

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

POSTGRADUATE FUNDING OFFICE

Lestrade Scholarships – 2025

The Lestrade Scholarships were founded in terms of the will of Mrs CMJ Lestrade, wife of the late Professor G P Lestrade, who held the Chair in African Languages at the University of Cape Town. The conditions governing the award of the scholarships are as follows:

1. The scholarship(s) shall be awarded without distinction of sex, race, nationality, political affinity, or religious creed.
2. The scholarship(s) shall be for the encouragement of the study of languages, from the linguistic in contradistinction to the literary aspect and **shall in preference be awarded for the linguistic study of the indigenous languages of Africa.**
3. The scholarship(s) shall be awarded only to such students as shall already have shown some marked ability in linguistic study.
4. The scholarships are tenable for one year but may be renewable subject to satisfactory progress as per the conditions shown in "**Tenure**" below.
5. The scholarships will be awarded by the Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee (or a sub-committee thereof) and may be held concurrently with other awards/income, subject to the prevailing supplementary funding limitations.
6. UCT does not guarantee that an applicant will receive funding and reserves the right not to make an award and/or cancel or withdraw awards.

Conditions of Award:

Level: Postgraduate study –

Honours, Masters and Doctoral. Final year Undergraduate students will be considered, but preference will be given to 1st year Honours, 1st & 2nd year Masters and 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Doctoral candidates.

Value: Final Year Undergraduate – Up to R24,000

Honours – Up to R30,000

Master's – Up to R36,000

Doctoral – Up to R42,000

The awards will be made in terms of the following categories, in priority order:

1. Linguistic study of indigenous African language/s
2. African Linguistics
3. Linguistics in general.

Tenure: Please note that funding is restricted to ONE year, as follows:

- One year for the final year of undergraduate study.
- One year at the Honours level, for the first year of study only.
- One year at the Master's level, for the first or second year of study, but renewable only for the SECOND year of Master's study. Students proceeding to a third year of Master's or beyond, are **ineligible**.
- One year at the Doctoral level, for the first, second and third year of the Doctoral degree. Students proceeding to a fourth year of Doctoral study or beyond, are **ineligible**.

Applications must be complete and submitted to pgfunding@uct.ac.za by no later than 26 March 2025

The sections below must be completed, and the following documents must be attached to this application:

- Academic Transcripts (Please do not attach copies of Certificates).
 - 2 letters of recommendation from academics who have taught or supervised you.
 - Master's and Doctoral students should attach a brief outline of their research, specifying the extent of the linguistic component or indigenous African language component (no longer than 1000 words).
 - Students applying for renewal must attach a report showing academic progress. This report must be signed by the applicant's Supervisor.
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