**Nomination for NRF sabbatical grant to complete Doctoral degree - 2016**

Faculty of Health Sciences

This NRF funding opportunity relates to “Improving Academic Qualifications of Academic Staff and Researchers”.

Heads of Department are requested to nominate UCT staff members currently nearing completion of their Doctoral qualification (i.e. they are preparing a thesis for examination).

Awards are valued at R100 000 for a 6-month period and R200 000 for a 12-month period; 80% of the award may be used for lecturer replacement. Teaching schedules would need to be taken into account when nominations are made. Should an application be successful, candidates must be granted “special leave” to relieve them of their teaching duties only, for the duration of the award (this will not be considered sabbatical leave).

*Nominees must be:*

* Full-time academic employees engaged in research in any discipline and registered in doctoral programmes in public universities or research institutions in South Africa;
* Employed in a permanent position or on a full-time fixed-term appointment/contract for the period of support and at least one year after completion of the sabbatical leave;
* South African citizens;
* Relieved of teaching related duties during the six- or twelve month period of the sabbatical; and
* Completing their doctoral degree at the point of application and must intend to complete the dissertation write-up in the six or twelve month sabbatical period (please note that this is important because many of our applicants were not successful in the past because the NRF considered their applications to be premature).

The sabbatical leave may commence in 2016 from the day of receipt of notification of a successful application outcome, and no later than 1 October 2016. Submission of the thesis should be no later than three months from the completion of the sabbatical leave.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research will finalise the nomination list, after which nominees will be invited to complete their *Curriculum Vitae* and application form via the NRF’s online system.

*Please submit this form only (no additional documentation required at this stage) to* *research.health@uct.ac.za* *by* ***9am*** *on* ***Friday 17 April 2015.***

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| **Applicant Name** |  |
| **Are you a South African citizen?** |  |
| **ID number** |  |
| **Race** |  |
| **Gender** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Departmental address** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Full-time employee on academic conditions of service? (yes/no)** |  |
| **Permanent or contract staff? If on contract, indicate when contract ends** |  |
| **Field of Study** |  |
| **Duration of sabbatical leave (6 or 12 months)** |  |
| **Expected start and end dates of sabbatical leave** |  |
| **Date of first registration for PhD** |  |
| **Will you be able to complete your thesis write-up within the sabbatical period?** |  |
| **Expected date of submission of PhD** |  |
| **Will all your teaching duties be covered during the sabbatical period?** |  |
| **Applicant signature** |  |
| **Head of Department signature and endorsement*** *Funding application to the NRF is supported*
* *Applicant will have no teaching duties during award period*
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