Faculty of Science

DEAN'S REPORT

The Faculty of Science enjoyed considerable success in its research endeavours in a number of areas during 2011.

To meet the continuing rise in cost of internationally competitive research, staff were successful in raising approximately R141 million in research income to cover a range of projects, including salaries for soft-funded staff, postdoctoral

fellows and master's and PhD bursaries. This is a particularly noteworthy achievement, given the dwindling NRF resources for the pure sciences. Of this funding, R58 million was received from the NRF and some R78 million from research contracts with industry, government, public entities and statutory bodies, and science councils; with about R28 million being raised from foreign sources. Of importance to the training of postgraduate students in our faculty, staff were able to raise R32 million for bursaries in support of honours, master's and PhD students in the faculty.

The number of PhD and postdoctoral researchers remained high, with 118 postdoctoral fellows spread among the departments, and 350 PhD students registered in the faculty. A measure of the success of our postgraduate training programmes is reflected in the number of master's and doctoral graduates produced in the Science faculty in 2011, with 48 PhDs and 122 master's degrees being awarded, 22 percent of the latter with distinction. Two students who excelled in their postgraduate studies were Fhumulani Nemulodi (Department of Physics), who was awarded the prestigious S2A3 Medal for the best master's dissertation titled Third Order Relativistic Fluid Dynamics for Heavy-Ion Collisions, and Dr Jasper Slingsby (Department of Botany), who received the faculty PhD medal for 2011 for his thesis, titled Ecological Differentiation and the Evolution and Maintenance of Fynbos Diversity. Research publication output from staff and postgraduate students remained high, with about 900 articles being published in ISI journals during 2011.

As we continue to strive for excellence and international competitiveness in the research arena, the faculty is proud of the latest additions to its current 13 NRF A-rated, 56 B-rated, 45 C-rated, 24 Y-rated, and five P-rated scientists. The latter, in particular, reflects the growing research strength of our younger academic staff. Professor Ed Rybicki of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology



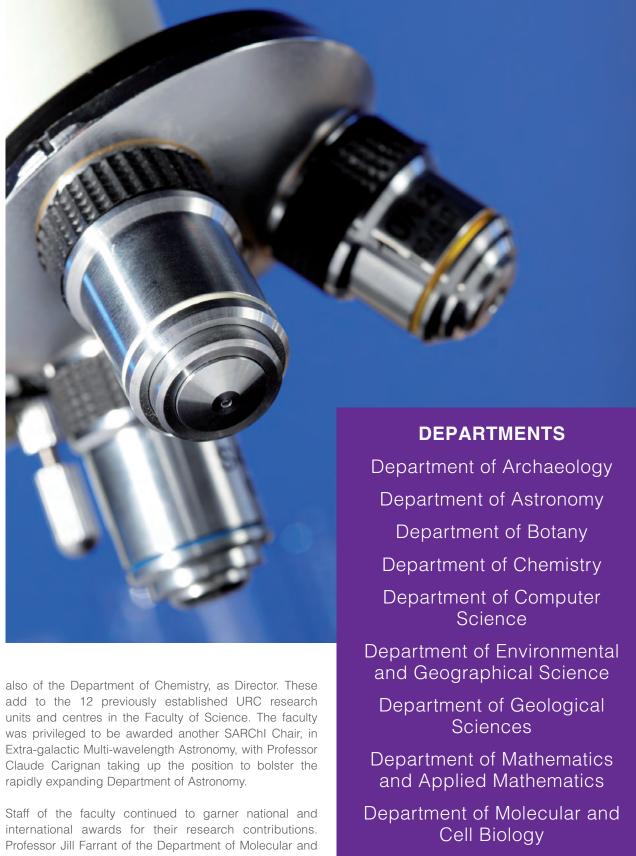
received an NRF A-rating, while three young researchers, Dr Amanda Weltman (Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics), and Dr David Braun and Dr Shadreck Chirikure from the Department of Archaeology, received NRF P-ratings in 2011.

At the university level, three of our more senior scientists, professors George Janelidze (Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics), Hans-Peter Kunzi (Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics), and Ed Rybicki were honoured by being elected as fellows of the University of Cape Town in

recognition of their international research standing and the impact of their research. Professor Janelidze was recognised for his work in categorical algebra, including abstract Galois theory, with applications in classical algebra, geometry and topology; Professor Kunzi for his work in analytic and categorical topology, focusing on frame theory and asymmetric topology; and Professor Rybicki for his work on the use of plants and cell cultures to make pharmaceutically-important proteins, and in elucidating the virus-host interactions of grass- and cereal-infecting geminiviruses.

At a junior level, the faculty was privileged to have the UCT College of Fellows name two of our younger staff, Dr Rob Ingle (Department of Molecular and Cell Biology) and Dr Deena Pillay (Department of Zoology), as recipients of its 2011 College of Fellows' Young Researcher Awards that recognise outstanding scholarly work by young academics. Dr Ingle's research area lies in the interactions between plants and their environment, particularly in the molecular mechanisms that help them cope with stresses imposed either by other organisms or by chemical/physical factors. Dr Pillay's research interests focus on inter-tidal and estuarine ecology, with a view to understanding the role of biological interactions in structuring marine ecosystems.

An important milestone in the faculty that was reached in 2011 was the 100th anniversary of the Bolus Herbarium (Department of Botany). A series of lectures by world-renowned botanists, two exhibitions, and a commemorative collecting trip were arranged to celebrate the event. Professor Peter Linder (University of Zurich) gave the keynote address. Another development of importance to the faculty was the establishment and URC accreditation of the H-3D Centre for Drug Discovery & Development, with Professor Kelly Chibale, Department of Chemistry, as Director, and the URC accreditation of the Scientific Computing Research Unit, with Professor Kevin Naidoo,



Staff of the faculty continued to garner national and international awards for their research contributions. Professor Jill Farrant of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology became the third UCT woman scientist to win the L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Award in Life Sciences (region: Africa and Arab States), announced in November 2011. Another notable achievement was that of Dr Amanda Weltman, who received the 2011/12 NSTF – BHP Billiton TW Kambule Award for "an outstanding contribution to science, engineering, technology and innovation (SETI) through research and its outputs" by an emerging researcher. The faculty was privileged to have three other deserving finalists at the award ceremony

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Department of Oceanography

Department of Physics

Department of Statistical Sciences

Department of Zoology

in Professor Kevin Naidoo, Professor Ed Rybicki, and Dr Will Horowitz. Another notable accolade went to Professor Kelly Chibale who received the prestigious Alan Pifer Award from the University of Cape Town for socially responsive research; and Dr Jeff Murugan (Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics) and Dr Shadreck Chirikure who were privileged to be elected as founding members of the new South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS).

The recent announcement and associated excitement that South Africa was awarded the lion's share of the SKA bid not only reflects positively on South African science and technology in general, but also on the major contributions to the bid made by members of the Department of Astronomy. As the project rolls out in the coming years, staff and students of the department, with two SARChI Chairs in radio astronomy, will be actively engaged in contributing to the success of the initiative. This engagement will take place in tandem with getting the precursor international MEERKAT project on line.

In mid-2011, the first UCT Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mark New, was appointed to head up the African Climate and Development Initiative (ACDI). A significant number of staff from the Faculty of Science are actively involved in this exciting university-wide initiative, with Professor New holding, in addition, an academic position in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science.

A number of new initiatives were set in place in the faculty during 2011 to further develop our research impact. A new launching grant system was put into place, to allow new (and particularly young) appointments to receive sufficient funding for a three-year period to get their research careers off to a strong and competitive start. To strengthen the competitive equity pool of applicants for future academic positions in the faculty, a number of equity PhD and postdoctoral fellowships have been created and awarded. We look forward to the productive involvement of the recipients with their departments and the faculty.

The Faculty of Science continues to value and place emphasis on high quality, high impact research, and numerous formal research groupings, units and centres, which, together with many individuals, have contributed to our overall research activity that spanned the pure to the applied sciences during 2011. The quality and research performance of the academic staff in the faculty, ably supported by a range of highly skilled and dedicated administrative and technical staff, remains something that the faculty is very proud of, and is well reflected in the wide range of exciting research activities captured in this report.

PROFESSOR ANTON LE ROEX Dean of the Faculty of Science

DOCTORAL GRADUATIONS

A.W. ANDAYI (CHEMISTRY)

Synthesis, antimalarial evaluation, B-Hematin inhibition, and in-silico and in-vitro ADMET profiling of 4-Aminoquinoline – Hydroxypyridinone Hybrids.

Supervised by Professor K. Chibale and Professor T.J. Egan

M.A. ALTARAWNEH (GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES)

Structural setting of the Jordan Northern Highlands: An integrated study using surface and sub-surface geological data by utilising GIS technology.

Supervised by Professor A. le Roex, Professor Z. Ben-Avraham and Dr G. Viola

C.G.M. ARCHIBALD (BOTANY)

The use of contemporary and historic diatom assemblages in the derivation of reference state communities for rivers in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. **Supervised by** Professor J. Bolton

Y. BARSHEP (ZOOLOGY)

Migration and moult strategy of the Curlew Sandpiper. **Supervised by** Professor L. Underhill, Dr P. Tomkovich and Dr C. Minton

J. BRABY (ZOOLOGY)

The biology and conservation of the Damara Tern in Namibia.

Supervised by Professor L. Underhill, Dr J.P. Roux and Dr R.E. Simmons

K.S. BROWN (ARCHAEOLOGY)

The Sword in the Stone: Lithic raw material exploitation in the Middle Stone Age at Pinnacle Point Site 5–6, Southern Cape, South Africa.

Supervised by Dr D.R. Braun

A. CHASKDA (ZOOLOGY)

Determinants and consequences of territory quality in the Bar-Throated Apalis Apalis Thoracica. **Supervised by** Professor P.A.R. Hockey and Dr P. Lloyd

C. COHEN (ZOOLOGY)

The phylogenetics, taxomony and biogeography of African arid zone terrestrial birds: The bustards (Otididae), sandgrouse (Pteroclidae), coursers (Glareolidae) and stone partridge (Ptilopachus).

Supervised by Professor T. Crowe

B. CROSS (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

Cloning and molecular characterisation of four alginate lyase genes from vibrio midae SY9, an enteric bacterium of the abalone haliotis midae.

Supervised by Associate Professor V.E. Coyne

D. CRUICKSHANK (CHEMISTRY)

Physicochemical studies of the inclusion of selected agrochemicals in cyclodextrins.

Supervised by Professor M. Caira and Professor S. Bourne

Y. CUI (STATISTICAL SCIENCES)

Contributions to statistical machine learning algorithm. **Supervised by** Professor R. Guo

T.S. DLAZA (BOTANY)

Development in culture, ecophysiology and nutritional content of three South African Porphyra (Rhodophyta, Bangiales) species.

Supervised by Professor J. Bolton and Dr R.J. Anderson

I.N. DURBACH (STATISTICAL SCIENCES)

Simplified models for multi-criteria decision analysis under uncertainty.

Supervised by Emeritus Professor T. Stewart

C.S. EALAND (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

Identification and characterisation of the activated defence response in the commercially important agarophyte, Gracilaria gracilis, following exposure to disease elicitors.

Supervised by Associate Professor V.E. Coyne

Z.G. GINBOT (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

Characterisation of two, desiccation linked, Group 1 LEA proteins from the resurrection plant Xerophyta humilis.

Supervised by Professor J. Farrant and

Professor N. Illing

E.G. GROSCH (GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES)

Determining the physicochemical conditions on the early Earth: Barberton scientific drilling project, South Africa. **Supervised by** Associate Professor S.H. Richardson, Dr A. Fagereng, Professor H. Furnes and

Professor B. Robins

E.M. GUANTAI (CHEMISTRY)

Curcumin-related hybrid compounds as potential anti-malarial agents: Design, synthesis, mechanistic investigations, biological evaluation and pharmacokinetic studies.

Supervised by Professor K. Chibale

M.B. GUSH (BOTANY)

Water-use, growth and water-use efficiency of indigenous tree species in a range of forest and woodland systems in South Africa.

Supervised by Dr E. February and Dr P. Dye

S.P. HACHIGONTA (ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE)

Assessing maize water requirements in the context of climate change uncertainties over southern Africa.

Supervised by Professor B. Hewitson and Dr M. Tadross

E.B. HAGER (CHEMISTRY)

The design and synthesis of new transition metal co-ordination complexes as potential antimalarial agents.

Supervised by Professor T.J. Egan and Professor J.

Moss (deceased)

T. HOFFMAN (ZOOLOGY)

The spatial ecology of chacma baboons (Papio ursinus) in the Cape Peninsula, South Africa: Towards improved management and conservation strategies.

Supervised by Associate Professor J. O'Riain

M.G.W. JONES (ZOOLOGY)

Individual variation in reproductive success in the wandering albatross.

Supervised by Associate Professor P.G. Ryan

S.W. KIMANI (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

Catalysis, substrate binding and specificity in the amidase from Nesterenkonia species.

Supervised by Professor B.T. Sewell

T. LAMONT (OCEANOGRAPHY)

Bio-optical investigation of phytoplankton production in the Southern Benguela ecosystem.

Supervised by Professor C. Reason and Dr R. Barlow

I.T. LITTLE (ZOOLOGY)

Bird reproductive success as a tool for understanding the impacts of land-use management on moist highland grassland biodiversity in South Africa.

Supervised by Professor P.A.R. Hockey

S.K. MAFWILA (ZOOLOGY)

Ecosystem effects of bottom trawling in the Benguela current system: Experimental and retrospective data analyses.

Supervised by Professor J.G. Field, Dr L. Shannon and Associate Professor A. Jarre

A. MAUNDER (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Designing appropriate interactive systems for the developing world.

Supervised by Associate Professor G. Marsden

G.K. MAZANDU (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

Data integration for the analysis of uncharacterised proteins in mycobacterium tuberculosis.

Supervised by Associate Professor N. Mulder

A. MEAD (ZOOLOGY)

Climate and bioinvasives: Drivers of change on South African rocky shores?

Supervised by Professor C. Griffiths

F.J. MHLANGA (MATHEMATICS AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS)

Computation of Greeks using Malliavin calculus.

Supervised by Professor R.I. Becker and Dr D. Wilcox

M.F. MUNYOLOLO (CHEMISTRY)

New synthetic routes to functionalised 2-C-alkylglucosides, precursors of potential inhibitors of mycothiol biosynthesis in the Mycobacteria.

Supervised by Associate Professor D.W. Gammon

G. OATLEY (ZOOLOGY)

Taxonomy, phylogeny and eco-biogeography of Southern African white-eyes (Zosterops spp.) Aves: Order Passeriformes Family: Zosteropidae.

Supervised by Associate Professor J.H. Hoffmann

A.M.O. RIBEIRO (ZOOLOGY)

Ecological and evolutionary processes in two Southern African endemic birds.

Supervised by Professor P.A.R. Hockey

M. ROUAULT (OCEANOGRAPHY)

Agulhas Current variability determined from space: A multi-sensor approach.

Supervised by Professor F. Shillington

H. SAMSODIEN (CHEMISTRY)

Supramolecular derivatives of selected bioactive compounds: A physicochemical study.

Supervised by Professor M. Caira and Professor S. Bourne

D. SHUULUKA (BOTANY)

Ecophysiological studies of three South African Ulva species from integrated seaweed/abalone aquaculture and natural populations.

Supervised by Professor J. Bolton and Professor R. Anderson

R. SITHALDEEN (ARCHAEOLOGY)

Phylogeny and phylogeography of the Chacma Baboon (Papio ursinus): The role of landscape in shaping contemporary genetic structure in the Southern African baboon.

Supervised by Associate Professor R. Ackermann and Dr J. Bishop

J.A. SLINGSBY (BOTANY)

Ecological differentiation and the evolution and maintenance of Fynbos diversity.

Supervised by Dr T. Verboom and Professor M. Cramer

M. SPARK (ASTRONOMY)

Exploring the application of new telescope technologies in the testing of dwarf novae accretion models.

Supervised by Associate Professor P.A. Woudt

A. TEKOLA (ASTRONOMY)

On evolution of star forming galaxies: the metallicity of dwarfs and the effect of environment on local luminous IR galaxies.

Supervised by Associate Professor P.A. Woudt, Dr P. Vaisanen and Dr A. Kniazev

R.E. THARME (ZOOLOGY)

Ecologically relevant low flows for riverine benthic macroinvertebrates: characterisation and application. **Supervised by** Associate Professor J. Day and Professor J.M. King

F. TUMMON (ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE)

Direct and semi-direct aerosol effects on the Southern African regional climate during the austral winter season. **Supervised by** Dr M. Tadross, Professor B. Hewitson and Professor F. Solomon

I.W. TUNBRIDGE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Graphics Processing Unit Accelerated Coarse-Grained Protein-protein docking.

Supervised by Dr M. Kuttel and Dr J. Gain

R. TUYIRAGIZE (STATISTICAL SCIENCES)

Multi-objective optimisation techniques in electricity generation planning.

Supervised by Emeritus Professor T. Stewart

K.L. VAN NIEKERK (ARCHAEOLOGY)

Marine fish exploitation during the Middle and Later Stone Age of South Africa.

Supervised by Professor J. Sealy

R.J.T. VERWEIJ (BOTANY)

Niche differentiation in savannas: exploring competitionbased hypotheses for inter-life form co-existence.

Supervised by Dr E. February and Professor W. Bond

L.J. WALLER (ZOOLOGY)

The African Penguin (Spheniscus demersus): Conservation and management issues.

Supervised by Professor L. Underhill

J.D. WOODWARD (MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY)

The relationship between structure and specificity in the plant nitrilases.

Supervised by Associate Professor T. Sewell

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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: PROFESSOR JUDITH SEALY

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The Department of Archaeology is characterised by a diversity of well-established research interests. The Western Cape has a rich archaeological heritage which includes evidence of hunter-gatherer settlement, pastoralist communities and colonial settlers - all the subject of ongoing research. Further afield, the Department also has a research focus on the archaeology of early Tswana and Sotho-speaking agropastoralists, particularly in North West and the Free State. In addition, the Department is home to archaeometric and materials research. focussing on palaeoanthropology, past environments, early human diets and materials analysis. The Department of Archaeology has developed an expertise in Cultural Resource Management, working with both government and private sectors to mitigate the effects of development and widen public awareness of the importance of the past.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professor	1
Associate Professor	1
Senior Lecturers	3
Lecturers	2
Research Staff	5
Technical Support Staff	2
Administrative and Clerical Staff	1
Departmental Assistant	1
Lab Assistant	1
Total	17

Honorary staff

Honorary Research Associates	6
Total	6

Students

Postdoctoral	0
Doctoral	10
Master's	13
Honours	4
Undergraduates	618
Total	667

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

RESEARCH FIELDS AND STAFF

Permanent staff

PROFESSOR JUDITH SEALY

Head of Department. Archaeometry, stable isotopes, precolonial southern Africa

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Hominid evolution, variation, morphometrics, visualization and modelling, quantitative methods

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Senior lecturer, Early Stone Age in eastern and southern Africa, stone artefact technology

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Senior lecturer, Archaeometallurgy, Iron Age, heritage studies

DR SIMON HALL

Senior lecturer, hunter-gatherers and farmers, Stone/Iron Age interaction, landscape sharing

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Lecturer, Primate biogeography using genetic techniques, academic development in the geosciences

DR DEANO STYNDER

Lecturer, Africa fauna, faunal analysis, ecomorphology, palaeoenvironments

Contract research staff

MR DAVID HALKETT

Contract archaeology, historical archaeology, prehistory of the southwestern Cape

MR TIM HART

Contract archaeology, historical archaeology, prehistory of the southwestern Cape

MR JAYSON ORTON

Contract archaeology, historical archaeology, prehistory of the southwestern Cape

DR LITA WEBLEY

Contract archaeology, historical archaeology, prehistory of the southwestern Cape

MS LIESBET SCHIETECATTE

Contract archaeology, historical archaeology, prehistory of the southwestern Cape

Emeritus Professors

PROFESSOR NIKOLAAS J. VAN DER MERWE

Isotopes; palaeodiets, palaeoenvironments, archae-ometallurgy

PROFESSOR JOHN PARKINGTON

Hunter-gatherers, palaeoenvironmental reconstruction and human ecology, prehistoric art, coastal archaeology

Emeritus Associate Professor

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR A. SMITH

Prehistoric pastoralism, origins of food production, ethnohistory

Honorary Research Associates

DR G. AVERY

Archaeozoology

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Ceramics, ethnoarchaeology, archaeology of farming communities

MR P. JOLLY

Contact period Rock art, history of San-Nguni/Sotho interaction

PROFESSOR T. MAGGS

Iron Age archaeology in southern Africa

DR W. NDORO

Heritage Studies

PROFESSOR S. PFEIFFER

Biological anthropology

Distinguished visitors

PROFESSOR JACK FISHER

Montana State University – faunal remains in archaeology

DR ALEX MACKAY

Australian National University - Pleistocene lithic technology

PROFESSOR SUSAN PFEIFFER

University of Toronto - biological anthropology

PROFESSOR SILVIA TOMÁŠKOVÁ

University of North Carolina – rock art, archaeological theory

PROFESSOR PIERRE-JEAN TEXIER

CNRS-Valbonne France – prehistory

PROFESSOR MARGOT WINER

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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

(Including the Astrophysics, Cosmology and Gravitation Centre)

ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PATRICK WOUDT HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: PROFESSOR RENÉE C. KRAAN-KORTEWEG ON SABBATICAL FOR 2011

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The Department of Astronomy has welcomed three new staff members in 2011.

Professor Claude Carignan has joined the Department as the South African SKA-SARChI Chair in Multi-wavelength Astronomy and Professor Rob Fender as part-time visiting SKA Professor. Dr Vanessa McBride has taken up the UCT/SAAO joint Lecturer position previously held by Dr Thebe Medupe. Our postdoctoral cohort has grown from two at the beginning of 2011 to eight at year end.

The Department specialises in the study of the distance scale, large-scale structure and evolution of galaxies in the Universe, next to high-speed photometry and spectroscopy of variable stars.

Particular emphasis is being given on uncovering galaxies obscured by the Milky Way and the mapping of cosmic flow fields such as in the Great Attractor region. With the start of scientific observations with SALT, the Southern African Large Telescope, new research areas have been initiated in galaxy evolution (as a function of environment and redshift), the dark matter content in nearby dwarf and low surface brightness galaxies and the search for intermediate mass black holes.

In the light of the coming of MeerKAT – the large radio telescope that is being built in the Karoo – the department has developed expertise in radio astronomy. In particular, neutral hydrogen studies are used to examine the dynamics – and thereby the dark matter content - of nearby galaxies. Members of the Astronomy department are currently leading four MeerKAT large survey projects of the transient radio sky (ThunderKAT) as well as deep HI (Laduma and Mhongoose) and continuum (Mightee) surveys.

Studies of cataclysmic variable stars (exploding stars such as novae) and pulsating white dwarf stars remain a highly active research area of the department, in which the high speed photometric capabilities of SALT also offer new unique mechanisms to learn more about the physics of these highly interesting objects.

The Department forms part of the Research Centre for Astrophysics, Cosmology and Gravitation at UCT (http://www.acgc.uct.ac.za), established in 2009.

The Department is an active participant of the National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme – hosted at UCT – which offers Honours and Master's degrees. It has strong links with the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) and the South African SKA project through joint staffing positions and postgraduate student supervision. The Department also enjoys active research collaborations with other groups abroad.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professors	3.5
Associate Professor	1
Senior Scholar/Emeritus Professor	1
Senior Lecturer	1
Lecturer	1.5
Visiting SKA Professor	0.1
Administrative Staff	3
Total	11.1

Honorary & Emeritus Staff

Total	2
Research Associate	-1
Honorary Professor	1

Affiliated Researchers

Honorary Professor	1
Honorary Academic	1
Total	2

Postdoctoral Fellows	8
Total	8

Students

Doctoral	12
Master's (Research)	3
Master's (NASSP Dissertation)	14
Master's (NASSP Coursework)	19
Honours (NASSP)	19
Undergraduate	179
Total	246

RESEARCH FIELDS AND STAFF

Permanent Staff

PROFESSOR RENÉE C. KRAAN-KORTEWEG (HEAD OF DEPARTMENT), CO-DIRECTOR ACGC

Large-scale structures and streaming motions in the nearby Universe, Zone of Avoidance, systematic HI-surveys; Tully-Fisher relation; clusters of galaxies.

PROFESSOR ERWIN DE BLOK (DST/NRF SARCHI CHAIR)

Dark matter in disk galaxies, low surface brightness galaxies. HI surveys, the interstellar medium in nearby galaxies, evolution of dark galaxies.

PROFESSOR CLAUDE CARIGNAN (SKA SARCHI CHAIR)

Galaxy dynamics and dark matter; astronomical instrumentation and techniques.

PROFESSOR PATRICIA WHITELOCK (JOINT SAAO/ UCT POSITION)

Galactic structure, stellar evolution, Local Group galaxies, long period variable and symbiotic stars.

EMERITUS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR BRIAN WARNER (SENIOR SCHOLAR)

Cataclysmic variable stars; white dwarf stars; history of astronomy.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PATRICK A. WOUDT (ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR 2011)

Cataclysmic variable stars, ultra-compact binaries, high time domain astrophysics.

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Supernovae and Supernova remnants, systematic HI surveys, clusters of galaxies, X-ray spectroscopy.

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Large-scale structure, galaxy evolution and galaxy clusters.

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X-ray binaries, Magellanic Clouds.

PROFESSOR ROB FENDER (VISITING SKA PROFESSOR)

X-ray binaries, neutron stars, black holes, accretion disks, radio transient surveys.

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HONORARY PROFESSOR MICHAEL W. FEAST

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Cataclysmic variables; X-ray binaries, neutron stars, black holes, accretion disks.

PROFESSOR PETER DUNSBY

Honorary Academic, Director NASSP, Co-director ACGC. Theoretical cosmology and gravity.

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Cosmological simulations with modified Newtonian Dynamics.

DR RICHARD ARMSTRONG

Radio transients, radio interferometric techniques.

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Neutral hydrogen in nearby galaxies, galaxy groups and clusters.

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Cold gas and star formation in early-type galaxies.

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Professors	5
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Senior Lecturers	2
Lecturers	2
Scientific Staff	2
Technical Support Staff	7
Administrative and Clerical Staff	3
Total	24

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Honorary Professors	3
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DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The research activities of the department reflect the wide range and scope of the traditional sub-disciplines of inorganic, organic and physical chemistry, sustained by analytical, spectroscopic and computational methodology. The four main research focus areas are synthetic and medicinal chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, transition metal chemistry as well as biophysical and structural chemistry. Programmes are devoted to fundamental and applied chemical research, and to interdisciplinary studies in which chemistry plays a key role. Synthetic studies are carried out in organic, organometallic and co-ordination chemistry, in order to develop and apply new methodology, and to prepare biologically active compounds, novel catalysts and components of new materials. These studies also provide tools for analytical and separation science, and models for advanced structural and conformational studies. Molecular structure determination with the aid of spectroscopic and X-ray diffraction techniques are two areas of specialisation in the department. The latter technique is employed extensively in investigations into inclusion compounds, polymorphism and related solid-state phenomena. Computational chemistry is a leading area of specialization supported by several state of the art LINUX clusters. Computer code development and modelling applications of biological and industrial problems play a key role in many of the Department's research programmes.

The research enterprise of the Department of Chemistry has recently been recognized and significantly enhanced by the establishment of a Signature Theme in Drug Discovery in which several staff members are participating and by the appointment of two of its permanent staff members to DST/NRF South African National Research Chairs - Professor Kevin Naidoo in *Scientific Computing* and Professor Kelly Chibale in *Drug Discovery*. These highly prestigious appointments have raised the Department's international research profile significantly and contribute substantially to its research outputs.

The Department of Chemistry also has three UCT-accredited research units – the Centre for Supramolecular Chemistry Research, the MRC/UCT Drug Discovery & Development Research Centre and the Scientific Computing Research Unit – which add further prestige to its stature as one of the leading chemistry departments in Africa.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professors	8
Associate Professors	4
Senior Lecturers	3
Lecturers	4
Scientific Officers	5
Technical Officers	9
Research Staff	5
Support Staff	9
Administrative and Clerical Staff	7
Total	54

Honorary Staff

Emeritus Professors	4
Honorary Research Scholar	1
Honorary Research Associates	3
Total	8

Students

Postdoctoral	19
Doctoral	52
Master's	28
Honours	14
Undergraduates	1591
Total	1704

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Inclusion chemistry; crystallography; thermal analysis.

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New generation of combined drugs to fight tuberculosis

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Porting molecular dynamics software to graphical processing units

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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

(Including the Information and Communications Technology Centre for Development [ICT4D])

The mission of the Computer Science Department is to develop and impart knowledge and skills in the field of computer science.

Our vision is to strive to be a department of the first rank in both an International and in an African context, sustaining: high respect for its research and post-graduate education excellence in teaching in order to produce graduates who possess the skills that are needed whenever decision making or creative thinking takes place an influential role in industry and the Information Technology community

Our role is:

- to produce graduates with knowledge and skills relevant to both the International and the South African Information Technology community
- to carry out innovative research which adds to basic understanding
- to produce service courses and provide research assistance in the fields of science and engineering
- to provide services to Industry through technology transfer and applied research
- to take an active part in the academic affairs of the University to influence government policy in the field of Information Technology

RESEARCH UNITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT

Advanced Information Management (Co-ordinator: Associate Professor S. Berman). This laboratory deals with multiple facets of the information processing problem, exemplified by the following active research areas: databases; knowledge management systems; peer-to-peer computing; distributed computing and Web-based systems.

Intelligent Systems and Advanced Telecommunication (Co-ordinator: Dr A. Bagula). The aim of this research group is to advance the science and engineering of intelligent systems and their applications. Our main research activities are in the design, modelling, simulation and prototype implementation of intelligent systems with a specific focus on (1) novel speech and vision based human computer interaction and (2) exact and heuristic optimization methods using Evolutionary techniques, Neural networks, Immune systems and Statistical models to solve telecommunication problems.

Digital Libraries (Co-ordinator: Assoc. Prof. H. Suleman). Research areas covered within digital libraries include information storage and retrieval; multilingual retrieval; Web-based systems; scalable and flexible repositories; interoperability and protocols; component-based systems; Open Access; and cultural heritage preservation.

High Performance Simulation and Visual Computing (Co-ordinator: Associate Professor James Gain, Associate Professor Michelle Kuttel, Dr Patrick Marais). This research group focuses on the application of high performance tools (primarily multi-core and graphics hardware) and visualization techniques to problems in the domains of astronomy, computational chemistry, computer animation, digital heritage preservation and medical imaging.

ICT for Development Centre (Director: Professor G. Marsden). The UCT Centre in ICT for Development seeks to create ICTs that are appropriate for developing nations. To date, most innovation in ICT has been driven by the developed world to meet challenges originating from that context. This centre will design, create and evaluate technologies that address the needs of the developing world and the people who live there.

Network and Information Security Team (Co-ordinator Dr A Kayem). This group has two streams: Network Security and Information Security. Network security is headed by Dr. A. Hutchison and aims to design and implement protocols for secure communications on the Web. Application examples include web services, cloud computing environments, and enterprise environments. Information security is headed by Dr. A. Kayem and aims to design mechanisms for

secure data storage on the web. Application scenarios include service oriented architectures; secure databases, mobile and/or fragmented data. We aim to evolve these schemes in unconventional ways to enable adaptability to changes in the state of the data or the system.

2011 highlights include:

The South African Square Kilometre Array Project: The MeerKAT High Performance Computing (HPC) for Radio Astronomy Research Programme awarded a local Computer Science-Astronomy collaboration [comprising Dr Sarah Blyth (UCT Astronomy), James Gain, Michelle Kuttel, Patrick Marais (principal investigator), Kurt van der Heyden (UCT Astronomy) and Catherine Cress (UWC Astronomy)] R3,200,000 for the period 2011-2014 for a project on Developing Efficient Software for Large-Scale Radio Interferometry. There are currently 3 MSc students and 1 PhD student in Computer Science working on the project.

STAFF AND STUDENTS

Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professors	3
Associate Professors	1
Honorary Professors	1
Associate Professors	4
Senior lecturers	5
Lecturers	1
Technical Support Staff	2
Administrative and Clerical Staff	4
Total	20

Students

Doctoral	18
Master's	66
Honours	36
Undergraduate	670
Total	790

RESEARCH FIELDS AND STAFF

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SONIA BERMAN

Head of Department; Databases; conceptual modeling; persistent programming languages; object-oriented databases.

PROFESSOR KENNETH MACGREGOR

Client server; object technology.

PROFESSOR EDWIN BLAKE

Human-computer interaction; information technology and socio-economic development; collaborative virtual environments; information and communication technology policies.

PROFESSOR GARY MARSDEN

Human computer interaction; ICT4D and mobile computing applications.

DR ANTOINE BAGULA

Senior Lecturer; network traffic engineering; wireless networking; network security.

DR JAMES GAIN

Senior Lecturer; computer graphics; geometric modelling; visualization.

DR PATRICK MARAIS

Senior Lecturer; image processing; computer graphics; GPGPU computing.

ASSOC. PROF. MICHELLE KUTTEL

Computational science; parallel and high performance computing, molecular modelling, scientific visualization.

DR. ANNE V.D.M. KAYEM

Senior Lecturer: information security; applied cryptography; unconventional security approaches.

DR HANH LE

Senior Lecturer; overlay networks; sensor networks.

DR AUDREY MBOGHO

Senior Lecturer; visual and speech inputs; genetic algorithms; software engineering.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE

(Including the Environmental Evaluation Unit and the Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihood Project)

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: PROFESSOR M.E. MEADOWS

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The interaction between humans and their environment and the variability of this environment is a common theme in the department's teaching activities and research initiatives. Details of the particular foci are given below. The department has ongoing research initiatives with numerous overseas institutions. These include: the Centre of Earth Sciences of Pennsylvania State University; Centre for Global Studies, University of Gothenburg; the Iowa State University; the University of British Columbia; the Institute of Southern African Studies; the National University of Lesotho; University of Western Australia; the University of Melbourne; the University of Northern British Columbia, Oregon State University; the Department of African Studies of the University of Mainz; the Department of Human Geography and Sociology, University of Oslo; the Department of Geography at the University of Brighton; Southern African Research Centre, Queens University; University of Sheffield; University of Oxford; the Departments of Geography at the University of Paris X Nanterre and the University of Paris IV Sorbonne in France and the Department of Geography at the University of Bonn; Frederik Schiller University, Jena, Germany; University of Leicester, UK; Université Montpellier II, France and the Department of Geography at the University of Oulu. There are also links with the United Kingdom Meteorological Office, the Scripps Oceanographic Institute in California and the CSIRO Atmospheric Research and Marine Research in Australia.

The Environmental Evaluation Unit was established as an independent professional consulting, research and training unit within the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science in 1985, based at the University of Cape Town. During the past 20 years, the EEU has completed over 150 consulting assignments and projects for private, institutional and government clients. The EEU

has established itself as a centre of excellence in the field of environmental management, sustainable development, and natural resource management in Africa, particularly within the SADC region (projects have been completed in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland and the Seychelles).

The Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Project (DiMP) has been active at UCT since 1998. DiMP undertakes a diverse suite of activities, including disaster risk research into small, medium and large disasters in the Cape Metropolitan Area and past disaster research following declared disasters. It is also the secretariat for a southern African disaster risk reduction network called 'Periperi" (partners enhancing resilience to people exposed to risks).

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and Long-term Contract Staff

Professors	3
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	2
Lecturers	6
Research Staff	20
Research Associates	2
Administrative & Support Staff	16
Total	52

Emeritus & Honorary Staff

Honorary Professors	3
Emeritus Staff	2

Students

Total	107	77
Undergraduate	93	0
Honours	25	5
Master's	73	3
Doctoral	39)
Postdoctoral	10)

RESEARCH FIELDS AND STAFF

Permanent Academic Staff

DR BABATUNDE ABIODUN

Lecturer; atmospheric science; climatology.

DR PIPPIN ANDERSON

Lecturer; Postgraduate co-ordinator.

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Lecturer; gender; modernity.

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Senior Lecturer; geomorphology; remote sensing.

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DST/NRF SARChI Chair in Climate Change; atmospheric science; climatology.

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Senior Lecturer; environmental assessment and management.

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MS SANDRA RIPPON

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Research assistant; climate data analysis.

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Environmental governance for social justice.

DR KAZEEM OARE OKOSUN

Epidemiological modelling and climate impact.

DR SERGE RAEMAEKERS

Small-scale fisheries governance.

DR DAITHI STONE

Detection and attribution of climate change.

Honorary Professors

PROFESSOR JOHN BOARDMAN

Soil erosion; land degradation.

PROFESSOR JONATHAN CRUSH

International migration; transnationalism.

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Research in the Department of Geological Sciences covers a wide range of disciplines. The Department has strengths in geochemistry, structural geology and tectonics, igneous and metamorphic petrology, sedimentology, marine geology, economic geology and petroleum geophysics. General research interests include: global tectonics and geodynamics with emphasis on Gondwana geology; oceanic and continental igneous processes and the geochemical evolution of the underlying mantle; kimberlites and the genesis of diamonds; evolution of the Kaapvaal craton and gold genesis; paleoenvironments; marine geoscience and sedimentary geochemistry. Analytical facilities include X-ray fluorescence, X-ray diffraction, electron microprobe, ion chromatography, fluid inclusion stage, stable isotope extraction lines and access to a stable isotope mass spectrometer, sedigraph for particle size analysis, inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (solution and laser analysis), and solid source thermal ionization mass spectrometer and associated clean laboratories.

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Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professors	2
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	2
Lecturers	2
Technical Support Staff	12
Administrative & Clerical Staff	3
Total	24

Honorary staff

	Honorary Research Associates	2
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Students

Postdoctoral	1
Doctoral	11
Master's	17
Honours	16
Undergraduate	588
Total	633

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The Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics houses a number of research groups and individual activities which, in total, cover a large part of the mathematical spectrum. Examples are: cosmology and relativity, computational and applied mechanics, marine resource assessment and management, rangeland modelling, industrial mathematics, foundational aspects of computer science, topology, category theory, nonlinear mathematical physics, functional analysis, cryptography, string theory, financial mathematics and algebra. The Department has active research collaboration with other groups in the country and abroad. There is a strong postgraduate program, with M.Sc. and Ph.D. students in a variety of fields. A number of staff have NRF A-ratings and B-ratings. The Department has a good technical and administrative infrastructure, and regularly hosts visitors from abroad. More information can be found on the website www.mth.uct.ac.za.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and long-term contract staff

Professors	8
Associate Professors	5
Senior Lecturers	8
Lecturers (full-time)	15
Senior Scholar	1
Research Staff	3
Technical Support Staff	3
Administrative and Clerical Staff	11
Total	54

Honorary staff

Emeritus Professors	5
Emeritus Associate Professor	1
Visiting Professor and Principal research officer	1
Research Associate	2
Total	9

Students

Postdoctoral	11
Doctoral	30
Master	85
Honours	15
Undergraduate	6836
Total	6977

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Permanent and long-term contract staff

PROFESSOR IGOR BARASHENKOV

Nonlinear waves and solitons; nonlinear dynamics; mathematical physics.

PROFESSOR BRUCE BASSETT

Observational and theoretical cosmology; nonlinear optimization. Research astronomer at the South African Astronomy Observatory and senior researcher, African Institute of Mathematical Sciences.

PROFESSOR DOUG BUTTERWORTH

Director, Marine Resource Assessment and Management Group (MARAM); particular focus on South African fisheries, northwest Atlantic fisheries, and southern bluefin tuna, Antarctic whale and krill resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT – ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VERNON COYNE

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The Department has interests and expertise in diverse areas of biology. The problem of desiccation in plants is being tackled by a combination of physiological and molecular approaches. Plant biotechnology research is focused on developing virus-resistant and drought-tolerant crops, "biopharming" (the expression of pharmaceuticallyimportant proteins in plants) and the molecular basis of nickel hyperaccumulation in plants. Plant defence responses are studied in both model and crop plants. Circadian rhythms and their role in plant development and responses, as well as sports performance in humans, are studied. Eukaryotic gene expression projects include the role of chromatin modifications in regulating the rhythms of gene expression and gene expression during neuronal differentiation and stress. Basic mechanisms underlying the regulation of gene expression are studied in human cells and in *Plasmodium*, with a view to pinpoint Plasmodium-specific mechanisms that can be exploited to develop novel anti-malarial drugs. In addition, the actions of mammalian hormones, synthetic contraceptives and steroid receptors are being investigated with a view to understanding mechanisms, integration of signalling pathways and role in HIV pathogenesis. Research on viral pathogenesis also includes protein structure-function studies of the envelope protein and its role in HIV transmission. Evolutionary biology projects focus on mechanisms that shape both genomic and populationlevel diversity, as well as evolution of limb development in bats. Molecular virology studies focus on the expression of antigens from viruses in plants and in insect cells for use as human and animal vaccines, on the genetic diversity and molecular biology of single-stranded DNA viruses of plants and animals, and papillomaviruses of primates and humans. Structural studies are being carried out by electron microscopy and X-ray crystallography on a number of proteins, including glutamine synthetase and members of the nitrilase superfamily, to obtain insights necessary for rational drug and industrial enzyme design. Research in marine biotechnology includes genetic and proteomic studies of the immune response of the abalone (Haliotis midae) and the stress and disease response systems of the commercially important seaweed Gracilaria gracilis. In addition, probiotics are being developed to improve the growth rate and disease resistance of farmed abalone. Research in microbiology includes molecular-genetic investigations of industrially and medically important anaerobic bacteria such as Corynebacterium, Bacteroides

fragilis, Bifidobacterium and the fibre-degrading bacteria in the ostrich gut. The taxonomy of antibiotic-producing actinobacteria is being investigated. The Department also runs an analytical facility (amino acid analysis, DNA sequencing, DNA synthesis, DNA microarrays and protein identification). The instrumentation in the facility consists of HPLCs, a GC MS/MS and LC-ESI QTOF and MALDI instruments for mass spectrometry.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Awards

Professor Jill Farrant won a 2011/12 L'Oréal-UNESCO Award in Life Sciences (http://www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper/archives/?id=8876).

Professor Farrant was also elected as a Fellow of TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world (previously the Third World Academy of Sciences; http://twas.ictp.it/).

Professor Ed Rybicki became a UCT Fellow (http://www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper/archives/?id=8867).

Dr Rob Ingle won a Young Researcher Award from the UCT College of Fellows (http://www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper/archives/?id=8868).

NRF A-Rated staff

Professor Ed Rybicki obtained an A rating in the 2011 round of NRF rating re-evaluations (http://www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper/?id=8896). Professor Jill Farrant also holds an NRF A rating.

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Permanent and Long-Term Contract Staff

Professors	4
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	2
Lecturers	6
Research Staff	10
Technical Support Staff	7
Administrative and Clerical Staff	5
TOTAL	37

Honorary Staff

Honorary Professors	2
TOTAL	2

Students

Post-doctoral	10
Doctoral	34
Master's	30
Honours	14
Undergraduate	253
TOTAL	341

RESEARCH FIELDS AND STAFF

Permanent Staff

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VERNON COYNE

Head of Department; marine biotechnology.

PROFESSOR JILL FARRANT

Desiccation tolerance; resurrection plants; seeds; plant physiology; molecular biology.

PROFESSOR JANET HAPGOOD

Molecular mechanisms of cell signalling and eukaryotic gene regulation via steroid receptors: role in HIV pathogenesis, immune and reproductive function.

PROFESSOR NICOLA ILLING

Evolution of development; regulation of gene expression; limb development, neurobiology; microarray analysis.

PROFESSOR EDWARD RYBICKI

Plant-andtissue culture-derived vaccines; oceanic viromics; Human papillomavirus (HPV); rotavirus; bluetongue virus; Beak and feather disease virus; geminivirus; Maize streak virus; molecular virology; molecular biotechnology.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR VAL ABRATT

Bacteroides fragilis; nitrogen metabolism; virulence; metronidazole; DNA damage and repair; Bifidobacterium; Lactobacillus; probiotics.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SHARON REID

Gram-positive and anaerobic bacteria; *Clostridium acetobutylicum*; *Bifidobacterium*; *Lactobacillus*, gene regulation of nitrogen- and carbon-substrate utilisation; probiotics; molecular systematics; biofuels.

DR COLLEEN O'RYAN

Senior lecturer; molecular, evolutionary and population genetics.

DR LAURA RODEN

Senior Lecturer; flowering time and photoperiodism; plant and human circadian rhythms; regulation of plant gene expression; plant molecular biology; *Arabidopsis* genetics.

DR ROBERT INGLE

Lecturer; interactions between plants and their environment (plant innate immunity, metal hyperaccumulating plants).

DR PAUL MEYERS

Lecturer; actinobacteria; family *Streptosporangiaceae*; *Streptomyces*; *Amycolatopsis*; *Kribbella*; bacterial taxonomy; "bioprospecting"; novel antitubercular antibiotics.

DR THOMAS OELGESCHLÄGER

Lecturer; molecular mechanisms of RNA polymerase II transcription regulation in eukaryotes; core promoter-selective transcription regulation mechanisms; transcription regulation in *Plasmodium falciparum*.

DR SUHAIL RAFUDEEN

Lecturer; abiotic stress tolerance in plants; signalling and regulation of plant gene expression during stress; plant molecular biology; proteomics (protein expression profiling, protein mining); *Xerophyta viscosa*; maize; Tef.

DR JERRY RODRIGUES

Lecturer; protein chemistry; drug discovery; plant desiccation tolerance; polyphenol research.

DR ZENDA WOODMAN

Lecturer; HIV: structure-function and viral fitness; biochemical analysis of envelope's role in HIV pathogenesis.

Honorary Staff

EMERITUS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WOLF BRANDT

Protein chemistry; proteomics; MALDI-TOF mass-spectrometry; HPLC, desiccation tolerance; polyphenols.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR HORST KLUMP

Physical biochemistry; uncommon DNA structures; self-assembly nanostructures; drug delivery systems; non-equilibrium DNA structures; triplet repeat diseases; origin and early development of the genetic code.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR JENNIFER THOMSON

Transgenic maize for resistance to the African *Maize streak virus* and tolerance to drought.

Contract Research Staff

DR ANDREA DU TOIT

Post-doctoral fellow; novel mechanisms of rapid, nongenomic reciprocal cross talk between the glucocorticoid receptor and the gonadotropin-releasing hormone receptor.

DR KERRY GORDON

Post-doctoral fellow; HIV-1 envelope structure and function; understanding the glycosylation requirements of HIV-1 envelope during transmission.

DR INGA HITZEROTH

Senior Research Officer; plant-derived vaccines; Human Papillomaviruses (HPV), Beak and Feather disease virus (BFDV), Rotavirus and Influenza virus.

DR KERSHINI IYER

Post-doctoral fellow; plant biotechnology; promoter studies of stress-associated genes from *Zea mays* and *Xerophyta viscosa*

DR REVEL IYER

Research scientist; agricultural biotechnology; plant molecular biology; plant transgenics.

DR ANN MEYERS

Research Officer; plant-produced proteins and vaccines; bluetongue virus; Rift Valley fever virus; *Gracilaria gracilis* transformation studies; recombinant protein expression in *Gracilaria gracilis*.

DR SHANE MURRAY

Lecturer; crop genomics and transcriptomics; resistance in maize and grapevine to pathogens (fungi, viruses and phytoplasma).

DR HANLIE NELL

Post-doctoral fellow; plant stress biology; characterisation of the carbon source for soluble carbohydrate accumulation in the resurrection plant *Xerophyta humilis*.

DR LYNTHIA PAUL

Post-doctoral fellow; *Bacteroides fragilis* metronidazole resistance; mutational analysis; metronidazole uptake; flotillin; DNA recombination and repair genes.

DR DIONNE SHEPHERD

Research Officer; virology and plant biotechnology; development of maize streak virus-resistant maize; maize streak virus diversity; plant-virus interactions.

DR MICHELE TOMASICCHIO

Post-doctoral fellow; glucocorticoid receptor (GR) transcriptional signalling; cross talk between HIV-1 Vpr and the GR in transcriptional regulation of host genes.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

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The Department of Oceanography is the only such Department in sub-Saharan Africa, and is the major focus for research in physical oceanography, atmospheric science, ocean circulation, and climate in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa. The Department has research groupings in sea-going observations, satellite marine remote sensing, coastal oceanography, ocean and atmospheric modelling, marine and coastal meteorology, severe weather, the science underpinning operational oceanography, and climate variability and change. Six scientists in the Department have been favourably evaluated in the review process of the National Research Foundation. Active international associations are maintained by collaborative projects with the Netherlands, France, Germany, Spain, the UK, Australia, USA and Canada. The Department maintains close contact with marine science activities in the governmental, private and academic sectors in South Africa and into Africa. The UCT Research Diving Unit (RDU) is housed within the Department and is fully equipped with a decompression chamber and compressor. Most scientific diving at UCT is carried out in conjunction with the RDU.

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Permanent and Long-term Contract Staff

Professors	2
Senior Lecturer	2
Lecturer	1
Research Staff	1
Technical Support Staff	2
Administrative and Clerical Staff	2
Total	10

Honorary Staff

Emeritus Professor	3
Honorary Professor	1
Honorary Research Associates	8
Total	10

Students

Postdoctoral Fellows	9
Doctoral	26
Master's	21
Honours	10
Undergraduate	158
Total	224

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Including the Centre for Theoretical and Mathematical Physics, the NanoSciences Innovation Centre and the UCT-CERN Research Centre

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: PROFESSOR D G ASCHMAN

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE

The Department of Physics is accommodated in the R W James Building, which houses research laboratories equipped for nuclear physics, X-ray stress determination, computational physics and nanoelectronics production. Additional facilities available to the Department are provided within the building by the Electron Microscope Unit (Scanning Electron Microscope and Transmission Electron Microscope), and at iThemba LABS (200 MeV cyclotron, a 5 MeV Van de Graaff accelerator used for ion beam analysis, including a nuclear microprobe, high resolution X-ray diffraction, and PET scanners adapted for positron emission particle tracking).

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Experimental nuclear physics at iThemba LABS (D G Aschman, A Buffler, R W Fearick, M R Nchodu): (a) Gamma ray spectroscopy with the AFRODITE array; (b) Giant resonance reactions with the magnetic spectrometer; (c) Fast neutron physics

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Professor	3
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Senior Lecturer	2
Lecturer	5
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Technical Staff	4
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Departmental & Lab Assistants	4
TOTAL	30

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TOTAL	7

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

(Including the FitzPatrick Institute, DST/NRF Centre of Excellence, the Marine Research Institute and the Animal Demography Unit)

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DEPARTMENT PROFILE

The Zoology Department houses the Marine Biology Research Centre (MBRC), the Percy FitzPatrick Institute, DST/NRF Centre of Excellence (PFIAO); the Freshwater Research Unit (FRU) and the Animal Demography Unit (ADU). Other smaller cogent groups co-ordinate research on mammals, palaeobiology, entomology and physiology. The Department hosts South African Research Chairs in Evolution and Systematics and in Marine Ecology and Fisheries. The Department has a large postgraduate school of some 130 master's and doctoral students and a significant portion of the research publications produced by UCT originate from Zoology.

Research interests of the MBRC include fisheries and coastal zone management, rocky shore ecology, seaweed and invertebrate biodiversity and systematics, the biology of the Benguela upwelling ecosystem, and biogeochemical cycles of the ocean, particularly of carbon and nitrogen, and how such cycles may be impacted by climate change. The PFIAO remains primarily involved in avian research, coupled with a strong emphasis on conservation biology. Research in the FRU focuses on the ecology of freshwater ecosystems, and on the conservation and management of rivers and wetlands. The Animal Demography Unit focuses on statistical ecology, with two strands of activities: a series of monitoring projects for birds, butterflies and reptiles, and a cohort of postgraduate students with statistics-rich research projects relating to various aspects of population dynamics. Other research in the department is centred around: the behaviour, ecology, physiology, systematics and evolutionary biology of a variety of small mammals (molerats, golden moles, rodents, bats), seals and primates; palaeobiology and osteohistology, including factors that affect bone depositional rates in modern birds and reptiles and the biological signals recorded in fossil bones of non-mammalian therapsids, mammals, dinosaurs and other archosaurs; the systematics and biogeography of insects and insect ecology in arid ecosystems; biological control, especially the use of herbivorous insects to curb the seeding capacity and invasiveness of problematic Australian acacia species; and physiological studies on how small peptide hormones produced in nerve cells regulate energy metabolism, growth, development and reproduction in insects and crustaceans and how astaxanthin and chitin can be used in an economically viable way to deal with so-called waste products of the rock lobster industry.

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Professors	6
Associate Professors	7
Senior Lecturers	2
Lecturers	4
Research Staff	3
Librarian	1
Technical Support Staff	4
Scientific Officers	5
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Laboratory Assistants	2
Total	42

Honorary Staff

Research Associates	15
Emeritus Professors	3
Emeritus Associate Professors	2
Professors	3
Associate Professor	1
Total	23

Contract Staff

Research Assistants	6
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Students

Postdoctoral	26
Doctoral	53
Master's	86
Honours	9
Undergraduate	652
Total	826

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Marine protected areas; line fish population ecology.

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