UIT Trust celebrates 20 years of fundraising

£20 million raised in the UK and Europe for UCT projects

The UIT Trust was established as a UK registered charity in 1991, during Dr Stuart Saunders’ tenure as Vice-Chancellor. Since then, with the help of Vice-Chancellors past and present, and the steadfast support of the Board of Trustees, the UIT Trust has successfully raised significant funds for bursaries, fellowships, new buildings and laboratory refurbishments at UCT.

Despite the economic woes currently besetting the UK, 2011 is shaping up to be a record breaking year for the UIT Trust, thanks in large part to The Wolfson Foundation who have made a superb contribution of £550,000 to the new residence building in Observatory.

The Sigrid Raising Trust is currently in the fifth year of its Scholarship and Visitorship Programme which is aimed at refugees and Scholars at Risk, while the David and Elaine Potter Foundation continues its prestigious Fellowship Programme which supports and encourages individuals to become leaders in an effective and democratic civil society in South Africa and on the continent.

A Leverhulme Trust Fellowship Programme is encouraging young black graduates to remain in academia, and a new Professorship in the Faculty of Health Sciences is launched this year thanks to the support of a number of UK donors. In 2011, Rio Tinto doubled the size of its Engineering Scholarship programme, while the Maria Marina Foundation began a substantial bursary programme over three years for young women from disadvantaged backgrounds.

UK based UCT alumni have also been generous, making contributions to the Annual Appeal, the Law Faculty, SHAWCO and bursary programmes. The UIT Trust would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported projects at UCT over the years.

Former bursary recipient teams up with his UK sponsor - to support bursary programme

Sir Chips Keswick, a former Director of Hambros Bank and currently non-Executive Director of De Beers and Investec amongst other companies, has been a staunch supporter of UCT for many years. Back in 1998, he supported a young UCT graduate, Yokow Quansah, when he spent a year studying for a Masters at UMIT in the UK. Yokow graduated 3rd in his class and returned to South Africa to forge a career in the business world.

Ten years later, Sir Chips threw down the gauntlet: he challenged Yokow to start “putting something back” and offered to double any amount that Yokow was prepared to donate towards a bursary at UCT.

Yokow eagerly took up the challenge and thus the Keswick Quansah Postgraduate Bursary Programme was born.

In 2011 and 2012, Sir Chips and Yokow are together supporting a young aspiring businessman as he studies for an MPhil in Financial Mathematics at UCT.

Yokow is now the proud father of two small children, and, having worked for SAA, Coca Cola, and Investec, is currently employed by Sentech, South Africa’s radio and TV signal broadcaster. He is thrilled to be part of the growing band of alumni who have pledged their support for UCT: “It means a lot to me to be able to contribute positively to the advancement of a new generation of leaders for the country”.

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NEW STUDENT RESIDENCE

UCT has embarked on an ambitious new capital programme over the last couple of years: and one of the first buildings to near completion is an impressive new residence block on Main Road, Observatory.

This building will provide another 880 beds and is crucial to UCT’s goal to create a safe environment for the many students who come from the townships. These students face unstable living and unsafe travelling conditions, and this, together with a lack of computer facilities at home, is a major factor in the failure of many young black students – despite obvious ability – to progress beyond even the first year. It has repeatedly been shown that improved throughput and retention can be linked to a positive residence experience.

Life in a residence provides security, stability, mentoring, computer access, and a whole university life experience which is beneficial to all, but essential to those who hail from profoundly disadvantaged backgrounds and are the first generation of their family to have the opportunity to attend tertiary education.

UCT alumni from around the world are invited to play a role in helping UCT meet the cost of this major project. Donations of £10,000, over a period of up to 3 years, offer the opportunity to name a room in the new residence, and receive a mention in a Roll of Honour at their old residence. This support will also encourage the students who stay in the residences to one day make their own contribution to UCT. See pledge form on page 4 for details of how you can make your contribution.

UK Alumni Bursary Programme

The UK Alumni Bursary Programme is funded by contributions from UK based alumni and is currently supporting three talented students at UCT.

Bursaries in all disciplines continue to be a priority, so that more young people from the townships and rural areas have the chance to receive a world class education, and become the business leaders, doctors, lawyers and role models of tomorrow.

By far the majority of financial aid students are the first member of their family to attend a tertiary institution: they are truly remarkable young people who have overcome enormous obstacles just to arrive at UCT.

Your support will, without a doubt, change someone’s life.

Perinatal Mental Health Project – Caring for Mothers, Caring for the Future

In South Africa, one out of every three women experiences depression during or after pregnancy. Most of these live in deprived communities and many are often also coping with a lack of support, violence, HIV/Aids and substance abuse.

The PMHP is an innovative project, developing practical models for mental health service integration with a vision that sees all women having access to routine mental health care both during and after pregnancy as part of their regular maternal care. Improving the wellbeing of mothers in distress is crucial for the wellbeing and positive development of impoverished communities.

The PMHP is required to generate its own funds in order to continue its life changing work. Just £30 will enable the PMHP to screen ten women, while a £330 will pay for the psychiatric treatment of three needy mothers.

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Honours

Eminent UCT Trustee and UCT alumnus, Professor Jeffrey Jowell QC, was awarded a knighthood in the 2011 Queen’s Birthday Honours List, in recognition of his outstanding services to human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Now entitled Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, he is Director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, and is Professor Emeritus at University College London, where he was Professor of Public Law, Dean and Vice-Provost.

UCT has awarded an Honorary Doctorate to UCT Trustee, Baroness Lynda Chalker of Wallasey. As Minister of State at the FCO, Baroness Chalker held responsibility for Africa between 1986 and 1997, and became a life peer in 1992. Her tireless support for Africa is widely recognised by African leaders who have dubbed her “Mama Africa”.

Appointments

The UCT Trust recently appointed Professor Hugh Corder and Dr Elaine Potter as Trustees.

A graduate of the universities of Cape Town, Cambridge and Oxford, Prof Hugh Corder has been Professor of Public Law at UCT since 1987. His work has concentrated on popular legal education, race relations, human rights and the abolition of the death penalty. He served as a technical adviser in the drafting of the transitional Bill of Rights for South Africa.

After growing up in South Africa, Dr Elaine Potter went to Nuffield College, Oxford where she obtained a DPhil on the political role of the press in South Africa, before joining the Sunday Times as a writer. She co-authored several Sunday Times books, including Suffer the Children: the Story of Thalidomide, and edited the holocaust memoir, A Jump for Life. A Trustee of the Centre for Investigative Journalism, she is also co-founder of the David and Elaine Potter Foundation.
An Alumni Reception was hosted by VC Dr Max Price in the sumptuous surroundings of Mansion House, the residence of the Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Over 120 alumni and friends were treated to a fascinating lecture from alumnus, Dr Ian Goldin, who gave his eye-opening predictions for the future of the planet.

VC Dr Max Price gave a quick update on the good news emanating from UCT, as well as the current challenges it faces, and guests were honoured with the presence of the Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Bear, himself a South African and a Wits alumnus, who was delighted to welcome so many fellow South Africans to his home.

Dean of Law, Professor PJ Schwikkard, and the UCT Trust hosted an Alumni Leadership Forum at the Middle Temple in London. Eminent UCT alumnus, Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC, gave a thought provoking talk entitled “Is the Rule of Law a Universal Value?”

Dr Price paid a visit to Cambridge during his latest UK trip, and hosted a lunch for a group of 25 alumni who were delighted to meet him and receive a UCT update.

Nov 2010: Alumni donned their Springbok jerseys and gathered in a Wimbledon pub to enjoy SA’s rugby victory

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Please visit our website for more pictures and up-to-date news about UCT alumni events in the UK.
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* A donation of £10,000 over a maximum of 3 years will entitle you to name a room in the new residence building
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