



Dear course conveners and departmental administrators,

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: TRAJECTS Scholarship funding for UCT Masters 2023 - 2024

The University of Cape Town (UCT) – the African hub of TRAJECTS – is offering four top-up scholarships for students registering or registered for a Masters a research topic aligned with TRAJECTS themes, including climate change mitigation towards just transitions related to fossil-fuel (coal-mining) phaseout, and changes in land-use management and ecosystems protection.

Applications are invited for award of a *limited number of scholarships*, available to South African students and students from the rest of the African region. Resident students will need to be already registered or accepted in a Masters programme beginning in 2023 at the University of Cape Town for the first (1<sup>st</sup>) year of their intended degree.

As your Masters multi-disciplinary programme relates to climate matters, energy and sustainability, it would be useful to share this scholarship call with your students that have been accepted in your Masters programme. Further details for the scholarship can be found at <https://www.trajects.org/calls-opportunities/87>. The closing date for application submissions is the 21 November 2022.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Pressend'.

Michelle Pressend

## AFRICAN HUB CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TRAJECTS Scholarship funding for UCT Masters students for 2023 -2024

The Transnational Centre for Just Transitions in Energy, Climate and Sustainability (TRAJECTS) is one of four DAAD-funded Global Climate and Environment Centres. TRAJECTS seeks to create and/or strengthen research and teaching capacities on Just Transitions in Energy, Climate and Sustainability, especially in the Global South.

The University of Cape Town (UCT), the African hub of TRAJECTS, is offering 4 scholarships for students already accepted into any UCT Master’s program with a just energy, climate, or sustainability transition angle. (See [www.trajects.org](http://www.trajects.org) for more description of TRAJECTS objectives and Topics).

During the course of their studies, scholarship recipients will be required to answer one (or more) questions from the TRAJECTS research ‘pool’, acquire new skills, and will benefit from exchange with other consortium partners, researchers and different stakeholders qualifying graduates for the local and international employment market. The research topic must be relevant to TRAJECTS’ main objectives and research topics, namely climate change mitigation in the context of either:

- Fossil fuel phase-out; and/or
- Changes in land management and ecosystem protection.

See more detailed description of TRAJECTS objectives and Topics in [www.trajects.org](http://www.trajects.org)

### Type of funding

Monthly stipend	Travel costs	Expenditure allowance for research
Monthly stipend of 500,00 EUR (or ZAR equivalent) for maximum of 2 years (24 months), starting earliest 01 Jan 2023 and ending latest 31 Dec 2024.	Limited funds are available to support international travel between the home and the host country, costs for visa and/or health insurance. Travel costs will be paid based on real costs up to a budget limit per eligible grantee to be calculated depending on the number of eligible grantees.	Real cost budget of up to 500,00 EUR (or ZAR equivalent) per Scholarship grantee for the whole funding period (24 months)

### How to apply?

Applicants are requested to please complete the online application form in the TRAJECTS webpage and to upload their supporting documents (see below) through the link: <https://www.trajects.org/calls-opportunities/87>

Applicants are kindly requested to refer to the eligibility criteria (see below) prior to submitting their application.

The Deadline for applications is 21 November 2022 – any applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by 15 December 2022.

### Required supporting documents

To be submitted in English, upon completion of the application form:

- CV (up to 2 pages)
- Motivation letter (up to 2 pages) including research interests and professional plans relevant to TRAJECTS

- Academic recommendation letter
- NB! Proof of acceptance or enrolment into a suitable Masters programme at UCT
- Proof of previous completed studies (transcript or copy of certificate) \*
- Additional documents, where applicable:
- Other certificates (e.g. relevant work experience, training, internships, etc.)
- Self-declaration as member of an underrepresented group
- Proof of financial need
- Proof of English literacy skills

### Eligibility criteria

1. English language proficiency
2. Last degree certificate must not be older than six years when applying for the scholarship
3. Acceptance into a Master program at UCT for 2023
4. Must be newly enrolled at the beginning of the funding period
5. Funding shall be granted to awardees for a maximum of 4 semesters, up to the end of the stipend period, subject to annual review of progress and performance.

Exceptions to criteria 4 and 5 above may be considered in exceptional cases, at the discretion of the TRAJECTS Scholarship Committee

### Selection criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their academic ability and performance, the relevance of their studies and research interests in terms of TRAJECTS, and other relevant experience. Consideration will further be given to the student's need and to participation of underrepresented or disadvantaged groups.

If you have any queries, please contact one of the following:

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