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To: Heads of Departments, Directors of Schools and Creative Outputs Administrators

### **Creative Research Outputs: 2026 Call for Submissions**

The Research Office invites research staff to submit their **2023, 2024 and 2025** creative research outputs for submission to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). This process results in the DHET awarding subsidy to UCT for creative research outputs in the following subfields:

- Fine and Visual Arts
- Music
- Theatre, Performance and Dance
- Design
- Film and Television
- Literary Arts

Researchers are urged to particularly submit all qualifying **2023** creative research outputs during this submission round, **as this is the final submission year these outputs will be considered for recognition.**

### **Reporting of Creative Research Outputs**

We would like to alert you to the following processes and deadlines for the reporting of creative outputs. Detailed guidelines and resources are also available at <https://uct.ac.za/research-support-hub/outputs/creative-outputs-and-innovations>.

### **UCT Internal and external reporting processes**

All qualifying creative research output and relevant information **must be submitted electronically** on the eRA system (<https://eraonline.uct.ac.za>). Submissions include the following:

- Evidence of the creative outputs, which should be accessible online.
- Annotation/commentary (500-700 words) which contextualises the work as a creative **research** output.
- Proof of any awards received.
- Relevant declarations and disclosures.
- Proof of author affiliation.

UCT's internal evaluation committee will screen and verify submissions to ensure DHET policy compliance. The verified submissions are submitted by the Research Office to DHET via an external online *Research Output Submission System (ROSS)* platform, for further processing by DHET and its advisory panels.

### **Deadlines**

All submissions must be made online on the eRA System by **Wednesday, 30 April 2026**.

The Research Office looks forward to working with researchers and administrators during the this cycle. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ronel de Swardt at [ronel.deswardt@uct.ac.za](mailto:ronel.deswardt@uct.ac.za) with queries relating to the above process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Pather', with a horizontal line underneath.

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