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UCT law faculty gives back to top students

The University of Cape Town's Faculty of Law, through its *Law 150* Endowment scholarships, is giving 10 top black South African learners an opportunity to study law at UCT in 2012.

Law 150 refers to the fund raising campaign that the Faculty of Law at UCT launched when it celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008. The first lecture was given on 18th March 1859. Thanks to the generosity of UCT law alumni, an endowment fund provides for this initiative where scholarships valued at R40 000 are given to each of the 10 learners.

Dean of Law, Professor PJ Schwikkard said: "In order to continue our tradition of excellence we need a diverse student body so that we can produce law graduates who can serve the diverse South African population."

To generate awareness about the scholarship, in 2010 the faculty used MXIT and Seventeen Online. "This year we wanted to reach the teachers, because even though our scholarship winners have come from a variety of schools across the country, we really do want to reach talented learners wherever they are", said Shwikkard.

"We have tried to spread the good news as far and wide as possible," comments Development Manager Pauline Alexander. "We use UCT Open Days and evenings, we visited various schools across the country in 2009 to inform potential students about funding opportunities such as this, and there are also the student initiatives in the Western Cape such as the Legal Welfare Community Organisation (LAWCO)."

This year the faculty of Law has 34 students on scholarships, 26 of whom are funded by the Endowment Fund. Since 2008, just over R2 million has been awarded in the form of scholarships – R 1.3 million from law alumni and the balance from law firms who have partnered with UCT.

Applications for scholarships close on 31 August. For more information please email Pauline.Alexander@uct.ac.za.

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