

## Call for applications: OMT New Frontiers Research Award – Concept Note stage

URL: <https://www.omt.org.za/new-frontiers>

**Funding amount: R1.5 million per annum.**

**Duration of funding: It is a five-year award**

**Funder deadline: 30 September 2024**

### UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete an [intention-to-submit](#) form by **13 September 2024**

**IMPORTANT:** Even though the concept note does not require a budget, UCT researchers are encouraged to consider the scale of the scope of work they propose and develop a draft budget to ensure that the scope of work aligns with the available research budget. **Application budgets should not exceed R1.5 million per year (including 10% indirect costs)**

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### About the Funding Opportunity

The Oppenheimer Memorial Trust invites applications for its [New Frontiers Award](#). This recognises the efforts of visionary early-to-mid-career researchers determined to build high-performance research teams and the South African academy. The award is intended to provide researchers with the freedom and flexibility to pursue their research, without bureaucratic constraints, helping them produce significant work and gain international recognition.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applications from all disciplines are welcomed

- Hold a PhD or equivalent (e.g. MD if in a medical field).
- Be an early-to-mid-career researcher (i.e. between 5 and 15 years of research experience post-PhD qualification experience in their field).
- Be employed at or have a confirmed offer from proposed host institution.
- Be able to demonstrate a significant body of work and already enjoy considerable national and/or emerging international recognition for high-quality and impactful research outputs.

### Award details:

This grant is a five-year award, with a monetary value of ZAR 1.5 million per annum.

- OMT intends to fund 1 award nationally per year.
- Applicants need to be willing and able to dedicate at least 70% of their time to research.

### Application Process

- Please note that this is a 2-stage application process. The initial stage requires the PI to submit a concept note, via the [funder portal](#) , no later than **30 September 2024**. Institutional approval, via UCT's electronic Research Administration ([eRA](#)) system, is **NOT** required at the Concept Note stage. See Concept Note guidelines [here](#).
- If your concept note is accepted, you will be invited to submit a full application:
  - **Full applications:** Opens 01 November 2024 and closes 22 January 2025 (this **will require** UCT eRA approval).

### Contact Information:

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