

Why plan your career with us?

University of Cape Town's Careers Service has enabled students to enter the world of work **equipped with a set of skills and attributes that set them apart from others**, in order for them to make a meaningful contribution to society.

That said, we recognise that students enter their academic journey at university with questions not only about their programmes of study, their degree choice, but also **questions about how this will enable and equip them for a career in the world of work** in order to make a difference.

Through its offerings ranging from **1:1 consultations, webinars, career- and employment-related events**, Careers Service can answer the questions you may have as you consider and plan your career options.

We enable you to own your future by helping you discover **what interests you and how this informs your job choices**, your choice of profession, support you as you identify the skills and research resources you will need to get to where you'd like to go on your journey, and finally **walk alongside you as you find answers** and become career ready to take action to enter the world of work.

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On the web

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www.mycareer.uct.ac.za

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In your pocket

UCT Mobile App

On social media

Instagram: @uctcareersservice

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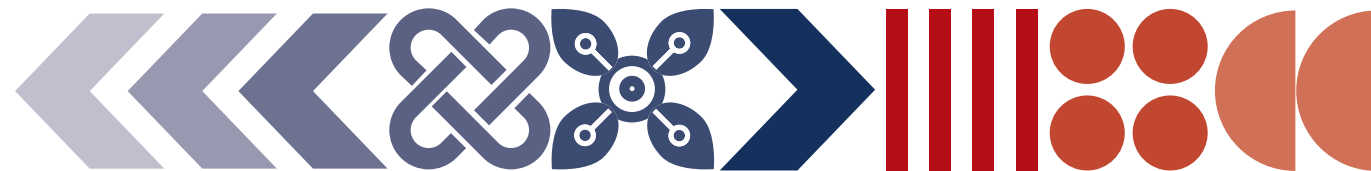
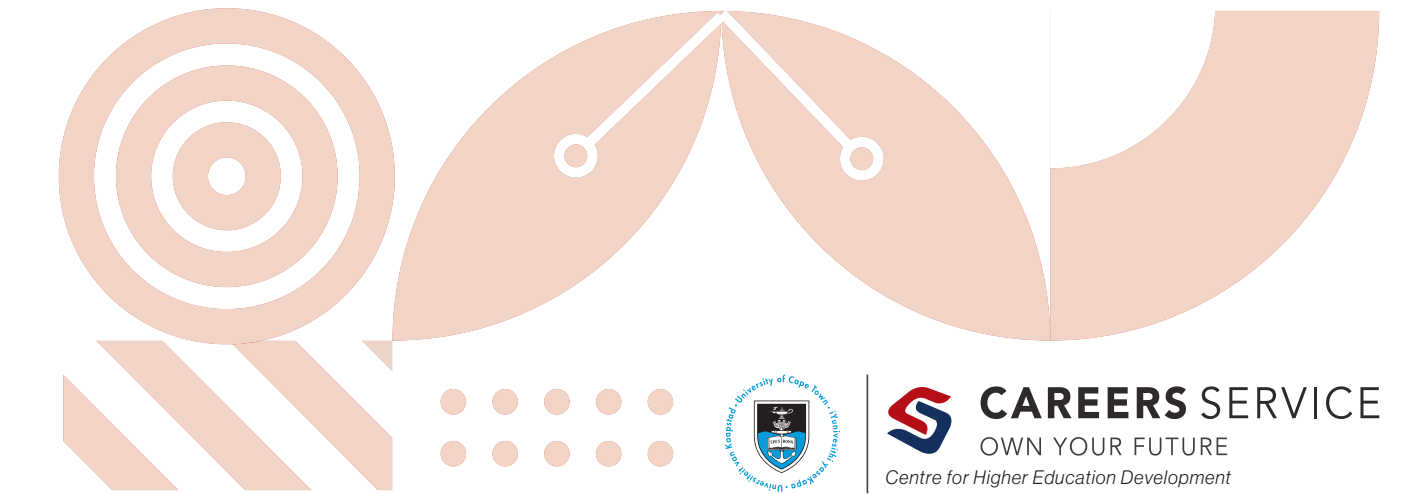
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Your Year Planner 2025

Start where you are



CAREERS SERVICE
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Centre for Higher Education Development

So, let's start with where you are!

- 1 Place a tick** under the statements/questions that best describe how you currently feel
- 2** Let us know if you'd like to gain answers to questions arising from your statements by **sending an email** to careers.service@uct.ac.za, and we will arrange a session with you
- 3** Alternatively, you can **visit our website**, careers.uct.ac.za for informative, helpful Career Service resources

Which of the following statements /questions describe where you find yourself currently?

Discover

- I am uncertain about who / what I might become and what's out there for me?
- I'm not aware of what I have to offer, or how my degree is going to help with my future
- I am unsure of what the working world expects of me as a successful graduate in a career to which I may be well-matched.

Focus

- I've got some ideas now, but need to learn and explore more to help me choose what's right for me
- I'm beginning to understand how my knowledge, attributes, skills, abilities and experiences support my future options and what I might need to develop
- I am beginning to understand how information and experiences can help me become a successful and a work-ready graduate in sectors that interest me

Action

- I've got a really good understanding of myself and have a plan in place to put into action
- I'm confident in identifying what knowledge, attributes, skills, abilities and experiences I have developed through what I study and do, and articulating what is relevant
- I am able to analyse and apply relevant sector/industry insights to achieve my career choice and perform effectively in that career



SELECT STATEMENT AND CAPTURE DATA ELECTRONICALLY

Start where you are

Events to follow along your journey

TERM 1





-  Discover the strengths and interests that inform your career choice; attend the Know Yourself, Know Your Why event
-  Join societies and sports clubs that interest you, but **prioritise your academics.**
-  **Need a bursary?** Look for suitable opportunities on My Career Portal and attend the Applying for Bursaries event.
-  Doubting your degree choice or uncertain where it can lead? **Contact us!** www.careers.uct.ac.za



Are you an aspiring entrepreneur? Visit our website for information about the UCT entrepreneurship community and find helpful resources.



TERM 2

-  **Orientation & registration**
Complete all faculty orientation activities –they are all important.
-  **Discover career options with your degree**
 **Attend faculty career events.** Explore different prospects your degree can prepare you for during our Options with Your Degree events
-  **Attend the Internship and Job Expo:** Discover who are offering bursaries and scholarship opportunities

-  **Discover:** choose these events when you're *uncertain* about your future career or *need more information* before making decisions.
-  **Focus:** choose these events when you *have some idea* about what your future career path may look like.
-  **Action:** choose these events when you *need to take action* to further your career plans.

Gain experience – apply for vac work/ student jobs, attend the Job Search Strategies event.

Explore the World of Work: Attend the Epic Job Expo to connect with potential employers. Practice your networking skills.

Still have questions about your purpose? Book an appointment with a careers development consultant on MyCareer www.mycareer.uct.ac.za

See all events here: www.mycareer.uct.ac.za/students/events

Thinking of changing majors or degree, speak to your student advisor/ curriculum advisor

TERM 3

-  **Attend Career Panels and Industries Uncovered** events related to your faculty
-  **Watch out for the Career Guide:** expert advice, career resources, and job listings

Discover your Future World of Work by attending the Law Expo.

 **Attend Design your CV and Cover Letter** events

Start building your Brand

 **Make a start on your CV**
<https://careers.uct.ac.za/students-making-applications-cv-cover-letters-and-linkedin/creating-great-cv>

Rock Your LinkedIn Profile
Use our resources to make sure yours is a good one.
<https://careers.uct.ac.za/students-making-applications-cv-cover-letters-and-linkedin/creating-linkedin-profile>

Dec vac
Do voluntary or vacation work. Any work experience will help you develop transferrable skills. Attend the Applying for Vac Work event

Your 2024 Career Guide
The Human Advantage