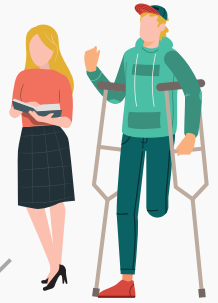


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Other funding



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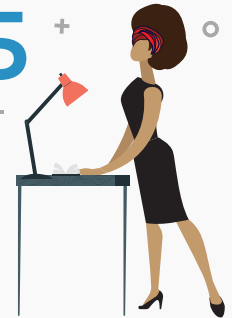
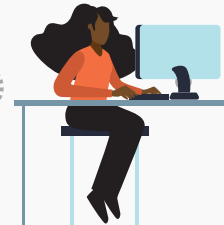
ASSISTANCE FOR 2025



UCT sibling
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NSFAS



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NSFAS funding for first time entering (FTENS)

- Bursary applicants from households with R350 000 annual income or less.
- First-time applications handled centrally via NSFAS. Status must be tracked through myNSFAS portal.
- Appeals for rejected but eligible students must be made directly to NSFAS through myNSFAS .
- Applications for 2025 closed on 15 December 2024.
- Loan applications from households with an annual income of between R350 001 and R600 000 annually.

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UCT NSFAS continuing students &

NSFAS will continue making funding decisions as academic results are received and processed. Students can track their NSFAS funding eligibility via myNSFAS portal. Results for supplementary and deferred exams will only be submitted to NSFAS when available.

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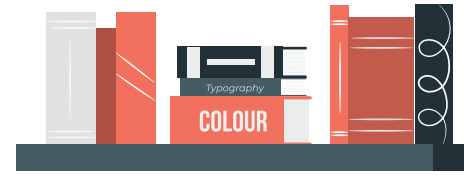
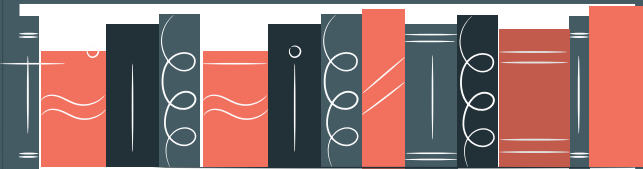
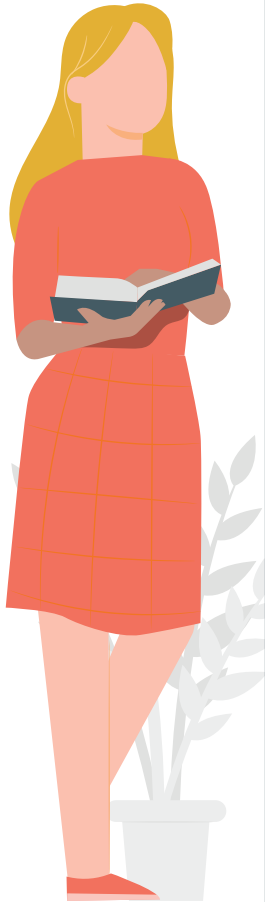
Transferring Students

- Previously NSFAS funded students transferring from another university must verify eligibility for continued funding; the N+1 funding rule still applies, as all years of study at a university are counted.



Significant changes in NSFAS funding policy

The most notable change in NSFAS funding policy is the cap imposed on the amount of funds NSFAS will allocate to funded students for accommodation. The NSFAS capping of accommodation has had a significant impact on the university for NSFAS funded students. The university has actively worked on finding ways to mitigate the impact of this funding shortfall on students, but the shortfall amount has been too significant – the shortfall is over R110 million. Students are required to apply to external funders, look at loan options or crowdfunding to try to help meet the NSFAS funding shortfall. Only a collective effort will help reduce the impact of the NSFAS accommodation cap. Where it has been possible, funds raised have been used to assist as many students as possible that meet the funders criteria with a contribution towards the shortfall.



UCT GAP funding

Students who met the NSFAS eligibility for the NSFAS Loan programme but do not meet the NSFAS 70% STEM programme requirement will be assisted with UCT GAP funding.

GAP funding is exclusively financed by UCT in line with the funding policy terms

Information on UCT's GAP funding programme is available on the financial aid web pages.





UCT sibling rebate bursary



The programme provides reduced tuition costs to undergraduate siblings who do not qualify for NSFAS financial aid or GAP funding.



This is for students from families with a combined annual household income of between R600 000 and R750 000 per annum with two or more undergraduate siblings at UCT at the same time.



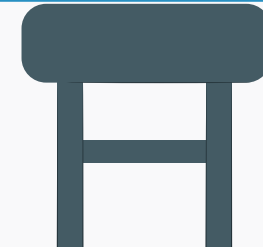
Qualifying students are eligible for a bursary equivalent to 20% of the tuition fee for the year.



Further information on the Sibling Rebate Bursary programme and the sibling rebate application form is available on UCT's Department of Student Affairs website.



Applications close on 15 May 2025





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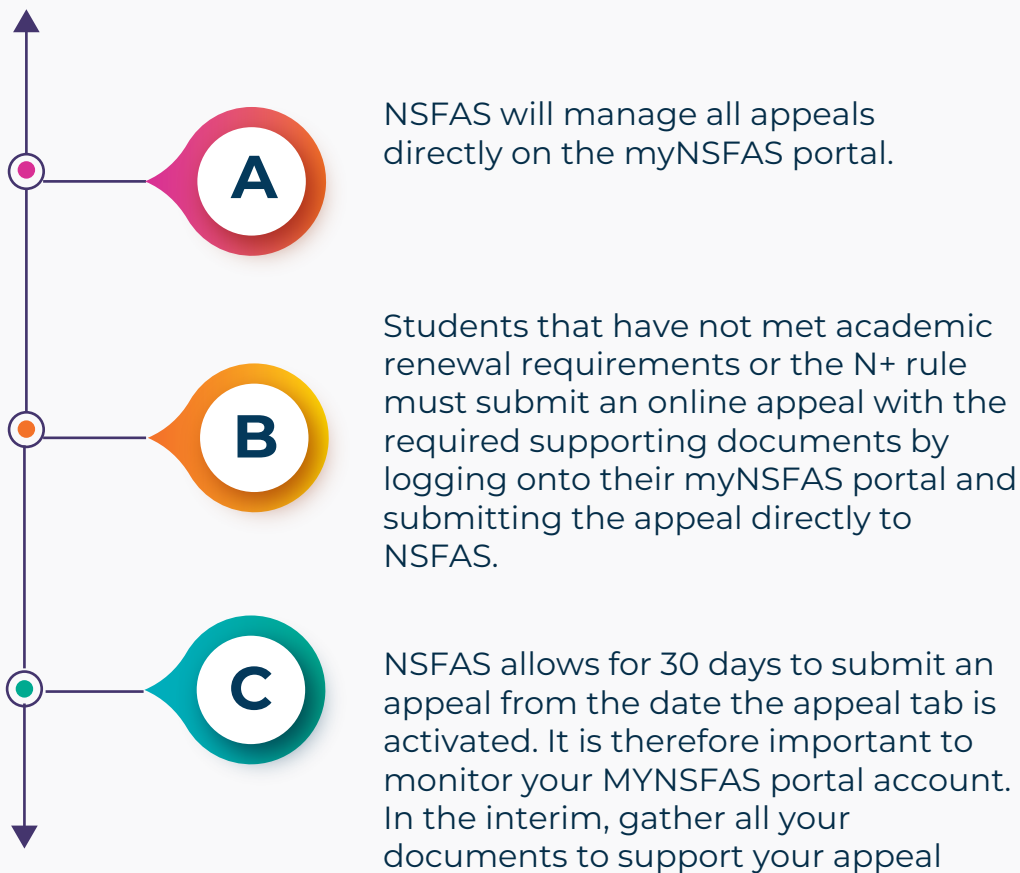
Other funding

- Funding from corporates, non-governmental institutions and sponsors is provided directly to eligible students but is administered with the assistance of UCT.
- The requirements for academic and financial eligibility are determined by these funders and vary according to the programme of study.
- All students remain responsible for their fee debt, so any delays with funding confirmations or pay-outs must be addressed directly by the students.





NSFAS appeals for 2025 funding that has been stopped due to poor academic performance in 2024 or the N+ rule




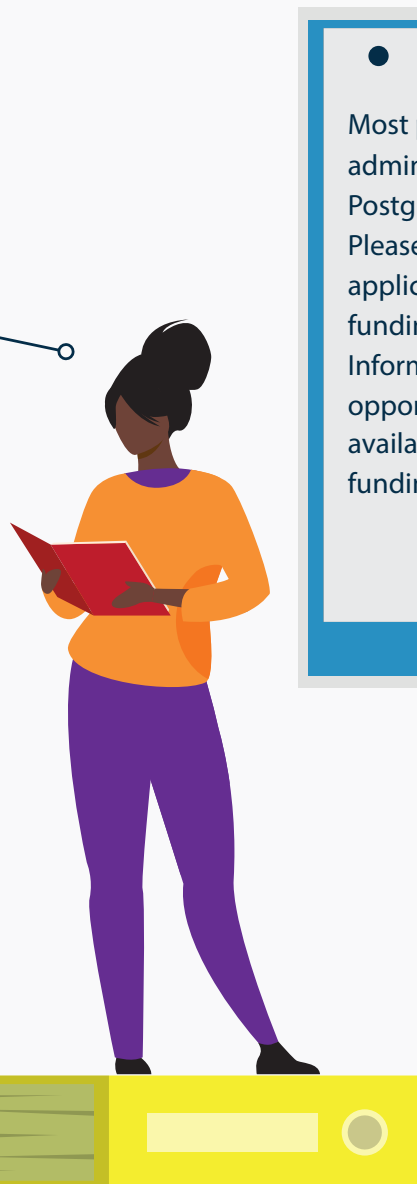
SADC and international students' undergraduate financial assistance

1. UCT is not able to provide relief for international students, including Southern African Development Community (SADC) students.
2. Constraints on its own resources restrictions imposed by funders, which often stipulate that only South Africans or students with SA permanent residency may be assisted with funding.





Postgraduate students...



Most postgraduate funding is administered through the Postgraduate Funding Office. Please note that the first call for applications for 2025 postgraduate funding has now closed. Information on additional funding opportunities that remain open is available on the Postgraduate funding e-noticeboard.



Postgraduate financial support for honours, master's and doctoral students



UCT provides limited financial aid for qualifying postgraduate students using similar eligibility criteria as for undergraduate financial aid.

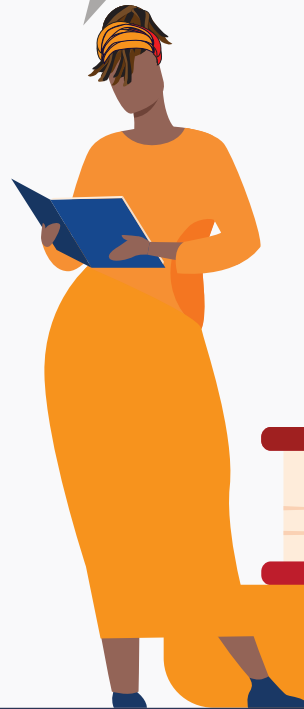
Limited funding through excellence awards for meritorious students is also available. This initiative serves to strengthen the university's commitment to transformation at postgraduate level.

International and refugee students at postgraduate level

A limited number of scholarships are available to non South African postgraduates. Academic merit and the seniority of the candidate are key requirements.

The scholarships do not provide full-cost support and students are encouraged to consider securing supplementary funding.

The scholarships are renewable for the duration of the course of study, subject to satisfactory progress being maintained: A limit of two years for master's and three years for doctoral study.



Postgraduate diplomas

No financial aid support is available for advanced diplomas, postgraduate certificates, and postgraduate diplomas. No appeal process is available for financial aid and fee debt.



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 less 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.

