

2025 Faculty of Humanities Emerging Researcher Award

Closing date: 31 January 2026

Nominations are invited for the 2025 Faculty of Humanities Emerging Researcher Award.

The Emerging Researcher Award is offered in recognition of outstanding scholarly work by young and emerging researchers in the Faculty of Humanities who have made significant independent contributions to research in their field. In particular, the award seeks to recognise and reward research that contributes to some of the faculty's key strategic goals, including research that enhances scholarship on Africa and the global South and scholarship that reflects critical engagement with local and global struggles for social and economic justice and sustainable development.

One award of R 30,000 will be made. Should there be no qualifying nominations, no award will be made.

Eligibility Criteria

Any UCT academic staff member may submit nominations. Staff may nominate themselves.

The criteria for nominees are:

- Permanent and T2 contract UCT academic staff.
- Completed PhD not more than six years ago.
- Currently at Lecturer or Senior Lecturer level.

Nomination Process

Applications should include:

- The full CV of the nominee, including publications or equivalent scholarly outputs for the past 3 years.
- A statement of the nominee's scholarly accomplishments (one page).
- A written sample of research work (published or unpublished) of not more than 30 pages; and
- Two referee reports. 1 referee must be from another academic institution or from a non-academic institution that can speak to the impact of the research. Referee reports should specifically speak to the merit and social or academic impact of the research.

Please email applications as one single PDF file to hum-dean@uct.ac.za.

The committee to select the Emerging Researcher Award will consist of the Deputy Dean of Research and Internationalisation, a nominee from FRC, the Director of HUMA, and will be chaired by the Dean. The awards will be regarded as final and there will be no appeal process.

For more information, please feel free to contact: bodhisattva.kar@uct.ac.za.

I look forward to your submissions!

Best regards,

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