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## **UCT to stage three graduation ceremonies next week**

Approximately 900 students will be capped when the University of Cape Town stages three graduation ceremonies on Friday, 14 July 2017 in Jameson Hall. The three ceremonies will start at 09:00, 14:00 and 18:00.

About 100 doctoral candidates are expected to graduate during the three ceremonies.

UCT Registrar, Royston Pillay said: "We are always honoured to see our students complete such academic milestones. We are especially proud of students who are graduating with doctoral degrees. The findings of their theses will have a positive impact on the lives of people in South Africa and the rest of the continent."

Two speakers have been confirmed for the first two ceremonies. Social justice activist, Zackie Achmat, will speak at the 09:00 ceremony where he will receive an honorary doctorate (LLD honoris causa). The Nedbank Group Executive, Ciko Thomas, will speak at the 14:00 ceremony.

Professor David Chidester of the Department of Religious Studies will receive the UCT Book Award at the 09:00 ceremony for his 2014 book, *Empire of Religion: Imperialism and Comparative Religion*. This will be his second UBA award from UCT, he received his first in 1993. Internationally acclaimed concert pianist, Associate Professor Francois du Toit from the South African College of Music will also receive the University Creative Works Award at the 09:00 ceremony. His award is in recognition of his performance of *The Five Beethoven Concertii* with the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Hon Degree</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Book award</b>	<b>Creative Works Award (CWA)</b>	<b>Graduates of interest</b>
09:00	Zackie Achmat	Zackie Achmat	Professor David Chidester	Associate Professor Francois du Toit	Habib Noorbhai (Mr South Africa) – PhD in

					Sports Science
14:00		Mr Ciko Thomas			

All ceremonies are open to members of the media.

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