



Direct Loan / PLUS Loan Application Form

This application is valid for one academic year only and must be renewed annually.
Ensure all sections are completed.

SECTION 1

STUDENT DETAILS

Name SSN: xxx-xx.....last 4 digits only

Student Number Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy).....

Residential Address..... Email Address.....

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..... Tel number

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you completed a High School Diploma or GED? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a dual U.S. & South African Citizen (or SADC)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you applied for South African permanent residency? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you applied for or been offered financial aid Yes ☐ No ☐ if yes, please state the amount
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e.g. bursary, scholarship, Faculty International Student Bursary FISB to support your tuition fees.

Important: Late awards from Departmental, Postgraduate, or FISB sources can reduce your eligible loan amount. If you've already received funds, you may need to pay back the difference.

Please complete the following:

- Entrance counselling under the UCT school code
- Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- FAFSA 2025/2026 for 2026 enrolments but FAFSA 2026/2027 if starting in the 2nd semester (July 2026)
- Exit counselling when you withdraw, apply for leave of absence or complete your studies.

SECTION 2

TYPE OF LOAN

- ☐ Direct Subsidized Loan (NOT for postgraduate degree students)
- ☐ Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- ☐ Parent PLUS Loan
- ☐ Graduate PLUS Loan (for graduate /professional degree students only, not to exceed UCT's cost of attendance)

SECTION 3

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please tick a box in each section

Degree of Study

- ☐ UNDERGRADUATE
☐ PhD

- ☐ MASTERS

Faculty

- ☐ LAW
☐ ENGINEERING AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT
☐ HUMANITIES

- ☐ HEALTH SCIENCE
☐ COMMERCE
☐ SCIENCE

Note: Programmes NOT eligible for Federal student aid: Honours, MBChB, Nursing programmes, PG Diploma, PG Certificate, Occasional non-degree programmes.

Dissertation/research work cannot be done in the U.S or you will lose your Direct Loan Funds.

LOAN INFORMATION

SECTION 4

Federal Aid funds can be used to cover the following expenses. The cost of attendance (COA) will be provided once this form is received. Costs for the student only.

- ❖ Tuition Fee
- ❖ Faculty International Fee
- ❖ International Administrative Service Fee - R 5,600
- ❖ Books & Stationery - R 10,000
- ❖ Equipment/fieldwork for research work average R 10,000 - documentation/confirmation from supervisor required to justify a higher amount
- ❖ Rent/Accommodation - R 9,000 per month
- ❖ Meals - R 5,000 per month
- ❖ Dependency child-care cost while in class only - provide documentation
- ❖ Medical Insurance - estimated at R 590 per month
- ❖ Miscellaneous/living expenses - R 5,000 per month
- ❖ Transportation - R 2,500 per month
- ❖ Laptop
- ❖ Plane ticket – please provide an amount

Loan period

- 1) 2026 academic period: February 2026 until November 2026. The first disbursement will be awarded shortly thereafter. *Submit your timetable or a department letter confirming your earlier start date for teaching or research to receive your funds sooner.*
- 2) First time, first year undergraduate students: Funds will be disbursed 30 days after classes start.
- 3) Anticipated Completion Date (ACD) dissertation/thesis submission dateexit counselling to be completed by this date.
NB: this date is considered as your graduation date and therefore your enrolment status will be updated accordingly.

Declaration

- I declare that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the specified SAP and refund policy as it applies to students utilizing U.S. Federal Aid. See <https://uct.ac.za/international/who-can-apply-overview>
- I declare that the funds awarded under the Direct Loan programme for this award year will be utilized for my educational expenses only.
- I agree and acknowledge that I may be required to pay back the funds and settle my outstanding fees with UCT, if through my actions while studying at this institution, UCT had been required to reimburse funds to the U.S. Dept. of Education. (NB: this includes the Parent Plus loan funds that is held by my parent.
- I confirm that I will register and attend classes at UCT as stipulated in my offer package.
- I confirm that I have read and understood the consumer information. See <https://uct.ac.za/international/fees-funding-us-federal-aid/consumer-information>
- I hereby declare that I will inform the US loan administrator at UCT should I wish to cancel my studies, withdraw or apply for leave of absence.
- I understand that if I apply for leave of absence my enrolment status will change to withdrawn and exit counselling will be completed. See <https://uct.ac.za/international/leave-absence-loa>
- I agree that I will inform the UCT's U.S. loan administrator in writing that I have applied for other types of financial aid such as a scholarship, sponsorship and bursary or for the faculty international student bursary (FISB) and I acknowledge that I am aware that the amount of my loan eligibility will be affected.
- I hereby also agree to complete my exit counseling at least 30 days prior to completing my studies / hand in my dissertation or when I decide to withdraw or apply for leave of absence.

For more information: 1) <https://uct.ac.za/international/who-can-apply-overview>
2) <https://studentaid.gov/>

Student signature

Date (Day /Month/Year)

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Dependent undergraduate students only

Parent signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

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Full name of Parent

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Please email the completed form to IAPO-finance@uct.ac.za

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