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## **UCT to honour close to 5 000 students in the March graduation season**

### **Four honorary doctorates to be conferred on Davis, Gunn, Huntley and Machobane**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will honour approximately 4 850 graduands – including 26 PhD degrees – during the ongoing March graduation ceremonies taking place over five days.

UCT will also confer [honorary doctorates](#) on four distinguished individuals who have made exceptional contributions to their respective fields: Mr Lionel Basil Davis, Ms Shirley Gunn, Professor Brian John Huntley and Professor Lehlohonolo Burns Banda Jiyane Machobane.

The [March 2024 graduation ceremonies](#) got underway on Saturday, 23 March and will continue until Thursday, 28 March 2024.

- [See the full schedule of March graduation ceremonies.](#)

UCT Vice-Chancellor (interim) Emeritus Professor Daya Reddy said: "To all our graduands, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on reaching this significant milestone. Your commitment to academic excellence and personal growth has been exemplary, and your achievements are a testament to your hard work and determination.

"Graduation is a time not only of personal celebration, but also one of reflection on the transformative power of education. Your qualification from UCT is a testament to your intellectual capabilities and will serve as a valuable asset in your professional career. As graduates of a premier university in Africa and the world, you have received a high-quality education that equips you to make meaningful contributions to society."

The four honorary doctorates will be conferred as follows:

- Ms Gunn will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) (*honoris causa*) on Monday, 25 March at 14:00.
- Professor Huntley will receive the degree of Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) on Tuesday, 26 March at 14:00.
- Mr Davis will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) (*honoris causa*) on Wednesday, 27 March at 10:00.
- Professor Machobane will receive the degree of Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) (*honoris causa*) on Thursday, 28 March at 10:00.

The ceremonies are live-streamed on the [UCT graduation feature page](#) and the university's social media platforms: [Facebook](#) and [X](#). Recordings of the ceremonies will be made available at a later stage on the [UCT YouTube channel](#) as well as on the graduation feature page.

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