

**21 December 2017**

**UWC First time entrants for 2018 – Important Information**

Dear Student/Parent

The recent announcement from President Zuma regarding fee-free higher education for new, first-year South African undergraduate students in 2018 from poor and working class families refers. While the University welcomes the initiative by the government to support the above category of students, South African universities remain fee-paying institutions for all other students.

The following information is important for students and parents to note:

- New first-year undergraduate South African students from poor and working class households where the combined family income does not exceed R350 000 per annum, will be supported through government grants, administered by NSFAS, for their full cost of study;
- SASSA grant recipients and applicants from quintiles 1, 2, and 3 schools qualify for NSFAS grants. You should have applied for this grant on the NSFAS website;
- If you have applied to NSFAS please await confirmation of your application outcome. You can track your application status on the NSFAS website;
- Applicants who are NSFAS grant recipients will **not** have to pay an upfront payment or registration fee for 2018;
- **NSFAS has closed all applications. It will not consider late applications;**
- Students who did not apply to NSFAS in 2017 for 2018 may apply directly with UWC Financial Aid office and their information will be forwarded to NSFAS.
- Applicants coming from homes where the combined household income is more than R350 000 but less than R600 000 are eligible to apply for gap funding to cover 8% of your tuition fee; you will need to apply for this gap fund via this link: <https://dhetgrant.uwc.ac.za/>  
Applications will open on the 15 January 2018. An upfront payment of R 4290 for non-residents and R4840 for residents is payable before registration.
- Applicants from homes where the combined household income exceeds R600 000 will be expected to pay an upfront payment of R4290 for non-residents and R4840 for residents is payable before registration.

**International Applicants**

- All international students are required to pay the full tuition and residence fees upfront, at the beginning of each year of registration.
- All students who have permanent African citizenship will be required to pay the same tuition fees as South African citizens, unless the study programmes for which they are enrolling are marketed at a specific price.
- International students without African citizenship will be required to pay the international fees as published.

- All fees are RAND (ZAR) denominated.
- Please consult our website for detailed registration guidelines ([www.uwc.ac.za/Registrar/ISSO](http://www.uwc.ac.za/Registrar/ISSO)). You may also contact the International Student Services Office at [isso@uwc.ac.za](mailto:isso@uwc.ac.za)

### **Post-Graduate Applicants**

Kindly pay the upfront payment of R4290 for non-residents and R4840 for residents is payable before registration if you are **not** a NSFAS / full-cost bursary or scholarship recipient.

The Schedule of Fees booklet will be available online by 05 January 2018 on the University website.

For further queries please contact the relevant office:

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Please note the University will be closed from 22 December 2017 and will reopen on 3 January 2018.

We wish you a blessed festive season and a happy 2018.

Yours sincerely

Registrar