



# Call for Applications

## Faculty of Health Sciences Research Committee (FRC)

### Research Stimulus Award

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1st October 2025



The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) is seeking applications for the 2025 Research Stimulus Awards. The award is aimed at supporting interdisciplinary and/or translational research in the FHS that stimulates novel research areas, enabling work that would generate data to support further grant applications. Support is provided in the form of funding for a research project to be conducted by at least 2 researchers from different departments. Collaborations between researchers/groups that have not worked together before will be prioritised.

### Eligibility

- Applications to be made by researchers from **more than one department** within the FHS or University with the Principal Investigator's (PI) appointment being within the FHS
- Applicants and co-applicants (maximum 3 co-applicants) to:
  - Hold a PhD or MBChB/Allied Health Professional degree
  - Have at least 5 years of research experience, after obtaining their PhD or health professional degree
  - Be employed as a permanent academic/joint staff member or on a T2 contract for the period of the award (up to at least November 2027)

### Value and Conditions of Award

- Up to R250 000 available per award.
- Awards to be paid out in one tranche and spent over a period of up to 2 years.
- Awards may be used to support research activities that include but are not limited to:
  - Fieldwork costs
  - Participant reimbursement
  - Data capturer, Research assistant, etc (maximum R100 000)
  - Minor equipment (maximum R50 000)
  - Student scholarships/bursaries (maximum R50 000 top up)
  - Postdoctoral fellowships (maximum R50 000 top up)
  - Statistical advice/analysis
- Awards may **NOT** be used for:
  - Laptops/tablets/hard drives
  - Conference travel and conference attendance
  - Publication costs
- Awards will not be disbursed until ethical and/or biosafety approval (if applicable) has been obtained.

### Reports

Successful awardees will have to submit a detailed mid-period report (due end November 2026) and a final report (due end November 2027).

## How to apply

- Complete the attached application form.
- Save the application form (**6 pages max**) and a 1-page CV of the Principal Investigator and each Co-investigator as a single PDF file (for the filename, use the first name and surname of the Principal Investigator, followed by 'STIMULUS 2025')
- Email the application to [research.health@uct.ac.za](mailto:research.health@uct.ac.za), with the subject line '**STIMULUS 2025 Application**' on or before **01 October 2025**.
- Applications that do not follow the above guidelines may be rejected.

All queries to be sent to [research.health@uct.ac.za](mailto:research.health@uct.ac.za)