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## **UCT to welcome 4 500 first-year students**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will welcome 4 500 first-year students who have been accepted for their inaugural year of study at the institution.

The dedicated First-Year Campus Reception (FYCR), introduced a few years ago to provide first-year students with a smooth transition into university life, will kick off on Saturday, 27 January and will run until Monday, 29 January. It will take place at the Sports Centre on upper campus from 08:00 to 17:00 daily.

First-year students can expect to conduct important tasks at the FYCR, such as getting their student card or collecting a laptop if they signed up for the laptop programme, among other things.

UCT received a total of 92 841 applications from prospective first-year students for admissions in 2024. It is important to note that this refers to the number of applications and not the number of applicants (which is lower as prospective students apply for more than one programme). The Faculty of Health Sciences received the most applications, with a total of 19 029.

UCT Vice-Chancellor (interim) Emeritus Professor Daya Reddy said: "At UCT we believe education is not just about earning a degree. Certainly, a certificate helps to open doors to a career but what is most important at UCT is what people do with what they learn. We believe the most important goal of education is to unleash human potential, to build fair and just society. This is the central focus of UCT's Vision 2030 strategic statement."

- [Watch Professor Reddy's full message to first-year students.](#)

Prospective students who have been made a firm offer after the release of the 2023 matric results would have received an email containing detailed information about the FYCR, as well as instructions on how to book their time slot. Students should use only UCT credentials (UCT student number/UCT email address) and not other email addresses such as Gmail to log in to the FYCR booking system.

The FYCR will be followed by orientation activities between 30 January and 9 February 2024.

Students are urged to visit their faculty website, especially the pages about registration and orientation, for useful information to guide them through this important start to their life as an enrolled UCT student.

- [View the full list of faculty orientation programmes.](#)

The [Campus Life 2024](#) publication, which will go live on 27 January, is another important resource which contains useful information and guidelines on how first-year students can navigate life on campus and in the surrounding areas.

UCT's teaching and learning programme will commence on Monday, 12 February 2024.

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