Applicants for need-based funding will undergo a UCT means test using information provided by the applicant. UCT's need-based funding from the General Operating Budget (GOB) is divided into two categories:

- PG Financial Aid: Applicants with a combined annual household gross income of les than R350 000 are eligible for funding to cover their partial cost of attendance (PCOA).
- PG Gap Tuition Bursary: Applicants with a combined household gross income between R350 001 and R600 000 are eligible for funding to cover a percentage of their tuition fees. This award does not include support towards accommodation costs, either in UCT residence or private accommodation, nor does it include monthly allowances.

Funding is not available for occasional studies, professional degrees with less than a 33.3% research component, or postgraduate diplomas and certificates.



