UCT and Bristol launch Researchers without Borders programme

The University of Cape Town (UCT) together with the University of Bristol are launching a new 'Researchers without Borders' PhD programme.

UCT Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng, was welcomed by Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Bristol, Professor Hugh Brady to Bristol, where the signing took place on Tuesday, 23 July 2019.

The Researchers without Borders PhD Programme is a framework that will build research capacity within and across the two universities, providing new opportunities for students to work on research projects that exploit the strengths and capabilities of both partners. The participating PhD students will be registered at and have supervisors and co-supervisors at both universities and will spend approximately equal amounts of time at each location.

The environment and supervision provided by both universities will underpin the development of a cohort of richly supported, globally agile researchers who will go on to make a leading impact in their future roles.

Professor Phakeng said: "This novel programme, with its focus on early career researchers, has great potential to support

future leaders and shapers in research and society, whilst bringing two great universities together in a profound collaboration."

The Director of the Bristol Doctoral College, Associate Professor Terry McMaster, who initiated and led the development of the programme, said: "Researchers without Borders signifies our two graduate student communities working in harmony, to support, train and develop the next generation of researchers – they will be uniquely equipped to be globally mobile and will be enabled to make significant contributions in their research and personal leadership."

The initial support for this programme has come from the two universities, the Global Challenge Research Fund and the alumni community of the University of Bristol. The first cohort of seven students will start projects in 2019 across the diverse research areas of Migration and Mobility, Public Health, Exercise, and Epidemiology.

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