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Thank you for enquiring about the MSc/PhD programme.

I have attached a booklet that describes the MSc/PhD programme, together with some other information. If you are interested in applying for this course please complete the attached questionnaire, and return it to me (**Dr Sharief Hendricks**) (sharief.hendricks01@gmail.com) with your full CV. You will also need to send a copy of your transcripts from your University (with English translations of the courses, if required) and a letter from your prospective supervisor indicating that they will supervise you and that they have funding available for the planned study. A short project proposal must also be submitted. In addition, you must complete the online UCT application form. <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za/>

If you have any queries regarding the UCT online application, please contact Taryn-Lee Safers (Taryn-lee.Safers@uct.ac.za), who will assist you with your UCT application.

All new MSc/PhD students registering for Exercise Science, who have not done the BSc (Med) Honours course in the Division of Exercise Science & Sports Medicine of the Department of Human Biology of UCT, will be required to complete some coursework with the Honours students and pass the relevant tests and exams. New students will be required to complete the Honours "Fundamentals" module, as well as certain courses (Techniques; Research Methods) and thematic modules, which will be decided in consultation with your supervisor. The Honours lectures run from January-September. During this time new MSc/PhD students are also able to start working on their research proposals and project.



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The procedures and steps for an MSc/PhD application are:

1) Identify an area of research and senior staff member in the department (from information on our web site) who could potentially be your supervisor
<http://www.essm.uct.ac.za/ESSM/Academic>

2) Contact this person and discuss with them whether they could take you on as an MSc/ PhD student. If so, discuss with them whether they have funding available for your proposed research (these are prerequisites for admission); Together with your potential supervisor, you will draft a short research proposal. This will be submitted together with the other documentation, to me.

3) If upgrading from MSc to PhD, present the study to the department for feedback at one of the Friday Departmental meetings

Students are required to submit a proposal to the Human Research Ethics Committee (if applicable) and the Postgraduate Research Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences before the start of the project.

The approximate time to complete a Masters thesis is 2 and for a PhD 3-4 years.

If you want more information about the University visit (www.uct.ac.za)

For funding opportunities, please refer to the website below or contact Paula Foley (paula.foley@uct.ac.za) or Sandy Dewberry (Sandra.dewberry@uct.ac.za) of the Postgraduate Funding Office.

Kind Regards

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