



Centrally Administered Research Funding Opportunities

A step-by-step guide

This responsibility matrix covers the steps involved in applying for and receiving centrally administered internal funding at UCT. It outlines the roles and responsibilities across departments and research teams. It also includes some external funding opportunities managed through UCT's internal systems, ensuring all available resources are considered in the funding process.

All centrally administered internal research funding is serviced by the Research Support Services directorate in the University's Research Office.

For questions relating to centrally administered internal research funding email: [\[click here to email\]](#) ✉

KEY:

- ACC:** Advanced Computing Committee
- BAC:** Budget Approval Committee
- CWAC:** Creative Works Award Committee
- DVC:** Deputy Vice Chancellor
- GSV:** Global Strategy and Visibility
- HoD:** Head of Department
- PGFO:** Postgraduate Funding Office
- REEP:** Regional Expensive Equipment Programme (comprised of UWC, UCT, CPUT and US reps)
- RSS:** Research Support Services
- UEC:** University Equipment Committee
- YRAC:** Young Research Award Committee

Funders	Step 1: Call Opened	Step 2: Call Published	Step 3: Apply for Call	Step 4: Application endorsed	Step 5: Ranking / prioritisation / selection process	Step 6: Endorsement of recommendations	Step 7: Final recommendations	Step 8: Awarded	Administration
Advanced Computing Committee	Research Office	Research Office	Researchers appointed min 5 years	HoD, Faculty Committee & Dean	Faculty committee	n/a	ACC	Research Office	Research Office: RSS
Alan Pifer	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	Seasoned researchers	A seconder	Committee	n/a	Committee	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Book Award	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers	A Seconder	BAC	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Building Research Active Academic Staff (BRAAS)	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers appointed min 5 years	Research Office: RSS	Evaluation Committee	n/a	DVC: Research	Research Office; Faculty Research Finance; PGFO	Research Office: RSS
Creative Research Outputs	Research Office: RSS	Research Office	Researchers	n/a	Internal reviewers	DVC: Research	External Reviewers	Research Office	n/a
Creative Works Award	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers	Nominator	CWAC	n/a	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS
Elizabeth Clough	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers	HOD	No	n/a	Committee	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Enabling Grant Seeker Excellence Award (EGSE)	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	Researchers	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	n/a	Research Office: RSS	Research Office; Faculty Research Finance	Research Office: RSS
Industry postdocs	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers	Research Office: RSS	Evaluation Committee (include external/industry experts)	n/a	DVC: Research	Research Office; Faculty Research Finance; PGFO	Research Office: RSS
Junior Research Fellow	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Research Groupings	Research Office: RSS	Evaluation Committee	n/a	DVC: Research	Research Office; Faculty Research Finance	Research Office: RSS
Open Access Applications	Open call	Open call	Authors/Researchers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Page Cost Application	Open call	Open call	Authors/Researchers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Short Research Visits	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researcher, Academics	HOD	Committee	n/a	Committee	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS
Start-up grants	No Call/ad Hoc	n/a	New academics	HOD	n/a	n/a	Manager: RSS	n/a	n/a
University Equipment Committee	Research Office: RSS	Research Office	Researchers appointed min 5 years	HoD, Faculty Committee & Dean	Faculty committee	n/a	UEC / REEP	Research Office	Research Office
Vera Davie	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	UCT permanent Emerging Researchers	Applicant	Vera Davie Committee	n/a	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS
Visiting Scientist Fund/Visiting Lecturer Fund	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS/GSV	Researchers	HOD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Research Office: RSS
Young Research Award Committee (YRAC)	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS	Any academic can nominate a researcher & Any researcher 40 or under	Nominator & 3 referee reports required	YRAC	YRAC	YRAC	Research Office: RSS	Research Office: RSS