POSTGRADUATE FUNDING ONLINE APPLICATION

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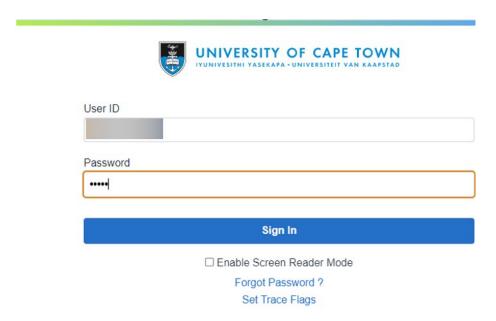
1. TERMINOLOGY

Applicant	Application to further studies
Campus ID	Student number e.g. AAAAAA001
Password	14-digit number as per the communication received from
	Admission
Student Homepage	Landing page to all student information
Welcome page	Inform you about the application funding criteria
Award Details	Display the Postgrad Application criteria
Agreement	Binding contract between applicant and UCT
Student Activity Guide	Required information to be completed to move to the next step
Other Funding	Funding for the year of study
Need Assessment	Complete all the relevant financial information within the
	household
Declaration	Accepting the terms and conditions of application

Student can access the document via the following links:

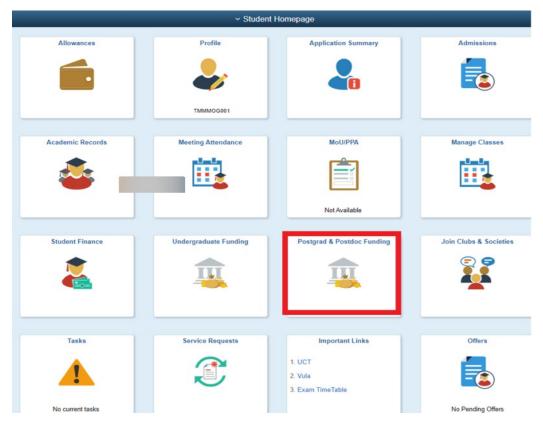
- https://vula.uct.ac.za/x/Gdk9ur
- Student Help | Student Systems Support (uct.ac.za)
- <u>Link</u>

2. STUDENT LOGIN PEOPLESOFT

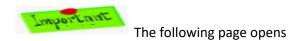


- Applicants enter the User ID e.g. AAAAAA001
- Enter the 14-character Password



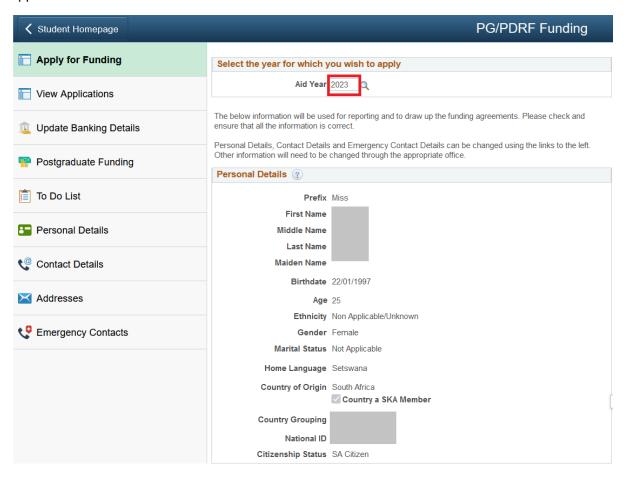


• Click on the Postgrad & Postdoc Funding tile



2.1 Apply for Funding

All the applicant's biographical information is displayed. Applicants to update personal details if applicable.

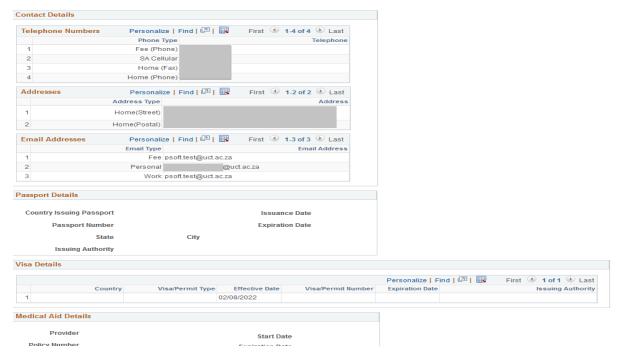


- The Aid Year e.g. 2023 will default automatically
- Applicant to verify if the information displayed are correct

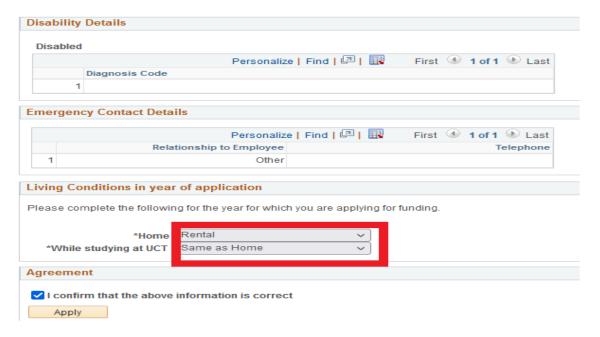
Applicants can update their personal details using the relevant options on their tabs

2.2 Contact Details

Applicants to verify this personal information and update where applicable.



- Select the *Home option e.g. Rental
- Select the *While studying at UCT e.g. Same as Home



- Tick the Agreement box
- Click the Apply button

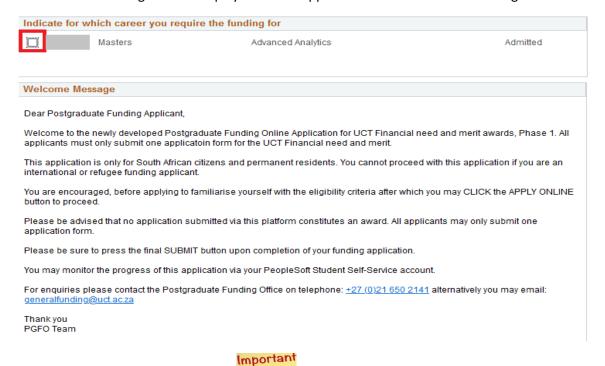


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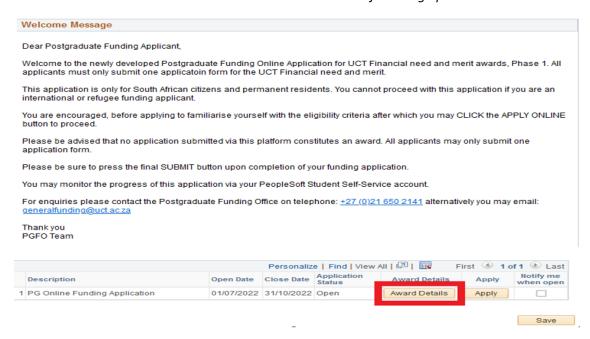
3. Student Activity Guide

3.1. Welcome Page

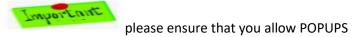
The Welcome Message will be displayed for the applicants to read before continuing.



- Tick the relevant career box; Notice applicants might have MORE THAN ONE ACADEMIC
 CHOICE
 - Once the career box has been activated the following options became available



• Applicants click on the Award Details button



3.2 Award Details – Application Criteria document



The following PDF document opens



APPLICATION FOR UCT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICAN AND PERMANENT RESIDENT STUDENTS REGISTERING FOR HONOURS, MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES IN 2023 **CLOSING DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2022**

Students who intend registering towards an Honours, Master's or Doctoral qualification at UCT may be eligible to apply for financial support. Such support, depending on eligibility and selection criteria, includes either financial need and/or merit bursaries

In line with the UCT transformation agenda, in allocating funding for these awards, priority will be given to funding Black South African and permanent resident applicants who qualify for financial need. In the current context "Black" includes African, Coloured and Indian students. "Financial need" refers to students who qualify via the National Means Test for either Financial Aid (where gross annual family income <R350 000) or GAP tuition bursaries (where annual gross family income is between R350 001 and R600 000).

It is critical for prospective students to also source other awards for which they may be eligible, such as from the National Research Foundation (NRF), the department/Research group where the student will be registered, as well as through other external sources such as private/external donors. For details of all awards administered via the Postgraduate Funding Office, see http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/postgraduate-degree-

General Eligibility

- Applicants must be South African or permanent residents.
- Applicants must apply for a full-time Honours, Master's or Doctoral program in the relevant department/faculty
 - (i.e. Only applicants who have applied for an academic place via the UCT's Admissions Office will be considered for funding).
 We encourage all Honours, Master's and Doctoral applicants who apply for financial need or merit
- awards to apply for an NRF bursary, if they are eligible for NRF funding. Merit grade point average (GPA) is 70% and above
- Students will not be eligible for funding support if they are employed more than 20 hours per week during the year of study. (Note if you are to hold NRF funding concurrently with UCT funding, the NRF requirement is for not more than 12 hours of work per week during the year of study).

Conditions of Financial need or merit award

- Eligible applicants are funded for one year for the Honours degree, two years for the Master's degree (first and second year only) or three years for the Doctoral degree (first, second and third year only), and must be full-time students.
- Certain professional degrees and full coursework Master's degrees, including MBA's and MMED's, are ineligible for funding.
- Students who register for the 4th year of a Bachelor's degree, FAPM, PGCE, LLB or Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas are ineligible for these awards.
- A second degree at the same level will not be supported.

Financial need eligibility criteria

- Information provided on the financial aid application form will be used to determine an applicant's financial need (the "assessed need") by applying the National Means Test (NMT) used by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and the criteria used by UCT to determine eligibility.
- Applicants will be defined as either
 - financial aid eligible, where gross annual family income is <R350 000, or;
 - eligible for GAP tuition bursary where family income is between R350 001 and R600 000, or; not eligible for needs-based financial support but may be considered for a merit bursary.

Value of Financial need awards

- The value of the financial need bursary will be calculated on "assessed need" for the full cost of attendance (FCOA) in 2023 and will take into consideration other scholarships awarded to students.
- Depending on availability of funds, students who are eligible for financial aid may be funded for their FCOA or "assessed need", which is the approved cost of study (including tuition, and applicable accommodation and food allowances).
- Students who do not meet the UCT financial aid need based criteria but meet the criteria for a GAP tuition bursary according to family income, will be eligible for a percentage of their approved course tuition fees.

Value of Merit awards

 Merit awards normally cover your tuition fees in part only. Merit awards are approximately between R20,000 – R35,000 per annum.

Application instructions

- Applicants who apply for financial need must provide all supporting documentation for assessment.
- A webinar on how to complete and submit the form including the awarding process will be available in August, September, and October
- Students who have previously been supported by NSFAS/UCT as undergraduates or full Financial Aid at Honours, still need to complete the form to apply for funding for their Honours, Master's or Doctoral degree.
- The closing date is 31 October 2022

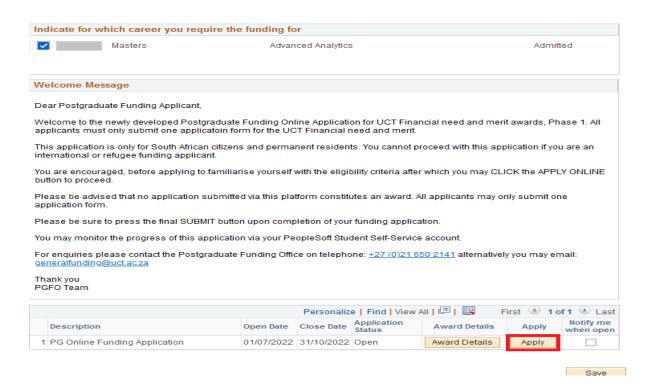
Enquiries: 021 650 2141 Email enquiries: generalfunding@uct.ac.za

The University reserves the right to cancel, withdraw and recover any funds paid to the award-holder if she/he does not comply with the Conditions of Award.



After reading the Application criteria, the applicants click on the APPLY

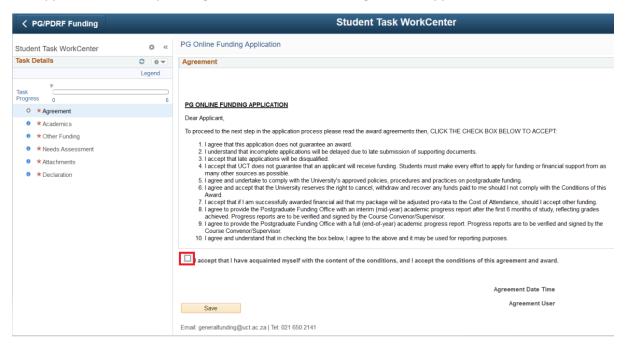
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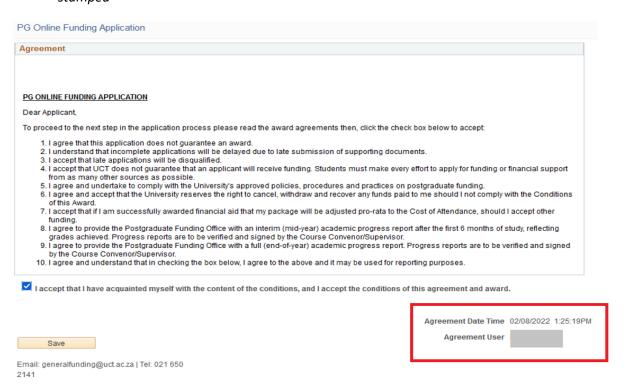
- Click the Apply button
- The following Activity Guide opens

3.3 Agreement

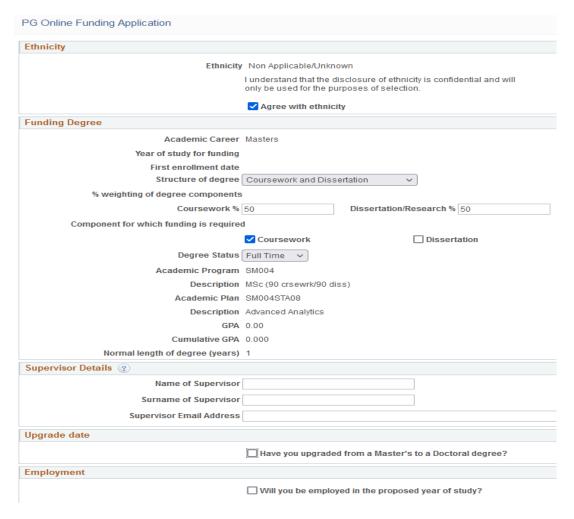
The applicant must accept the agreement before continuing with the application.



Tick the Accept box
 Important
 Notice
 Upon acceptance the Agreement Date Time and Agreement User will be date stamped



- Click on the Save button
- Click on the Next button in the far-right corner of the page



- Tick the Ethnicity box
- Click the Structure of degree dropdown arrow and select e.g., Coursework and Dissertation
- Enter the Coursework and Dissertation percentage e.g. 50%.
 - Notice Based on your selection the percentage might default in automatically to 100%
- Enter the Course convenor/Supervisor details e.g. Name, Surname and Email Address
 Important
 Notice
 if a supervisor has not been allocated yet it can be updated
- Tick the **Upgrade box** if applicable
- Tick the **Employment** box if applicable

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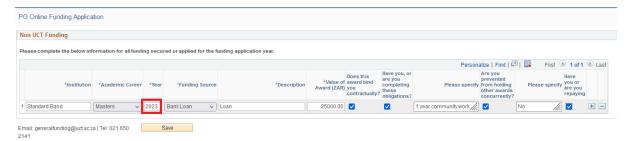
- Enter the **Qualifications Obtained to Date** (click on the if you do have more than one qualification)



- Enter the **Discontinuation of study/research** if applicable
- Click the **Save** button
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3.4 Other Funding Tab

Applicants must complete or enter all the funding that they will receive for the current year of funding application.



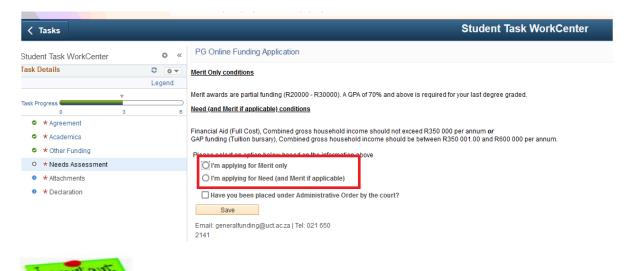
- Enter the *Institution e.g., Standard Bank
- Select the *Academic Career e.g., Masters
- Enter the ***Year** e.g., **2023**
- Select the *Funding Source e.g., Bank Loan
- Enter the *Description e.g., Loan
- Enter the *Value of Award (ZAR) e.g., R25,000
- Tick the box "Does this award bind you contractually?" If applicable to you
- Tick the box "Have you, or are you completing these obligations?" If applicable to you
- Enter the detail in the *Please specify* box
- Tick the box "Are you prevented from holding other awards concurrently?" If applicable to you
- Enter the detail in the "Please specify" box
- Tick the box "Have you or are you repaying?" If applicable to you
- Click the Save button
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3.5 Needs Assessment

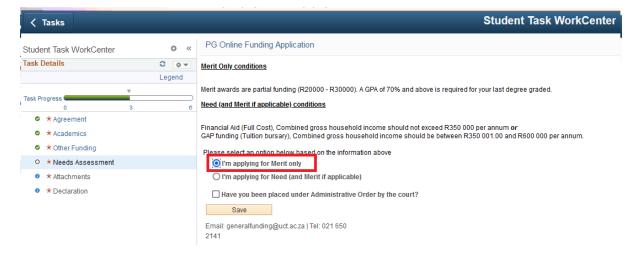
Applicants who require financial need-based funding should complete and submit all the relevant documentation for the members in the household.

The following documents are required:

- ID documents
 - o Applicant, Parent 1, Parent 2, Guardian, Siblings
- Payslips
 - o Applicant, Parent 1, Parent 2, Guardian, Spouse



Applicants select the appropriate option e.g., "I'm applying for Merit only"



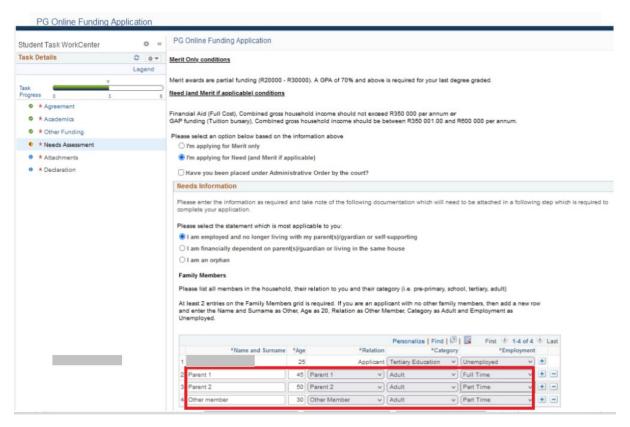
- Applicants select the Merit only (if this option is applicable to you)
- Click the Save button
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OR

3.5.1 Needs Information



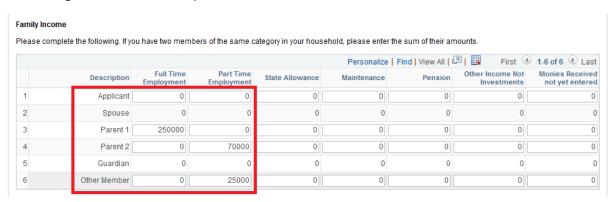
Upon selecting "I'm applying for Need", the fields below become active



- Applicants select the "Needs Information e.g. I am employed and no longer living with my parent(s)/guardian or self-supporting" (if applicable to you)
- The *Name and Surname defaults in automatically for the applicant
- Applicants select Tertiary Education from the *Category drop down list
- Applicants select *Unemployed* from the *Employment drop down list
- Click on the to add more family members and complete the required information

3.5.2 Family Income

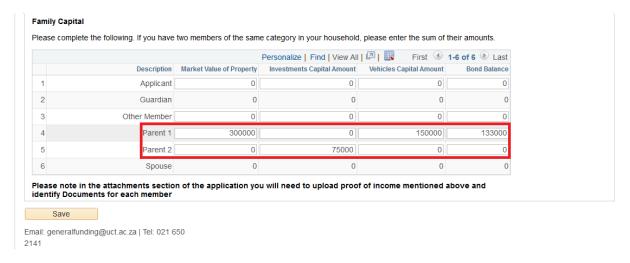
Enter the gross annual amount per household member.



- Applicants enter the gross annual amount income per member in the household e.g.
 - E.g., Parent 1 enter the annual Full Time Employment total amount
 - E.g., Parent 2 enter the annual Part Time Employment total amount
 - E.g., Other Member enter the annual Part Time Employment total amount

3.5.3 Family Capital

The property value, investments, vehicles and bond balance must be entered into the relevant fields as per the household members.



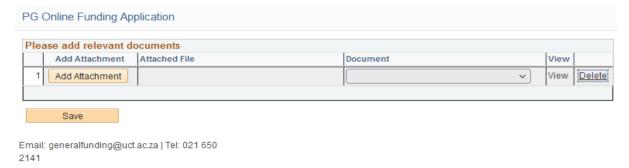


The applicants enter the following information for the household members.

- E.g., Parent 1 entered R300 000 into the Market Value of Property field if applicable
- E.g., Parent 1 entered R150 000 into the Vehicles Capital Amount field if applicable
- E.g., Parent 1 entered R133 000 into the Bond Balance field if applicable
- E.g., Parent 2 entered R75 000 into the Investments Capital Amount field if applicable
- E.g., Parent 1 entered R133 000 into the Bond Balance field if applicable
- Click on the Save button
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3.6 Attachments

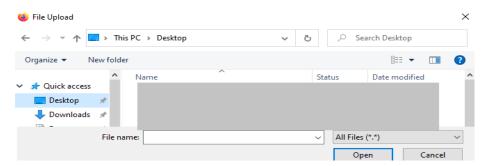
Applicants must upload the documentation relevant to their funding application e.g. ID, Transcript, Payslips, etc,.



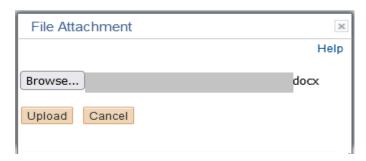
- Click on the Add Attachment button
- The following File Attachment box appears



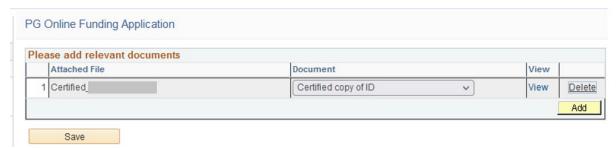
- Click on **Browse** (select your documents e.g., Copy of ID)
- The following File Upload box appears



- Select the relevant documents e.g., Copy of ID
- Click on the **Open** button
- The following File Attachment box opens



• Click the **Upload** button



The name of the Attached File will default in automatically

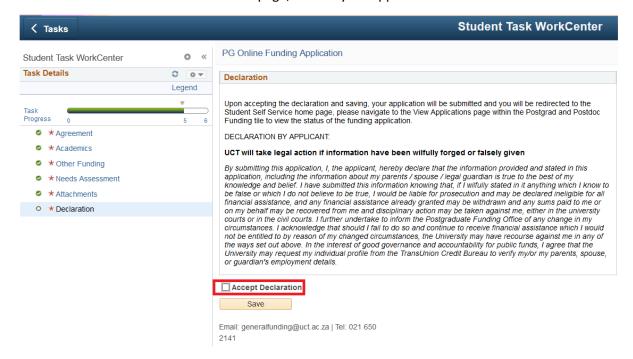
- Click the **Document** drop down list and select the relevant **Document type** e.g., **Certified** copy of ID
- Click the **Add** button to add more documentation.

you can delete a document that was uploaded incorrectly using the

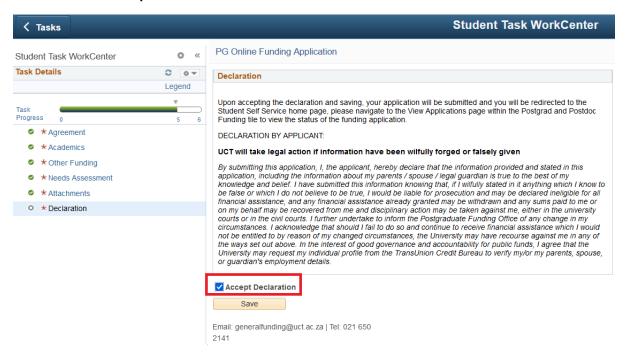
Delete button
Click the **Save** button

3.7 Declaration

Upon accepting the declaration and saving, your application will be submitted, and you will be redirected to Student Self Service home page, to view your application.



Tick the Accept Declaration box



• Click the Save button

Upon saving an automated email is generated to your email address that you did submit the funding application.

3.8 Email Notification

An automated email will be generated once the applicant submitted the declaration.

Postgraduate Financial Aid Application Submitted



2022-08-02

Dear Funding Applicant (1928540)

Postgraduate Financial Aid Application Submitted

We acknowledge receipt of your application form for financial assistance for South African and permanent resident postgraduate students.

← Reply

≪ Reply All

→ Forward

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The requirements include the submission of a complete application form, along with the specified supporting documentation. If your PG Financial Aid application is found to be incomplete, we will contact you with a request for the outstanding documents.

If your application is complete, and you are considered eligible, we will inform you of the provisional outcome as per the dates below:

Doctoral students outcome expected 5 - 9 December 2022

Honours students outcome expected 12 - 16 December 2022

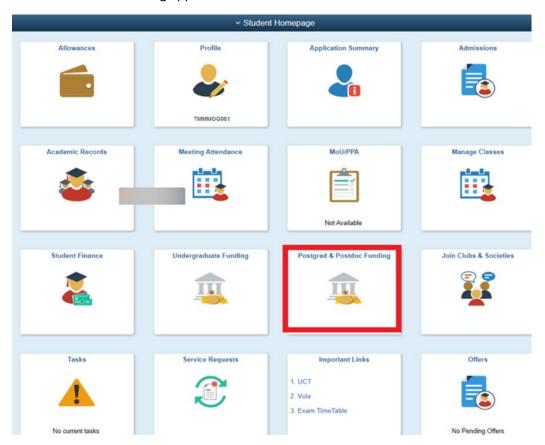
Masters students outcome expected 19 - 23 December 2022

If your application is incomplete at the time of assessment, your outcome will be delayed until the next round of assessments.

Please ensure that the preferred email address reflected for you on PeopleSoft Self-Service reflects as your UCT email address as this is the address we will use to inform you of the result of your application.

4. Student Homepage

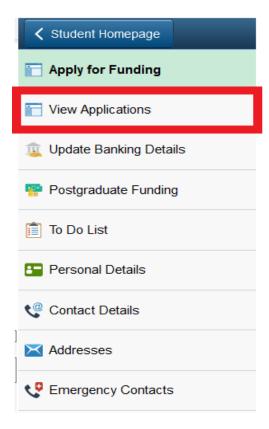
After saving the Declaration students are redirected to the Student Homepage. Applicants can view and monitor their funding application status.



• Click on the Postgrad & Postdoc Funding tile

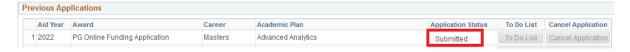


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- Click on the View Applications tab
- The applicant can view his/her status

Notice if any documentation is outstanding after the Postgraduate Funding Office staff reviewed the application the **TO DO LIST** button becomes Active

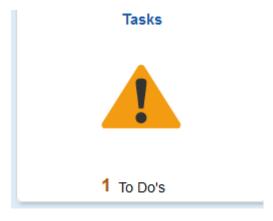


4.1TO DO LIST

4.1.1 Refer back to student

If all the relevant documentation were not uploaded according to the requirements PGFO will refer the application back to the student.

Applicants must navigate to the Student Homepage.



Click on the Tasks tile



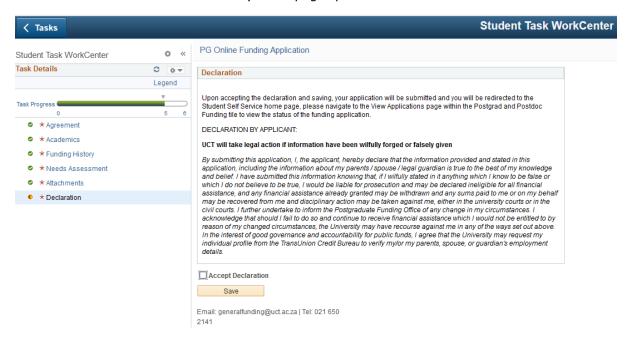
The following To Do List page opens



• Click on the **PG Online Funding Application** link



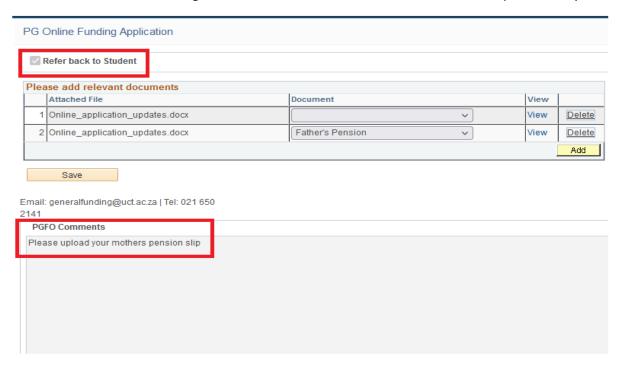
The Activity Guide page opens



• Navigate through the relevant Tasks e.g. Attachments

Important Notice The "Refer back to the Student" will be marked

• PGFO will add a message in the **Comment** box below to instruct what is required from you



- Click on the **Declaration** once you've checked all the pages and complete where applicable
- Click the Save button

You will receive again the email Notification and can view the status of your funding application

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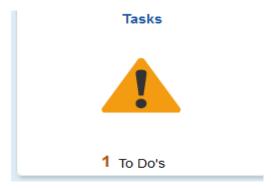
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OR

4.1.2 Incomplete funding application

If the applicant did not complete the Funding Online Application the following steps can be followed.

• Applicants must navigate to the Student Homepage.



Click on the Tasks tile



The following To Do List page opens



• Click on the **PG Online Funding Application** link



The pages open at you last activity. E.g., Activity Guide page



Important

You can continue and repeat all the steps as per this document.