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## **Increase in applications for 2018 admission at UCT**

With only a few days before the closing date of 30 September, the University of Cape Town has received 31 200 applicants from undergraduate students to date – in comparison to the 28 600 received at the same time last year.

The university's overall student population for 2017 – including postgraduate students – is approximately 29 000.

The 31 200 undergraduate applications received so far include 27 040 first time-entering students, which is at this point a 15% increase compared to the same time last year.

UCT has the capacity to enrol a total of 4 200 first-year students for the 2018 academic year.

In the previous academic year, 26 416 first-year applications were received – comprising 22 470 applications by South Africans and 3 946 by international students.

Applications can be made both manually or online. The university recommends online applications where possible, with over 97% of the applications received being online.

The university does not accept late or walk-in applications.

Applicants who need financial assistance can submit their application directly to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) online application system. Applications for financial aid close on 30 November 2017 and can be completed here.

In addition to the NSFAS funding as well as bursaries and merit-based entrance scholarships, UCT makes funding available through GAP Funding for students whose family income is greater than the NSFAS threshold but lower than R600 000 per annum.

The university residences have capacity to accommodate 6 725 students. Further assistance is provided by the Off Campus Student Accommodation Office for students to assist them in securing off-campus accommodation, near the university at affordable costs similar to the costs of UCT residences.

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