



Faculty of Health Sciences Best Publication Awards



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Postgraduate Award:

Value

Three awards will be made in 3 categories - in the fields of:

Clinical Sciences; Basic Laboratory Sciences; and Public Health & Rehabilitation Sciences together with Health Sciences Education. The prize is to the value of **R5000** which must be used for research purposes and will be paid into a UCT fund.

Eligibility

Any postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow within one year of completing a PhD may apply.

Only research carried out while the candidate was affiliated to UCT will be considered eligible.

The article must have been published in a **peer-reviewed, DHET accredited journal in 2025**, see a list of accredited journals: <http://www.researchsupport.uct.ac.za/publication-count-resources>

Publications with a 2025 citation as well as papers published online in 2025 are eligible.

The author's affiliation on the paper must be to a department/division at the University of Cape Town, Faculty of Health Sciences.

Criteria

The award will be made for a research publication considered to be of high quality within the discipline. The applicant must be the first author or acknowledged as the principal author of the publication.

Early Career Award:

Value

Three awards will be made in 3 categories - in the fields of:

Clinical Sciences; Basic Laboratory Sciences; and Public Health & Rehabilitation Sciences together with Health Sciences Education. The prize is to the value of **R10 000** which must be used for research purposes and will be paid into a UCT fund.

Eligibility

Any full-time or part-time member of staff or any postdoctoral fellow within 5 years of completing their PhD on the closing date may apply.

Only research carried out while the candidate was affiliated to UCT will be considered eligible.

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Method of submission for both awards

An applicant must submit the following:

- A pdf copy of the publication he/she wishes to have considered for the award, to Viwe Mgoqi in the Faculty Research Office research.health@uct.ac.za
- Applications should be accompanied by a declaration by the candidate that he/she fulfils the eligibility criteria. The declaration must be signed by the Head of Department, and in case of postgraduate students, also by the individual's supervisor, where possible.
- Applicants are asked to complete a 1-page motivation: Highlighting the novelty and relevance of your work, its potential impact in SA and internationally, number of citations, average citation per month and describing the context (resources available) in which you conducted your study. The motivation should also include the contribution of the author to the paper.
- The applicant must specify for which award he/she is applying (postgraduate or early career) as well as specify the category (clinical sciences; basic laboratory sciences and public health and rehabilitation sciences).

Each person may only submit one paper.

HODs, DRCs and supervisors are requested to please identify and invite authors of worthy publications meeting the criteria to submit applications by email to Viwe Mgoqi in the Faculty Research Office research.health@uct.ac.za