

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN 2022?

This document provides you with the information you need to see whether or not you qualify for either a Faculty Entrance Scholarship, or a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, if admitted to UCT in 2022.

General conditions

1. Faculties offer two kinds of undergraduate scholarships: Faculty Entrance Scholarships, for new undergraduate students, and Faculty Scholarships for returning students.
2. Faculties use different criteria and methods to identify scholarship recipients. The value of the entrance scholarship may vary, and is reflected in the respective faculty section below.
3. The number of awards is limited. Awards are made on the criteria detailed below. There is no application process for these awards.
4. Faculties make awards using information provided in applications for admission and academic achievement in the previous year.
5. a) **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** are awarded to applicants on the basis of NSC achievement in open and redress pools. For Faculty Entrance Scholarships, redress is determined by an applicant's disadvantage factor.
b) **Faculty Scholarships** are awarded to returning students on the basis of academic achievement in open and redress pools. For Faculty Scholarships redress is determined by self-declared racial identity.
6. An applicant or student who is entitled to staff fees, will have the record of the award noted on his or her transcript, but the amount paid into the fee account will be a pro-rated percentage of the standard award.

General conditions applicable to Faculty Entrance Scholarships

7. **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** are for undergraduate students who are applying to enter the University for the first time, and are for the first year of academic study.
8. Except in the BAS and in the performing and creative arts where audition and portfolio rankings are considered, **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** are guaranteed to applicants who attain the published faculty threshold levels.
9. Eligibility for all **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** is restricted to South African citizens and to South African permanent residents.
10. **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** may be withdrawn entirely if a recipient cancels his or her academic registration before writing mid-year examinations (recipients who cancel registration after writing the mid-year exams will receive half the scholarship value).
11. **Faculty Entrance Scholarships** are valid for the year in which the offer is made. Applicants deferring their studies will need to meet the published threshold level for the year in which they register. Faculties may rollover an Entrance Scholarship offer for applicants who take a 'Gap year'.
12. A small portion of the faculty's allotted amount for Faculty Entrance Scholarships is set aside to be awarded at the dean's discretion and may be used for awards to applicants holding international school-leaving qualifications.

Faculty Points Score (FPS) and subject score thresholds for the award of a Faculty Entrance Scholarship in 2022

Faculty of Commerce

The value of the entrance scholarship is R20 000.

| Category | FPS | NBT – AL | NBT – QL | NBT MATHS |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Open | Minimum of 540 | Proficient | Proficient | Proficient |
| Redress Category 1 & 2 applicants with a disadvantage factor greater than 1 | Minimum of 480 | Proficient | Proficient in either QL or Maths | |

Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment

1. The Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment awards Faculty Entrance Scholarships to South African citizens and permanent residents, as well as international applicants doing the South African NSC, based on the applicants' final Faculty Point Scores (FPS). These do not include applicants to the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS).
2. Entrance Scholarships will be awarded to 80% womxn and transgender applicants and 20% male applicants in all programmes excluding the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS).
3. Ten Entrance Scholarships will be awarded in competition to candidates in the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS).
4. Entrance Scholarships will be to the value of R60 000 each.

Faculty of Health Sciences

1. Entrance scholarships may be offered to NSC applicants.
2. The number of scholarships awarded are dependent on the number of eligible students and faculty budget allocation.
3. The number of scholarships awarded is pro-rated based on the planned enrolment for each FHS programme.
4. The Dean may identify and make additional discretionary awards, including to top-achieving applicants doing non-NSC school examinations.

PRINCIPLES:

- a. Applicants for entrance scholarships are selected based on merit and disadvantage (hence, Weighted Point Score (WPS) are used to rank all applicants).
- b. Applicants are further selected to enhance classroom diversity (hence, using redress categories to ensure equity).
- c. Applicants will be ranked according to their WPS in either the Grade 11 Final or Grade 12 Term 3 results (the best of these two sets of results will be used) in each redress category.
- d. The rationale for using either Grade 11 Final or Grade 12 Term 3 results: both examinations are based on a full year's work and gives a better understanding of the applicant's academic performance.
- e. Awards will be given to the highest ranked eligible applicants who hold conditional offers of admission.
- f. Awards will be made in October of the year preceding admission.
- g. The Faculty will honour the scholarship offer, once we confirm the conditional offer notwithstanding the rank position of the applicant in the final NSC results.
- h. Applicants who have already completed schooling (e.g. a 2020 matriculant on a gap year) are eligible for consideration but will be assessed on final NSC results.

ALLOCATION:

- a. In 2022, we will make 22 entrance scholarship awards at R40 000 each.
- b. The top performing applicant/s will be selected from each redress category.
- c. The allocations will be split as follows:

| Redress Category | MBChB | BSc Physiotherapy* | BSc Occupational Therapy* | BSc Speech- Language Pathology | BSc Audiology |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Number of awards to be made | | | | | |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Open | 2 | | | | |
| Total | 11 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |

*One additional award will be allocated to either Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy taking into consideration differences in class size, which may vary from year to year.

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty Entrance Scholarships worth R40 000 each are awarded differentially across three qualification groups:

- (i) Bachelors of Arts (BA), Social Science (BSocSc) and Social Work (BSW) (70%)
- (ii) Extended degree programmes in BA and BSocSc (10%)
- (iii) Degree programmes in the performing and creative arts (20%)

1. Bachelors of Arts, Social Science and Social Work (BA, BSocSc¹, BSW)

Faculty Entrance Scholarships in this category acknowledge and reward excellent performance in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations. Awards are made to first-time entering applicants and will be made to applicants who achieve the following FPS and NBT scores².

| Category | Eligibility | Criteria |
|----------|--|--|
| Open | All SA applicants | FPS: 525 (87.5% average) or above NBT: Proficient in Academic Literacy (AL) |
| Redress | Applicants with a disadvantage factor greater than 1 | FPS: 495 (82.5% average) or above NBT: Upper Intermediate in Academic Literacy (AL) |

2. Extended degree programmes in BA and BSocSc

Faculty entrance scholarships in this category acknowledge and reward excellent performance in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations. Ten percent of scholarships in this category will be allocated competitively on the basis of academic merit to first-time entering applicants. Awards are made by the Dean on the recommendation of the programme convenor and the Faculty Admissions Committee (RFAC).

3. Degree programmes in the creative and performing arts

Faculty entrance scholarships in this category acknowledge and reward National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination and creative or performance excellence. The scholarships are divided among three areas on a pro rata basis and at least 50% of the awards must be to applicants from the Redress category. Awards are made to applicants by the Head/ Director of the Department/ School on the advice of a selection panel. Awards are made to first-time entering applicants or to transferring students who have been assessed by the school/ department/ college as having excellent potential. Offer of a scholarship will fall away if a student subsequently registers for a qualification outside of one of the performing and creative arts degree programmes.

3.1 Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (BA(FA))

Applicants are considered for a Faculty Entrance Scholarship on the basis of their portfolio rating. Portfolios are rated A, B+ or B and applicants are ranked and awards made to the top applicants in descending order. Where two applicants perform similarly in a portfolio submission, their NSC and NBT scores are taken into account.

3.2 Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance (BA(TP)); Diploma in Theatre and Performance; Advanced Diploma in Theatre

Applicants to both the degree and diploma programmes are considered for a Faculty Entrance Scholarship on the basis of their audition performance, NSC results, and NBT score (all three of which are equally weighted).

¹ This includes the BSocSc (Philosophy, Politics and Economics).

² Faculty Points Score and National Benchmark Test respectively.

In allocating scholarships, consideration is also given to equity (with specific reference to the Redress category) and to achieving an appropriate balance between the various streams and specialisations in the degree programme.

3.3 *Bachelor of Music (BMus); Diploma in Music Performance; Advanced Diplomas in Opera and Music*

Applicants are considered for a Faculty Entrance Scholarship on the basis of their musical ability as evidenced in the audition performance. Auditions are rated A, B+ or B and applicants are ranked and awards made to the top applicants in descending order. Where two applicants perform similarly in an audition performance, their NSC and NBT scores are taken into account, along with any recommendation from the Music teacher.

In allocating scholarships, consideration is also given to equity (with specific reference to the Redress category) and to achieving an appropriate balance between the various streams and specialisations in the degree programme.

4. Dean's Discretionary allocation

Five percent of the Faculty's Entrance Scholarship allocation is earmarked for award at the discretion of the Dean. Awards in this category allow for recognition of excellence in non-NSC or international school-leaving examinations.

Faculty of Law

Entrance Scholarships will be allocated to entering undergraduate students who meet the criteria set out in the table below and who register in the Faculty of Law in 2022. The tenure of the award is one year. The value of the entrance scholarship is R20 000. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

LLB (Undergraduate applicants)

| Category | NSC | NBT |
|------------------------|------------|--|
| All redress categories | WPS of 495 | Average of 75% for Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy |
| Open | FPS of 510 | Average of 80% for Academic Literacy and Quantitative Literacy |

LLB (Graduate applicants)

| Category | GPA |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| All redress categories | 70% for previous undergraduate degree |
| Open | 77% for previous undergraduate degree |

Faculty of Science

Entrance Scholarships will be awarded to students who meet the criteria set out in the table below and who register in the Faculty of Science in 2022 (note that a limited number of scholarships will be reserved for top South African students writing international examinations):

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| <p>South African applicants with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a minimum Faculty Points Score (FPS) of 720 and ≥80% for Mathematics in the final NSC examinations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 scholarship (R40,000; FPS ≥ 740) Level 2 scholarship (R20,000; FPS 720-739) |
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Scholarships will be confirmed on registration in February 2022 and are only awarded for the 1st year of study. Faculty Scholarships to the value of R20,000 in each of second and third year may be awarded where the criteria for renewal are met.

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships:

- are valued at R40 000 per annum,
- are valid for three years, subject to being named on the Dean's Merit List in your faculty, at the levels specified by your faculty; for applicants who do not qualify for renewal, the scholarship is valid for the first year of study only,
- are not awarded in addition to faculty scholarships after the first year of study,
- are awarded at a pro-rated value for any student qualifying for staff tuition rates,
- are not payable, and, where already paid, may be refundable, where students enrol in 2022, and then withdraw their registration for whatever reason.

A Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship will be offered to you if:

- you are among the top ten Mathematics, English and Computer Science Olympiad winners in 2022,
- you attend a WCED school in 2021, and when you write the NSC examination you are among the top 10 applicants in this category applying for admission to UCT in 2022,
- you attend school outside of the Western Cape, write the NSC administered by the Department of Basic Education, and are among the top 15 applicants in this category applying for admission to UCT in 2022,
- you attend an Independent Examinations Board (IEB) school and write the NSC in 2021, and you are among the top 5 2022 UCT applicants in this category.

Process of awarding scholarships

Scholarships are, in most cases, awarded after the final examination results are received, in January/February 2022. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive correspondence informing you of your award.
