separate document titled Annexure 1 – <u>maximum 2 pages</u> In this, describe the research questions, rationale, collaborators, the anticipated major achievements, the anticipated impact of the research and potential for this to link to future funding applications.				
Proposed start and end date	from (month/year)		to (month/year)	
Research supervisor who has **<u>AGREED</u>** to host you and has approved this project submission				
Name				
Position				
Department				
E-mail address				

G	DETAILS OF OTHER PREVIOUS, CURRENT AND PENDING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FUNDING			
Please indicate any previous postdoctoral fellowship funding, any current postdoctoral funding and any postdoctoral funding applied for.				
Institution hosting fellowship	*Funding source*	*Amount per annum*	*Year(s)*	*Status* (completed / awarded / pending)

H	**DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH OFFICE BY THE HOST/SUPERVISOR:** Precious Nobongoza research.health@uct.ac.za **by 06 November 2026**

Confidential evaluation by prospective supervisor of this postdoctoral fellowship (email directly to Faculty Research Office): [1] Please supply a detailed statement on the applicant's qualifications and competence (e.g., intellectual ability, research aptitude, relevant scientific background, and ability to address the requirements of the project). [2] Indicate how the proposed project will assist in building research capacity, especially in under-resourced research teams or groups, including collaborative linkages with other projects. [3] If multiple applications are being submitted under the same supervisor, please rank this one in relation to the others.	
If you have not yet held a postdoctoral fellowship, please ask your PhD supervisor to email the Faculty Research Office a confidential letter of recommendation	

Name		E-mail address	

If you currently hold a postdoctoral fellowship, please ask your current host of your fellowship to email the Faculty Research Office a confidential letter of recommendation	

Name		E-mail address	

I	**DECLARATION BY APPLICANT AND PROSPECTIVE HOST/SUPERVISOR**		
I certify that the information supplied in this application is correct and true.			
Signature of applicant		Date	
Name and signature of prospective supervisor of this fellowship		Date	