Advanced Computing Committee (ACC) Research Equipment Call 2026

Faculty-prioritised Research Computer Grants

Deadline for submission to Faculty Computing/IT Committees: 29 May 2026

Queries must be referred to Faculty representatives. See table 2 for contact details.

Purpose:

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for strategic research related computer equipment and software items (including implementation support e.g., specialised computing services) that are not covered in the conventional way by Faculty IT Equipment Committees. The ACC considers applications for medium-sized computer related hardware and software items of R50 000 to R750 000, as well as large items of R750,000 or more, however, applications for funding for large items must form part of a coordinated effort across departments/faculties and include one or more of the following: eResearch, ICTS, Big Data research facility.

Eligibility:

UCT researchers are eligible to apply if they are:
- Permanent academic staff; or
- Academic staff on T2 contracts of at least 5 years; or
- Joint PGWC/UCT academic staff in Health Sciences on UCT Conditions of Service (excluding registrars).

Honorary Research Associates; Emeritus Professors; Emeritus Associate Professors; Honorary Professors; Honorary Associate Professors and Senior Research Scholars are NOT eligible to apply. Those who wish to have access to new computer equipment and software must form part of research groupings and may not be the Principal Applicant.

Submission process:

- Applicants must use the latest version of application form **R&I33** which can be downloaded here: http://forms.uct.ac.za/forms.htm#ResearchInnovation
- The completed application form must be accompanied by two recent quotes and an ICTS summary report if the funding request is for R100 000 or more. See section 13 of the application form.
- Applicants must ensure that the fully completed application, signed by the HoD, is submitted to the relevant faculty IT / computing committee by the deadline, **Friday 29 May 2026.** See Table 2 below for the list of ACC faculty representatives/contacts.
- The relevant faculty committee will submit the endorsed and prioritised applications to the ACC.
- Note that the ACC will not accept late, incomplete, ad hoc or retrospective applications.

Award Conditions:

- The Advanced Computing Committee will not be responsible for currency differences caused by delays in purchasing equipment. In the event that there is a saving due to currency differences, excess funds must be returned to the ACC.
- Copies of the invoices of the final amounts and a report on the expenditure of this equipment award must be submitted to the ACC as soon as the equipment has been procured / delivered.
- Confirmation of external co-funding that forms part of an application for large items must be submitted within the calendar year of the ACC award being made. Failure to do so will result in the award being rescinded.

Table 1: Timelines

Deadline for submission of applications to Faculty IT Committee for internal review & Dean/Deputy Dean's signature. *Note: A technical report from ICTS is compulsory for requests of R100 000 or more (see section 13 of application form) and must be obtained in advance of this deadline.*	**29 May 2026**
Faculty ACC Representatives to submit endorsed and ranked applications to the ACC Servicing Officer (Robyn.Udemans@uct.ac.za).	**26 June 2026**
ACC review meeting.	**15 July 2026**
Deadline for submission of ACC recommendations to Resource Allocation Advisory Group (RAAG).	**31 July 2026**
Funding outcomes confirmed to applicants and Faculty representatives.	**End January 2027**

Table 2: Faculty representatives on the ACC

Faculty	Committee	ACC representative	Contact email address
Commerce	Commerce IT	Dr Walter Uys A/Prof Andrew Kerr	Email: Andrew.Kerr@uct.ac.za Email: Walter.Uys@uct.ac.za
EBE	EBE Faculty IT Committee	Prof Arnaud Malan A/Prof Andrew Wilkinson	Email: Arnaud.Malan@uct.ac.za Email: Andrew.Wilkinson@uct.ac.za
Health Sciences	FHS Scientific Computing Committee	Prof Thomas Franz Prof Nicola Mulder	Email: Ms Carlette Hlungwani - research.health@uct.ac.za
Humanities	Humanitec	Prof Dick Ng'ambi A/Prof Marion Walton	Email: Dick.Ngambi@uct.ac.za Email: Marion.Walton@uct.ac.za
Law	Law IT Committee	A/Prof Tobias Schonwetter Prof Caroline Ncube	Email: Caroline.Ncube@uct.ac.za Email: Tobias.Schonwetter@uct.ac.za
Science	Science Faculty IT Committee	Prof Tommie Meyer Prof Marcello Vichi	Email: Tommie.Meyer@uct.ac.za Email: Marcello.Vichi@uct.ac.za