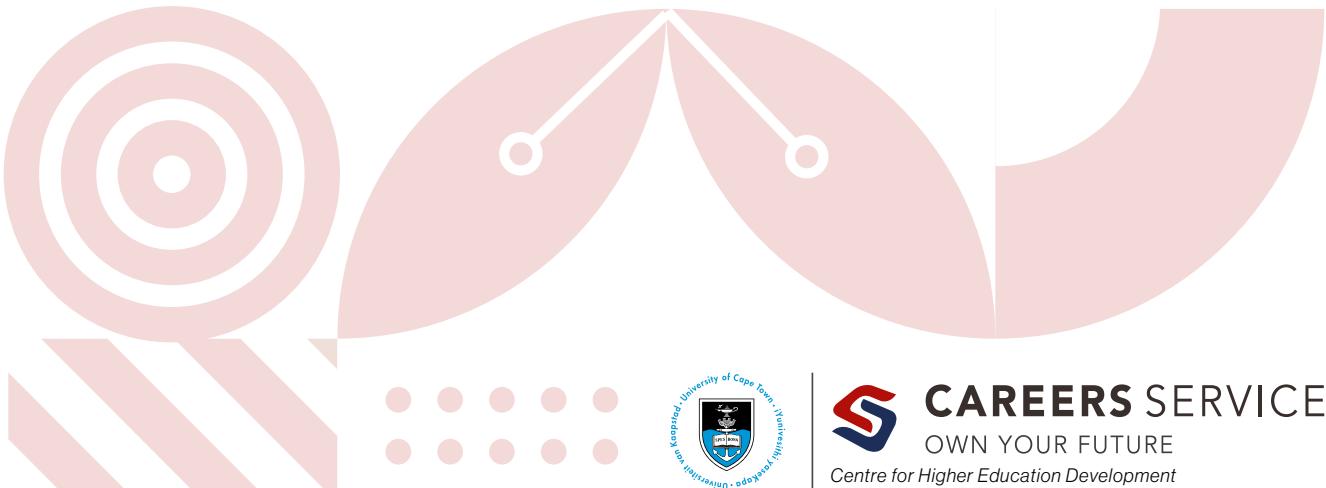




# Your Year Planner 2026

Start where you are



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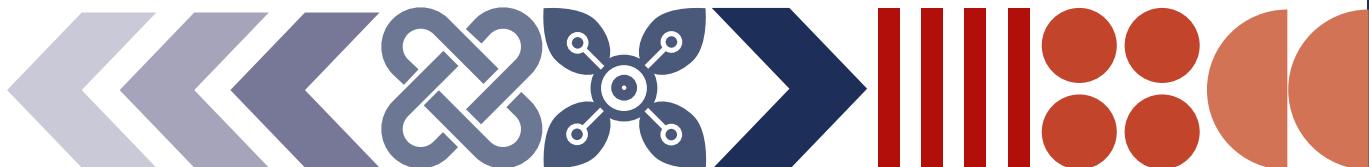
# Why plan your career with us?

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**. We walk alongside you as you take action to identify the **skills and resources** you will need to transition into the world of work.





# 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](mailto:careers.service@uct.ac.za), and we will arrange a session with you

**3** Alternatively, you can **visit our website**, [careers.uct.ac.za](http://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

TERM 2



**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.



## 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



 **Gain experience** – apply for vac work/student jobs, attend the Student Jobs event



**See all events here:**

[www.mycareer.uct.ac.za/  
students/events](http://www.mycareer.uct.ac.za/students/events)



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

**TERM 3**

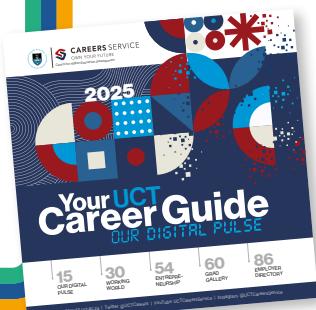


**Attend Career Panels and Industries Uncovered** events related to your faculty



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

 **Attend the Design your CV, Cover Letter and Interview** preparation events



 **Watch out for the Career Guide:** expert advice, career resources, and job listings

**TERM 4**

 **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](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.

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 **Dec vac**

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

# Contact us

## **General Enquiries**

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## **On the web**

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[www.mycareer.uct.ac.za](http://www.mycareer.uct.ac.za)

[www.amathuba.uct.ac.za](http://www.amathuba.uct.ac.za)

## **On social media**

**Instagram:** @uctcareersservice

**YouTube:** @UCTCareersService

**LinkedIn:** @UCT Careers Service

## **In your pocket**

**UCT Mobile App**

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