Advanced Computing Committee (ACC) Research Equipment Call 2024

Faculty-prioritised Research Computer Grants

Deadline for submission to Faculty Computing/IT Committees: 31 May 2024

Queries must be referred to Faculty representatives. See table 2 for contact details.

Purpose:

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for strategic research related computer equipment and software items (including implementation support e.g., specialised computing services) that are not covered in the conventional way by Faculty IT Equipment Committees. The ACC considers applications for medium-sized computer related hardware and software items of R50 000 to R750 000, as well as large items of R750,000 or more, however, applications for funding for large items must form part of a coordinated effort across departments/faculties and include one or more of the following: eResearch, ICTS, Big Data research facility.

Eligibility:

UCT researchers are eligible to apply if they are:
- Permanent academic staff; or
- Joint PGWC/UCT academic staff in Health Sciences on UCT Conditions of Service (excluding registrars), or
- Contract staff on academic conditions T2, with a co-applicant from one of the above categories

Honorary Research Associates; Emeritus Professors; Emeritus Associate Professors; Honorary Professors; Honorary Associate Professors and Senior Research Scholars are NOT eligible to apply. Those who wish to have access to new computer equipment and software must form part of research groupings and may not be the Principal Applicant.

Submission process:

- The applicant must use the latest version of application form **R&I33** which can be downloaded here: http://forms.uct.ac.za/forms.htm#ResearchInnovation
- The application form must be accompanied by two recent quotes and an ICTS summary report. See section 13 of the application form.
- The applicant must ensure that the complete and correctly endorsed application is submitted to the relevant faculty IT / computing committee by the deadline, **31 May 2024**. See Table 2 for list of Faculty representatives.
- The relevant faculty committee will prioritise the requests and submit the approved applications to the Servicing Officer of the ACC.
- Note that the ACC will not accept late, incomplete, ad hoc or retrospective applications.

Award Conditions:

- The Advanced Computing Committee will not be responsible for currency differences caused by delays in purchasing equipment. In the event that there is a saving due to currency differences, excess funds must be returned to the ACC.
- Copies of the invoices of the final amounts and a report on the expenditure of this equipment award must be submitted to the ACC in November 2025.
- Confirmation of external co-funding that forms part of an application must be submitted within the calendar year of the ACC application. Failure to do so will result in the award being rescinded.

Table 1: Timelines

Deadline for submission of applications to Faculty Scientific Computing Committee (SCC) for internal review & Dean/Deputy Dean's signature. *Note: A technical report from ICTS is compulsory for requests of R100 000 or more (see section 13 of application form) and must be obtained in advance of this deadline.*	**31 May 2024**
SCC reviews and scores applications	**4-11 June 2024**
SCC Chair collates reviewers scores	**12-13 June 2024**
SCC meeting to rank applications	**14 June 2024**
Faculty ACC Representatives to submit ranked applications to ACC Servicing Officer (Robyn.Udemans@uct.ac.za).	**28 June 2024**
ACC review meeting.	**16 July 2024**
Deadline for submission of ACC recommendations to Resource Allocation Advisory Group (RAAG).	**31 July 2024**
Funding outcomes confirmed to applicants and Faculty representatives.	**End January 2025**

Table 2: Faculty representatives on the ACC

Faculty	Committee	ACC representative	Contact details
Health Sciences	FHS Scientific Computing Committee	Prof T Franz Prof N Mulder	Email: Ms Carlette Hlungwani – Tel: 021 406-6087 **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:** research.health@uct.ac.za