

INVESTING IN IMPACT

The University of Cape Town has broken new ground on the African continent. Its research has expanded the boundaries of knowledge, shaping lives. For almost two hundred years, its graduates have gone on to win Nobel prizes and lead at all levels of society all around the world. As the highest ranked university in Africa, UCT has much to be proud of, but much remains to be done. Distinguishing UCT is a fundraising campaign to grow the University's endowment – a permanent source of funding that will enhance UCT's ability to work towards its vision and mission.

The university wants to grow the undesignated endowment from R500 million to R1 billion in the next three years.

INVEST IN UCT'S FUTURE

A gift to the undesignated endowment fund will allow UCT to intervene effectively where the need is greatest.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE MANAGED?

The funds raised by the Distinguishing UCT Campaign will be deposited into the endowment fund, which is overseen by the UCT Foundation, a legally independent entity. The endowment portfolio is managed by the Joint Investment Committee (JIC), which is made up of members of the University Council, the university executive and financial experts. The funds are held in a mutual unit trust portfolio with individual funds participating in the underlying investments based on the original investment. About 595 individual funds make up the total endowed fund with a current investment value of approximately R3 billion. Over 80% of these funds are designated for specific purposes, such as named chairs, scholarships, fellowships and bursaries. The JIC sets the guidelines for investment policy within which the investment managers may operate. Income distribution is made on an annual basis with an emphasis on always protecting the capital amount.

HOW TO GIVE

Please visit www.distinguishinguct.uct.ac.za to make a gift, or contact:

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The campaign also provides a unique opportunity for donor recognition and acknowledgement.

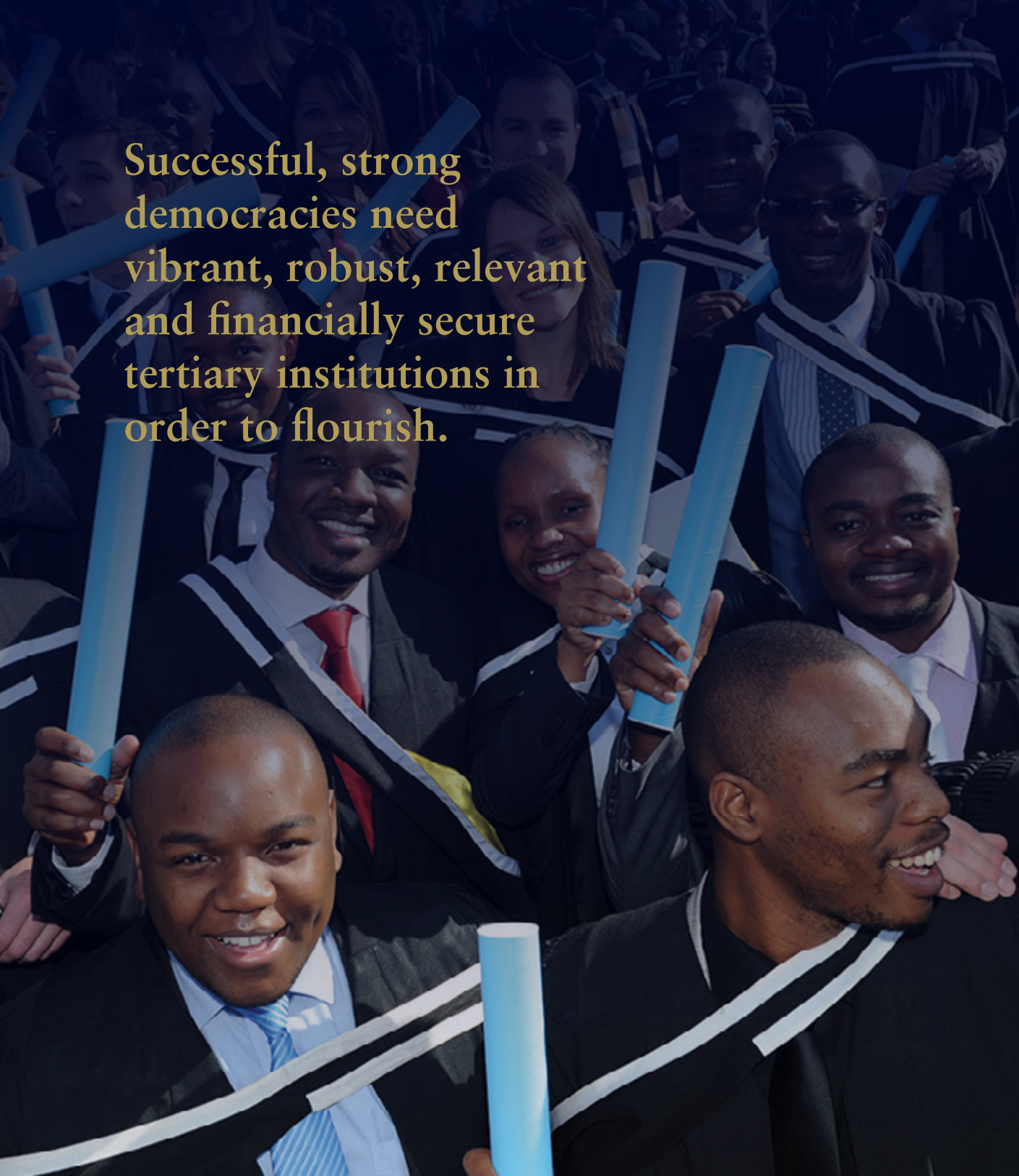


DISTINGUISHING UCT

The campaign to grow our endowment



Advancing Excellence • Investing in Talent • Realising Transformation



Successful, strong democracies need vibrant, robust, relevant and financially secure tertiary institutions in order to flourish.

MAKING A BOLD STATEMENT

The Distinguishing UCT campaign supports UCT's Strategic Plan for 2016-2019. All gifts will help UCT to achieve three main goals:

ADVANCING EXCELLENCE

UCT is the continent's intellectual powerhouse. Its cross-disciplinary and trans-faculty approach allows it to pool resources and forge links that lead to better research, with greater impact. The university has a deep commitment to African knowledge production and the development of African solutions to global challenges. Researchers at UCT are making critical advances in everything from the fight against infectious diseases to advancing democracy in Africa.

The Distinguishing UCT campaign, will strengthen the services dedicated to supporting and advancing scholarship, and providing catalytic funding for strategic research and teaching programmes. As the premier academic meeting point between South Africa, the rest of Africa, and the world, UCT is producing the next generation of academics and professionals.

INVESTING IN TALENT

The skills gap remains a critical obstacle to South Africa's advancement. UCT wants to graduate more spirited and educated citizens who are able to think critically and innovatively, and go on to make a vital contribution to the development of a healthy, democratic and equitable society.

For many students, a place at UCT would be an unrealisable dream without financial support. The Distinguishing UCT Campaign will boost the university's student financial aid program, enabling more students to access not only tuition but also a place in residence. Experience shows that the academic success rate for students from disadvantaged backgrounds in residence accommodation is significantly higher than for those who commute from township environments.

A strong endowment can provide financial stability for the university for generations to come. Growing the undesignated endowment will give UCT much-needed flexibility in the face of declining government subsidies to respond to wherever the need is greatest.

REALISING TRANSFORMATION

UCT is committed to a vision of transformation that advances non-racialism, diversity and inclusiveness. This involves creating an institutional culture that is affirming for all who come to the university, a working environment that respects the dignity of all staff, and a demographic profile that reflects the democratic transition that has taken place in the country.

The Distinguishing UCT campaign will allow more targeted support for the following strategic transformation priorities:

- Diversifying the academy
- Diversifying the staff body
- Creating safe spaces for critical conversations
- Reforming the curriculum
- Reimagining UCT's heritage, culture, signs and symbols
- Reviewing UCT governance and support structures