

Terms and Conditions for Undergraduate and Honours Scholarship Students (Department of Astronomy, University of Cape Town) 2020

1. The duration of a UCT Dept. of Astronomy undergraduate/honours scholarship is one year for honours or fourth-year students, two years for third-year students, three years for second-year students and four years for first-year students.
2. A scholarship from UCT Dept. of Astronomy is renewable each year, for the duration of the respective degree, at the sole discretion of the UCT Dept. of Astronomy and is subject to satisfactory academic performance.
 - a. In order for a scholarship to be renewed, a student must achieve a minimum average of 60%, in both their mid-year and year-end exams, each year, for the duration of the respective degree.
 - b. Students are required to submit copies of their mid-year and year-end university results to the UCT Dept. of Astronomy, for evaluation. Mid-year results must be submitted to the UCT Dept. of Astronomy by 15 July of each year, and year-end results must be submitted to the UCT Dept. of Astronomy by 15 January of each year.
3. On completion of a degree funded by a UCT Dept. of Astronomy scholarship, students must submit a copy of their degree certificate to UCT Dept. of Astronomy.
4. Students who do not obtain the degree for which the scholarship was awarded, relinquish their studies, or leave the tertiary institution during the period for which the scholarship was awarded, will have to refund all payments of the scholarship already paid to them.
5. All UCT Dept. of Astronomy funded honours and fourth-year students are required to attend an annual field trip. The field trips are designed to create an awareness of radio astronomy, as well as the developments and opportunities in radio astronomy in South Africa. Field trips are organised and paid for by the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO), and take place during the mid-year university holidays.
6. Honours and fourth year students, funded with a scholarship from UCT Dept. of Astronomy, who achieve an average of 75%, or more, in their mid-year exams, may be invited to SARAO's annual postgraduate scholarship conference, which take place at the end of November each year. Attendance at the conference will provide students with the opportunity to engage with the radio astronomy community, meet potential postgraduate supervisors, and understand the postgraduate research environment.
7. Following the National Research Foundation's policy, students are allowed to hold supplementary grants with this scholarship, to a maximum of 50% of the UCT Dept. of Astronomy scholarship, but the student must inform the UCT Dept. of Astronomy, of such awards.