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Another honorary doctorate for UCT Vice-Chancellor

Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng, the University of Cape Town (UCT) Vice-Chancellor, will receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Ottawa on Tuesday, 7 June 2022.

Phakeng is among the nine distinguished individuals who will receive honorary doctorates from the Canada university for “their substantial contributions to their profession, to science and/or to society at large” across 14 ceremonies over five days.

She will be honoured at the Faculty of Education Convocation graduation ceremony scheduled to commence at 15:30 SAST. Phakeng will deliver her acceptance address during the ceremony.

The ceremony will be [streamed live](#).

It will be the second honorary doctorate bestowed on Phakeng by an international university in a period of three years. This follows her being recognised by the UK’s Bristol University in July 2019.

As part of her engagements, Phakeng presented a public lecture – titled “Walking the tightrope between the boardroom and the picket line: Reflections of a transformative university leader” – as part of the University of Ottawa’s Excellence in Education Lecture Series on Monday, 6 June 2022.

During the lecture, Phakeng shared on her experiences since she became UCT VC almost four years ago, having taken office on 1 July 2018 with the vision of ensuring that the university retains its position as the top university on the African continent, while driving a radical transformation agenda.

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