



Faculty of Health Sciences Research Equipment Infrastructure Grants (FEC)



Deadline for Applications to Faculty Research Office (research.health@uct.ac.za): 17 April 2026

Purpose:

The University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences Equipment Committee (FEC) seeks to advance the research equipment infrastructure of the Faculty, aligned with the research strategies of the Faculty and Departments. The purpose of this scheme is to provide co-funding to research groups for single items of research equipment that do not qualify for equipment funding awards from the University Equipment Committee (UEC) or the Academic Computing Committee. This may include, but is not limited to, items such as handheld data collection devices, freezers, centrifuges, laminar flow hoods, autoclaves, and incubators. Broadly speaking, this category includes any essential research equipment that is classified as 'infrastructure' by the UEC or that is below the UEC funding threshold of R100,000.

Award value:

- The maximum award from the FEC is R100,000.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must hold an academic or joint appointment in the UCT Faculty of Health Sciences and are limited to one application per round.

Criteria for selection:

- Only applications for single items of equipment that are expressly driven by the needs of research will be considered.
- Awards will be made on a competitive basis.
- Applications must be endorsed by the Chair of the applicant's Departmental Research Committee (DRC; see below).
- Applications will be reviewed by the FEC and ranked based on the strength of the research need (including benefit to student and postdoctoral fellow projects), alignment with the Faculty research strategy and DRC ranking.

How to apply:

- Applications should be submitted on the template provided on the next page. Please send complete applications signed by both the applicant and the Chair of the relevant DRC (or Head of Department if DRC Chair not available). PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR LIST OF DRCs: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/fhs/research/frc>.
- The application form must be accompanied by at least two recent quotes or a motivation for a single quote.

Award conditions:

- The applicant and/or Head of Department must provide a minimum contribution of 10% of the total cost of the equipment.
- The FEC will not be responsible for currency differences caused by delays in purchasing equipment.
- If there is a saving due to currency differences, excess funds must be returned to the FEC.
- Copies of the invoices of the final amounts must be submitted to the Faculty Research Office.
- Any awarded funds that are unspent at the end of 2026 must be returned to the FEC.

Timelines:

- Applications must be submitted to the Faculty Research Office at research.health@uct.ac.za by **17 April 2026**.
- DRCs will receive applications from the Faculty Research Office to rank within the department and return for FEC review (DRCs will be required to submit their rankings to research.health@uct.ac.za by 28 April 2026).

Please note that applicants should liaise directly with the Faculty Research Office (research.health@uct.ac.za or Tel: 406 6087) if there are any queries on this award scheme.



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Please submit the completed application form with annexures as a **single PDF file** by email to research.health@uct.ac.za. **Hardcopies are not accepted.**

Where applicable mark with **X**

PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT						
Surname				First name		
Position				Title		
Division / Dept						
Telephone				Email		
Appointment	Academic		Joint staff			
	Start date			End date (if contract)		

RESEARCH OUTPUTS				
Please provide number of publications in the last five years in the table below. Attach your publication list with full references (i.e. authors, title, year, name of journal/publisher, volume and page numbers) as ANNEXURE 1.				
Number of publications	First author	Senior author	Other author	Total
Articles in ISI-accredited journals				
Articles in other journals				
Books				
Book chapters				
Conference abstracts / proceedings				

POSTGRADUATE and POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SUPERVISION			
Please provide numbers for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows you supervise or co-supervise currently, and for students/postdocs you have supervised or co-supervised to graduation in the table below. Attach a list with full details (student's/postdoc's name, level, title of dissertation/thesis, year of commencement and graduation (if applicable), your role) as ANNEXURE 2.			
CURRENT Students/Postdocs	Supervisor	Co-supervisor	Total
Honours			
Masters			
PhD			
Postdoctoral fellows			
GRADUATED Students/Postdocs	Supervisor	Co-supervisor	Total

Honours			
Masters			
PhD			
Postdoctoral fellows			

DETAILS OF RESEARCH EQUIPMENT	
<p>Short description of the equipment being applied for and of the research need (max 1/2 page). Please specifically briefly highlight student and/or postdoc projects that will benefit from the requested equipment, as well as how the requested research equipment infrastructure will support the Faculty's research strategy.</p>	
<p>Please attach two recent quotes for the requested equipment.</p>	

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE			
Signature		Date	

ENDORSEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR (DRC) or HOD

Comment

DRC/HOD

Name

Date

Signature