



**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
POSTGRADUATE FUNDING OFFICE
Lestrade Scholarships – 2025**

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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**.

APPLICATION FOR THE LESTRADE SCHOLARSHIP

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 (**see referee report template**)
- 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.

NEW APPLICATION				RENEWAL OF AWARD			
Student Number		Name		Surname			
E-mail Address:		Cell Phone No:					
Degree for which you are registered in 2025	Honours		Master's		Doctoral		
Year of study for above degree in 2025	1 st		2 nd		3 rd		
Honour's Students – Name of Course Convenor -- OR -- Master's and Doctoral Students – Name of Supervisor:							
Are you employed	Yes		No		If YES, Please state the number of hours that you work per week. Not more than 20 hours per week.		
Please state your earnings: Per week:			OR	Per Month R			
I, the Applicant for the Lestrade Scholarship, undertake to comply with the conditions of award and understand that incomplete and/or late applications will be disqualified.							
Signature				Date			