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**UCT investigating allegations against lecturer**

The University of Cape Town is investigating allegations of gender-based violence made on social media against a lecturer.

The incident has been reported to the Office for Inclusivity & Change (OIC) as per the university’s commitment to responding to allegations of this nature. The OIC has made contact with the survivor and will work with her and other relevant authorities to support and advise the complainant.

UCT reiterates that the principle of ‘innocent until proven guilty’ is applicable in this matter. All staffing matters must be managed through fair processes in accordance with the university’s policies and legislation. UCT’s HR department is leading this process.

The university will continue to contribute to all efforts to rid society of the scourge of gender-based violence, particularly when these allegations surface during a period in which it appears so pervasive throughout the country.

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