



Postgraduate Day

Your Journey – Our Support:
Navigating Postgraduate Life at UCT

Thursday 7 May 2026

📍 Upper Campus | Otto Beit Building

🕒 9:00AM – 4:00PM

EVENT PROGRAMME | DRAFT

Time	Richard Luyt Room	Ben Beinart Room	Molly Blackburn Hall
09h00–09h15			Address (video recording) <i>Prof. Thokozani Majozi</i> DVC: Research and Internationalisation
			Address (video recording) <i>Prof. Brandon Collier-Reed</i> DVC: Teaching and Learning
			Welcome (live address) <i>Dr Thierry Luescher</i> Director: Postgraduate Studies and Researcher Development
09h15–09h30	Academic Development Programme (ADP), CHED <i>A/Prof. Sabirah Adams</i>		Support Services and Faculty information tables <i>MC: Makhosazana Aphane</i>
09h30–09h45	Knowledge Co-op <i>Ms Thina Tladi</i>	Student Governance <i>Ms Basheera Dadi Patel</i>	
09h45–09h55		Panel Introduction	
09h55–10h10	Office for Postgraduate Studies <i>Ms Janine Carlse</i>	10h00-10h45 Panel Discussion 1: AI and Research <i>Chair: Prof Ryan Nefdt</i> <i>Department of Philosophy</i>	
10h10–10h25	Postgraduate Funding Office <i>Mr Jeffrey Speelman and Ms Thobeka Kasi</i>		
10h25–10h40	UCT Libraries <i>Ms Tamzyn Suliaman</i>		
10h40–10h55	Digital Scholarship Services <i>Dr Sanjin Muftic</i>		
10h55–11h05			
11h05–11h20	Electrical Engineering <i>A/Prof. David Oyedokun</i>	Office of Research Integrity: Introduction <i>Dr Rob McLaughlin</i>	
11h20–11h35	Writing Centre <i>Ms Caitlin Luter</i>	School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics: City and Regional Planning Programme <i>Prof. Tanja Winkler</i>	
11h35–11h50	Michaelis School of Fine Art <i>Prof. Fritha Langerman</i>		

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11h50–12h00		Panel Introduction	Support Services and Faculty information tables <i>MC: Makhosazana Aphane</i>
12h00–12h15		12h00-12h45	
12h15–12h30	School of Education <i>Prof. Ursula Hoadley</i>	Panel Discussion 2: Alternative Modes of Knowledge Creation <i>Chair: Dr Msakha Mona</i> <i>ADP: Language Development Group</i>	
12h30–12h45	Office for Inclusivity & Change (OIC) <i>Ms Lesego Modutle</i>		
12h45–13h00	Disability Service <i>Ms Lesego Modutle</i>		
13h00–13h10			
13h10–13h25	Research Contracts and Innovation <i>Dr Bruce Maseko</i>	Researcher Development team: Finding a supervisor <i>Dr Dheshnie Keswell</i>	
13h25–13h40	International Office <i>Ms Loren van der Merwe and Ms Nonnie Falala</i>	UCT Lead <i>Mr Sabelo Motlou and Ms Charmaine Kamau</i>	
13h40–13h55	Student Wellness Service <i>Ms Nadine Abrahams</i>	Panel Introduction	
13h55–14h10	Communication & Training: ICTS <i>Ms Charmaine van der Merwe and Ms Cindy Mathys</i>	14h00-14h45 Panel Discussion 3: Innovation & Entrepreneurship <i>Chair: Dr Andrew Bailey</i> <i>Director: Research Contracts & Innovation</i>	
14h10–14h25	The Hasso Plattner d-school Afrika <i>Mr Ettienne Mostert</i>		
14h25–14h40	CHED Postgraduate Study offerings <i>Ms Shanali Govender</i>		
14h40–14h50		Panel Introduction	
14h50–15h05	Office of Research Integrity: Biosafety and Biosecurity <i>Dr Sarita Groenewald</i>	15h00-15h45 Panel Discussion 4: Inter-, multi- & trans-disciplinary research <i>Chair: Prof. Rachel Wynberg</i> <i>Environmental & Geographic Science</i>	
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15h20–15h35	Doctoral Degrees Board <i>Mx Jodee Arendse</i>		Grand Prize draw entries close
15h35–15h50	School of Management Studies <i>Mr Zaeem Najaar</i>	School of Management Studies <i>Mr David Maralack</i>	
16h00–16h15			Prize ceremony & closing remarks <i>Dr Thierry Luescher</i> Director: Postgraduate Studies and Researcher Development