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#### **MEMO**

To: All permanent academic staff in CHED

From: Associate Professor Kasturi Behari-Leak, Dean (CHED)

Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Cc: Mzi Mnyatheli & Alison Tomlinson

**Subject:** Performance reviews, ad hominem promotion and excellence/merit awards for academic

staff for 2024

# **Dear Colleagues**

We are entering the period of our annual process for 2024 – for reviewing the performance of academic staff and assessing applications for ad hominem promotions and academic excellence and merit awards<sup>1</sup>. This letter sets out the procedures relating to performance reviews and applications for Ad hominem promotion, excellence, and merit awards. The CHED promotion and excellence/merit guidelines (as approved in 2014), for regular and academic teaching posts, as well as the timeline for the process (p. 5), are included with this document (The <a href="https://forms.uct.ac.za/#HumanResources">HR174</a> & <a href="https://forms.uct.ac.za/#HumanResources">HR175</a> forms will accompany this letter as separate MS Word files and they can be downloaded from the HR website, via the following link, <a href="https://forms.uct.ac.za/#HumanResources">https://forms.uct.ac.za/#HumanResources</a>).

Should line managers / HODs/ Directors need to discuss any particular staff member's performance, please arrange a meeting with the Dean. Mzi Mnyatheli is responsible for the administration of the process, so please direct administrative enquiries to him (<a href="mailto:mzi.myatheli@uct.ac.za">mzi.myatheli@uct.ac.za</a>). If you have other queries about the process, please consult your HOD/Director, unit head or HR Business Partner, Alison Tomlinson (<a href="mailto:alison.tomlinson@uct.ac.za">alison.tomlinson@uct.ac.za</a>).

## **Performance reviews**

The Standard Academic Salary Package (SASP) performance assessment system for academic staff makes provision for a four-year performance review cycle. The new cycle commenced in January 2023 and will formally come to an end in December 2026.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Information on the nature and purposes of the academic excellence and merit awards, as well as procedures and guidelines, are included in the attached 'Guidelines for ad hominem promotion and academic excellence and merit awards' (p.8) of this document).

A cycle requires formative performance discussions with academic staff every two years, i.e., year one and year three, and formal performance reviews every alternate year, i.e., mid-term (year 2) and at the end of the cycle (year 4). We are in year two (2) of the current cycle.

Performance discussions must be held with each academic staff member intending to apply for ad hominem promotion or excellence/merit awards, as well as with those staff members where performance issues have been identified and/or where support is required to ensure that the staff member is able to improve upon the areas of concern that have been identified.

All other academic staff (<u>those not applying for ad hominem promotion or an award</u>) are encouraged to complete the HR174 form focusing on the past year's performance. As this is year 2 of the current cycle these forms must be submitted to <a href="https://hrtfpreschedhrpb@uct.ac.za">hrtfpreschedhrpb@uct.ac.za</a>; HR175 forms are to be completed and signed off by Heads of Departments (HODs) or Directors, where applicable. **The deadline for the completion of performance discussions is Friday, 1 November 2024.** 

### Process for ad hominem promotion and academic excellence and merit awards 2024.

CHED academic staff who are on permanent conditions of service, and who believe that their performance in their current position is exceptional, are invited to apply for ad hominem promotion or excellence/merit awards. Heads of Departments, Directors or units are also entitled to nominate staff for promotion.

In order to support applicants and their line managers in the ad hominem process, we will arrange a **Portfolio Curation and Framing** workshop to provide pertinent information on what the application process entails, what counts as evidence and success and the four pillars that applicants will be assessed against. Applicants are encouraged to engage fully to be better equipped to construct and submit their applications in a coherent and well aligned manner. The details will be provided in due course.

# **Composition and Remit of CHED Promotion and Remuneration Committee**

The CHED Promotion and Remuneration Committee includes all HODs and Directors, as approved by the Board for Higher Education Development (CHED Board) at the May 2019 meeting. All Faculty Promotion and Remuneration Committees include a DVC and two external Deans. In addition, CHED includes two to three senior members of the academic staff external to CHED, selected for their broad-based expertise, since CHED is a cross-faculty structure.

As noted in previous years, all staff are expected to carry out their work to the best of their ability and to meet the goals set for the year. Since staff in regular academic posts are required to carry out research as part of their contracts, the normal expectation will include published research articles and papers and/or other research outputs. For staff registered for higher degrees, 'normal expectation' will also include making progress with or completing their studies as planned. Working to these standards is a cause for congratulation but is not in itself sufficient grounds for ad hominem promotion.

Consequently, in considering applications for ad hominem promotion and merit awards, the CHED Promotion and Remuneration Committee will be looking for evidence of <u>exceptional</u> performance. This may take a variety of forms and will vary according to individual job requirements. The CHED 'Guidelines for Ad hominem Promotion and Academic Excellence & Merit Awards' (applicable to regular academic posts) (p. 8) and 'Guidelines for Ad hominem Promotion and SASP evaluation for staff on academic teaching conditions of service' (p. 17), which the CHED Ad hominem Promotion and Remuneration Committee will take fully into account in its work, are attached. Applications for ad hominem promotion and merit awards must necessarily be comprehensive and provide <u>evidence</u> of overall performance that clearly exceeds what is normally expected of the applicant's current academic rank (see the CHED guidelines documents, including the 'Mechanisms for use with CHED rating guidelines information' on p.14 and p.20 of this document).

### **Submission Instructions**

Please submit as follows: email to <a href="mailto:ched2024adhom&reward@uct.ac.za">ched2024adhom&reward@uct.ac.za</a>

by COB Monday, 27 May 2024 in a single PDF document, using the naming convention:

- 2024\_CHED\_ADHOM\_NAME\_SURNAME\_ APPLICATION FORM OR
- 2024\_CHED\_EXCELLENCE/MERIT\_NAME\_SURNAME\_APPLICATION FORM
  - a completed application form (blank form attached, p.6 and p.7).
  - forms HR174 completed by the applicant and her/his line manager.
  - a full academic curriculum vitae (including 3-5 referees, see details below).

by COB Friday, 28 June 2024 in a single PDF document, the full portfolio using the naming convention:

- 2024 CHED ADHOM NAME SURNAME APPLICATION AND PORTFOLIO OR
- 2024\_CHED\_EXCELLENCE/MERIT\_NAME\_SURNAME\_APPLICATION AND PORTFOLIO
  - a completed application form (blank form attached, p.6 and p.7).
  - forms <u>HR174</u> & <u>HR175</u>, completed by the applicant and her/his line manager.
  - a full academic curriculum vitae (including 3-5 referees, see further referee details below).

### Referees:

Applications for ad hominem promotion and excellence/merit awards should also include the names and email addresses of three (3) referees. In the case of ad hominem promotion applications for full Professor, five (5) referees are required.

Please send each of your referees a copy of your CV. It is permissible to request referees to focus on aspects of your work that you wish to highlight in your application. Referee reports will be <u>confidential</u> and sent directly to the HR Business Partner.

Guideline for choosing referees:

- Full Professor level Strong international standing.
- Associate Professor International standing or emerging international standing.
- Senior Lecturer National standing.
- Lecturer National standing.

### **Portfolios**

Portfolios submitted to the Committee must contain the substance of and the evidence for the applicant's case for promotion.

CHED staff are expected to maintain comprehensive portfolios of their work, which can be drawn on for performance reviews as well as promotion or other applications. It is strongly recommended that applicants should be highly selective in the material they include and should provide the material in an analysed or 'digested' form that highlights the significance of their work in context and will be meaningful to the Committee members, not all of whom will be specialists in the applicant's particular area of work. The Committee will be able to obtain assistance from specialist assessors (and from the applicant's Head of Department, as outlined above) as required.

### It is recommended that the portfolios submitted to the Committee contain, in this order:

- a table of contents, with clickable links to the different sections.
- a completed application form (blank form attached, p.6).
- a brief (one-page) self-evaluative statement outlining the overall role and significance of the applicant's work and the grounds for the application.
- a self-ranking and scoring against the CHED ad hominem criteria.
- a full academic CV.
- a narrative account (not more than 20 pages) of the significance of the applicant's work, and notable achievements, in the broad categories of work covered in the CHED guidelines (p. 8 onwards). Include information on collaborative work.
- for applications for promotion on regular conditions of service (and, where applicable, merit award applications), a publications table and embedded links (accessible links) in the portfolio to 3-5 pieces of (preferably recent) work that the applicant regards as best representing his/her research/scholarly output.
- forms HR174 & HR175.
- As appendices or links: selected documentary evidence of the applicant's contributions and achievements in the applicable categories of work, as outlined in the applicant's narrative account.

## Please find the following documents attached for further information and guidance:

- Guidelines for ad hominem promotion (p.8) and academic excellence and merit awards (p.16).
- Application form for ad hominem promotion or excellence and merit awards (p.6).

The UCT HR website provides comprehensive information about <u>Performance planning</u>, <u>performance reviews and staff development (academic staff)</u> and the process for <u>ad hominem promotion</u>.

The HR174 & HR175 forms may be downloaded from the UCT administrative forms site.

Separate attachments accompanying this letter: Application Form (MS Word)

#### Kind regards,



# TIMELINE FOR THE AD HOMINEM PROMOTION, EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARDS 2024 CYCLE

Date	Item/ Action	Who
Tuesday 14 May 2024	2024 Invitation for applications for Ad Hominem Promotion, Merit or Excellence Awards	Applicants to start completing the Intention to Apply Application (ITA) form, their HR174 and final version of CV (including confirming 3 to 5 referees to be contacted by HRBP)
Friday 24 May 2024	<ol> <li>Deadline for submission of:</li> <li>The Intention to Apply (ITA)         Application form,</li> <li>Completed HR174</li> <li>Copy of your CV (including confirming 3 to 5 referees to be contacted by HRBP)</li> </ol>	Applicants to ensure 3 required documents are submitted to HR via the <a href="mailto:ched2024adhom&amp;reward@uct.ac.za">ched2024adhom&amp;reward@uct.ac.za</a> email address.
In the week of Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024	Internal Working Group (WG) One: Deanery and HODs to meet and review ITA applications and HR174 forms received.	Deanery/ HODs and HRBP
In the week of Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 7 June 2024	<b>HODs to complete the HR175</b> including comments from internal working group.	HODs
In the week of Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 7 June 2024	Portfolio Curation and Framing Workshop for applicants: - 1.5-2 hours and the date and venue to be organised to suit participants and invited facilitator/s	Applicants to attend the workshop for guidance and advice relating to their portfolio of evidence.
Friday 28 June 2024	Final submission date of FULL Ad Hominem Promotion portfolio to HRBP  1. The Intention to Apply (ITA) Application form, 2. Completed HR174 3. Copy of your CV 4. Completed HR175 5. Supporting documents	Applicants to ensure FULL and FINAL application and portfolio is submitted to HR via the <a href="mailto:ched2024adhom&amp;reward@uct.ac.za">ched2024adhom&amp;reward@uct.ac.za</a> by latest <a href="mailto:cob">COB Friday, 28 June 2024</a> .
Monday 1 July 2024 to Friday 5 July 2024	Applications uploaded to Vula for internal review.	HRBP
Monday 8 July 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024	Internal Working Group Two: Deanery and HODs to review the final full applications.	Deanery/ HODs and HRBP
Monday 15 July 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024	Preliminary Ad Hominem Committee Meeting.	
Monday 22 July 2024 to Friday 26 July 2024	Aide memoire with final scores and recommendations finalised for upload to Vula.	
Monday 29 July 2024	External Committee members granted access and invited to review 2024 applications	
Thursday 7 August 2024	Full Ad Hom Promotion, Merit and Excellence Award Meeting	

# **UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN**



# **CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (CHED)**

# APPLICATION FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION, EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARD FOR 2024

1	nformation required from Prospective Applicants
Title: Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Mx	
Surname	
First Names	
Department	
Years of service at UCT (Permanent or temporary)	
Present rank/level	
Is this rank held as a result of Ad Hominem Promotion?	YES NO
If YES, please indicate date of such promotion	
If NO, please indicate date of appointment to present post.	
Is the probation complete and has your appointment been confirmed prior to your application.	

For Ad hominem promotion, indicate the rank which you are applying to:	Application for Ad hominemen Promotion to: Senior Lecturer Associate Professor Professor				ck the a	appropriate option:
For Excellence or Merit Awards, indicate which award you would like to be considered for.	Applic Award	ation for Excello	ence or Merit	Ti	ck the	appropriate option:
*Choose one of the option.	Merit Award (Lecturer to Associate Professor level) Excellence 1 (Professor level) Exceelence 2 (Professor level)			1)		
List your referees here:	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.  Notes: i. iii.	reason for their It is the applica contacted and been sent to th The HR Busines applying for pro	nomination.  nt's duty to info  to ensure that a  e referee.  s Partner will co  motion to Asso	orm the copy ontact ociate I	nship versete reference of the reference refer	with each referee and the ee that s/he may be relevant documentation has ferees for a report. In or or Professor at least some anding.
Applicant declaration:	work ar	of the referees should have international standing.  I declare that the information submitted is accurate and is a true reflection of my work and outputs.  Date signed:				

Please return this form via email, together with the appropriate documentation listed below, to be sent to <a href="mailto:ched2024adhom&reward@uct.ac.za">ched2024adhom&reward@uct.ac.za</a> for the attention of Alison Tomlinson.

Deadline date for submission is Monday, 27 May 2024.

\*Note that you cannot apply for both Ad hominem promotion and Excellence/Merit Award.

#### CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

# GUIDELINES FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARDS

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

SCORE RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER					
High achievement 8 to 10	Is recognized as an excellent teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as an excellent teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as an excellent teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as an excellent teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.					
	Has an <u>excellent</u> record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	Has an <u>excellent</u> record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	Has an <u>excellent</u> record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.						
	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.					
	Is recognized <u>nationally as a leading</u> <b>teaching and learning specialist</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Is recognized <u>institutionally</u> as a <u>leading</u> <b>teaching</b> and <b>learning specialist</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Is recognized in the faculty and/or department as a teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.	Is <u>recognized by colleagues as a</u> <b>teaching and learning specialist</b> in one or more areas listed above.					
	Makes a <u>major</u> contribution to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Makes a <u>significant</u> contribution to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Makes an important contribution to educational development initiatives in one or more areas listed above.	Makes a <u>contribution</u> to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.					

SCORE RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER
Expected performance 5 to 7	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.
	Has a good record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	Has a good record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	Has a <u>good</u> record of <b>supervision</b> of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	
	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and re- structuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
	Is recognized <u>institutionally as a</u> <u>leading</u> <b>teaching and learning specialist</b> in one or more areas listed	Is recognized in the department and/or faculty as a teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.	Is <u>recognized by colleagues as a</u> teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.	Beginning to develop an area of specialization in teaching and learning in one or more areas listed above.
	Makes a <u>significant</u> contribution to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Makes an important contribution to educational development initiatives in one or more areas listed above.	Makes a <u>contribution</u> to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Makes a <u>contribution</u> to <b>educational development initiatives</b> , <u>as required</u> , in areas such as those listed above.
Under- performance	Does not have a consistent reputation as a good teacher and/or supervisor.	Does not have a consistent reputation as a good <b>teacher and/or supervisor</b> .	Does not have a consistent reputation as a good <b>teacher and/or supervisor</b> .	Does <u>not have a consistent reputation</u> as a good <b>teacher</b> .
3 to 4	Makes a <u>minimal</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes a <u>minimal</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes a <u>minimal</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes a <u>minimal</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.
Uncaticfactory	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher</b> and/or supervisor.	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher</b> and/or supervisor.	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher</b> and/or supervisor.	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher</b> .
Unsatisfactory performance 0 to 2	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.

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		RESEARCH						
SCORE RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER				
High achievement 8 to 10	Is recognized internationally as one of the leading researchers/ creative artists in his or her field. Is making regular, major contributions to scholarship of outstanding quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review  • keynote addresses at international research conferences • invitations to present scholarship at high status institutions • regular citations and reviews • leadership of major research / policy / professional group • receiving awards for contributions to knowledge • attracting leading scholars in the field to UCT	Is recognized internationally as a leading researcher/creative artist in his/her field. Is making regular and/or major contributions to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review • regularly presenting papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars • regular citation and review • membership of major research / policy / professional group	Is recognized nationally and beginning to be recognized internationally as a leading researcher/creative artist in his/her field. Is making regular and/or substantial contributions to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals  • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review  • regularly presenting papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars  • regular citation and review  • membership of research / policy / professional group	Is beginning to be recognized nationally as a contributor to research/creative areas in his/her field. Is making regular contributions_to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals  • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review  • regularly presenting papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars  • satisfactory progress in a major research project (e.g. PhD or monograph)				
Expected performance 5 to 7	Is recognized internationally as a leading researcher/creative artist in his/her field. Is making regular and/or major contributions to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review • regularly presenting papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars • regular citation and review • membership of major research / policy / professional group	Is recognized nationally and beginning to be recognizing internationally as a leading researcher/creative artist in his/her field. Is making regular and/or substantial contributions to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review • regularly presenting papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars • regular citation and review	Is beginning to be recognized nationally as a contributor to research/creative areas in his/her field. Is making regular contributions_to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in high quality, peerreviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review • regularly presents papers to national and some international research conferences and seminars • satisfactory progress in a major research project (e.g. PhD or monograph)	Is making regular contributions to scholarship of high quality through, for example:  • papers in peer-reviewed journals • research reports, policy documents, chapters in books, professional journals, and/or conference papers subjected to an appropriate form of peer review • regularly presents papers to national research conferences and seminars • satisfactory progress in a major research project (e.g. PhD or monograph)				

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	RESEARCH								
SCORE RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER					
	membership of major research /     policy / professional group								
Under- performance 3 to 4	Has made a minimal contribution to knowledge production over the past 4 years.	Has made a minimal contribution to knowledge production over the past 4 years.	Has produced minimal research/creative work over past 4 years.	Has produced minimal research/creative work over past 4 years.					
	Attends <u>few</u> research conferences and seminars.			Attends <u>few</u> research conferences and seminars.					
	Provides little leadership in research/creative work.	Provides little leadership in research/creative work.	Minimal input to any research/creative work group.	Minimal input to any research/creative work group.					
Unsatisfactory performance	Is <u>not actively involved</u> in research or the production of creative work.	Is <u>not actively involved</u> in research or the production of creative work.	Is <u>not actively involved</u> in research or the production of creative work.	Is <u>not actively involved</u> in research or the production of creative work.					
0 to 2	Attends few or no research conferences and seminars	Attends few or no research conferences and seminars	Attends few or no research conferences and seminars	Attends few or no research conferences and seminars					

# GUIDELINES FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARDS

# LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SCORE RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER
High achievement 8 to 10	Plays a major leadership role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty, university or national level.  Makes a major contribution, as required, to management and administration at departmental, faculty or institutional level, including the mentoring of staff.	Plays a significant leadership role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty or university level.  Makes a significant contribution, as required, to management and administration at departmental, faculty or institutional level, including the mentoring of staff.	Plays a <b>leadership</b> role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty or university level.  Makes an <u>important</u> contribution, as required, to <b>management and administration</b> at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Makes some contribution to leadership in educational development at departmental, faculty or institutional level.  Actively participates in departmental and faculty administration, as required; takes responsibility for course convening and administration as required.
Expected performance 5 to 7	Plays a significant leadership role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty or university level.  Makes a significant contribution, as required, to management and administration at departmental, faculty or institutional level, including the mentoring of staff.	Plays a <b>leadership</b> role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty or university level.  Makes an important contribution, as required, to <b>management and administration</b> at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Makes some contribution to leadership in educational development at departmental, faculty or institutional level.  Actively participates in departmental and faculty administration, as required; takes responsibility for course convening and administration as required.	Makes a constructive contribution to departmental <b>administration</b> and takes responsibility for routine course/ programme/ event administration as required.
Under- performance 3 to 4	Plays minimal role in the leadership of teaching and learning activities at departmental or faculty or university level.  Ineffective contribution to management at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Plays minimal role in the leadership of teaching and learning activities at departmental or faculty or university level.  Ineffective contribution to management at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Plays minimal role in departmental and faculty administration.  Reluctant to contribute to the general work of the department or faculty.	Plays minimal or poor role in departmental administration.  Reluctant to contribute to the general work of the department or faculty.
Unsatisfactory performance 0 to 2	Plays no leadership role in teaching and learning activities at a departmental or faculty or university level.  No contribution to management at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Plays no leadership role in teaching and learning activities at a departmental or faculty or university level.  No contribution to management at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Plays <u>no</u> role in departmental and faculty administration.  No contribution to the general work of the department or faculty.	Plays no role in departmental administration.  No contribution to the general work of the department or faculty.

# GUIDELINES FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARDS

# SOCIAL RESPONSIVENESS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SCORE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER
RANGE	PROFESSOR	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER
High achievement	Is recognized outside the University as a leading figure in his or her field of expertise and for contributions to the wider society.	Has a significant national and/or international professional status.	Has a national professional status.	
	Frequently consulted as a specialist advisor by both local and international external organisations.	Has an excellent reputation regionally and nationally as a leading advisor and expert.	Has a reputation in the wider community as an advisor and expert in his or her field of work.	Makes a regular contribution as an advisor or expert in his or her field of work.
	Has very strong and well-developed professional interactions with constituencies beyond the University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs.  Influential in decision making and policy making by community organisations, government, or private sector.	Plays a leadership role in workshops and seminars for constituencies beyond the University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs.	Plays a leadership role in interactions with constituencies beyond the University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs.	Interacts regularly with professional organizations, government agencies or NGOs.
Expected performance	Has a significant national and/or international professional status.	Has a national professional status.		
5 to 7	Has an excellent reputation regionally and nationally as a leading advisor and expert in his or her field of work.	Has a reputation in the wider community as an advisor and expert in his or her field of work.	Makes a regular contribution as an advisor or expert in his or her field of work.	Is approached occasionally to contribute as an advisor or expert in his or her field of work.
	Plays a leadership role in professional interactions with constituencies beyond the University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs.	Plays a leadership role in professional interactions with constituencies beyond the University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs.	Interacts regularly with professional organizations, government agencies or NGOs.	Interacts with professional organizations, government agencies or NGOs.
Under- performance 3 to 4	Minimal interaction in extension work or professional activities.	Minimal interaction with external agencies, usually only as part of a team.	Minimal interaction with external agencies, usually only as part of a team.	Minimal interaction with external agencies, usually only as part of a team.
Unsatisfactory performance 0 to 2	No involvement in extension or professional activities.	No involvement in extension or professional activities.	No involvement in extension or professional activities.	No involvement in extension or professional activities.

### Mechanisms (for use with CHED rating guidelines for staff in regular academic posts)

An overall assessment will be generated in one of the two ways described below.

- 1. by adding to the scores (1-10) for teaching and for research the best one of the scores for leadership/administration and social responsiveness and dividing the total by three. Candidates for promotion will be eligible for consideration if they have:
  - a. a sub-minimum score for teaching/learning of 7
  - b. a sub-minimum score for research of 6 for associate professor and a 7 for professor.
  - c. an average rating is 8.0 or higher (decimal points of 0.5 or more will not be rounded up).

#### Examples for associate professorship:

Example	Teaching/ Learning	Research	LMA or SR/PA	Total	Average (÷3)
Applicant A	9	6	9	24	8
Applicant B	8	6	10	24	8
Applicant C	7	8	9	24	8

### **Examples for professorship:**

Example	Teaching/ Learning	Research	LMA or SR/PA	Total	Average (÷3)
Applicant A	8	7	9	24	8
Applicant B	9	7	8	24	8
Applicant C	8	8	8	24	8

- 2. by adding the scores of all four categories together and dividing the total by four. Candidates for promotion will be eligible for consideration if they have:
  - d. a sub-minimum score for teaching of 7
  - e. a sub-minimum score for research of 6 for associate professor and a 7 for professor.
  - f. an average rating is 7.25 or higher (decimal points of 0.5 or more will not be rounded up).

Essentially, the only candidates who might find it advantageous to go for the four divided by 4 scenarios are those who are extensively involved in social responsiveness and professional activities as well as the more customary other three categories.

# For associate professorship:

	Teaching/ Learning	Research	LMA	SR/PA	Total	Average (÷4)
Applicant A	8	6	7	8	29	7.25
Applicant B	7	8	6	8	29	7.25
Applicant C	7	8	5	9	29	7.25

# For professorship:

	Teaching/ Learning	Research	LMA	SR/PA	Total	Average (÷4)
Applicant A	8	7	6	8	29	7.25
Applicant B	7	8	6	8	29	7.25
Applicant C	7	8	5	9	29	7.25

# CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIC MERIT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A system of merit awards has been introduced at the ranks of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor. The purpose of these awards is to reward meritorious achievement in one or more of the categories in which staff are assessed. Decisions on merit awards will form part of the brief of faculty promotion and remuneration committees and will be based on faculty ad hominem promotion criteria. At the rank of professor, the current two-tier system of excellence awards continues. The lower tier would reward excellent performance, while the upper tier would recognise truly outstanding performance.

#### Further details of the merit awards and excellence payments

- 1. A proposed guideline for the quantum for merit awards is a rand value derived as a percentage of the standard SASP package, to be determined annually. The award will be made for a period of two years, with effect from the year following that in which the assessment is made. Merit awards will be paid as a lump sum annually, and will be non-pensionable. The awards apply at the current rank of the staff member and fall away on promotion to a higher rank.
- 2. It is envisaged that a steady state of about 10% of academic staff receive the merit award. In order to facilitate this, a fixed budget (part of the overall budget associated with academic salaries) will be allocated to faculties on a proportional basis and application for merit awards will be competitive.
- 3. The faculty has the discretion to award different numbers of merit awards at the different academic ranks (i.e. the percentage of academic staff in receipt of merit awards in one rank may be higher or lower than that in another rank) but the allocated faculty budget for merit awards may not be exceeded.
- 4. In the introduction of excellence payments in 2004 it was envisaged that about 5% of Professorial staff would be eligible for and receive payments for excellence. This number has fluctuated over the years but has not risen above 5%. It is proposed that a steady state of 3-5% be the target. Excellence awards are paid monthly and are pensionable, and would usually be applied for four years.
- 5. Faculties are responsible for developing faculty specific criteria for deciding on merit awards (applicable to ranks of lecturer, senior lecturer or associate professor) and payments for excellence (applicable to rank of professor). The criteria are to be based on the faculty ad hominem promotion criteria. To be considered for an excellence award (professors), excellent performance must be demonstrated in at least two performance categories, of which one must be either Teaching & Learning or Research. To be considered for a merit award, lecturers, senior lecturers and associate professors must demonstrate outstanding performance in at least one performance category. If only one category, this must be either Teaching & Learning or Research.

#### Process of nomination and application

In order to assist heads of department in making decisions with potentially far-reaching consequences for remuneration, and to ensure fairness and transparency, there are three routes for the consideration of merit awards:

Route 1: the cycle of performance reviews may result in the head of department nominating a staff member for a merit award. These nominations will be considered by the relevant Faculty Promotion and Remuneration Committee.

Route 2: the staff member makes an application for a merit award with or without the support of the head of department. These applications will be considered by the relevant Faculty Promotion and Remuneration Committee.

Route 3: The Faculty Promotion and Remuneration Committee may make recommendations for a merit award in cases where an individual is considered to have demonstrated excellent performance but still falls short of promotion. The rhetoric of a "failed promotion" should be actively countered with the notion of meritorious achievement.

The DVC accountable for academic matters holds final authority for the approval of excellence awards and merit awards and payments for excellence. There is no appeal process, but if there is a breakdown in the process of application and assessment, the case will be addressed on an individual basis.

#### CHED SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR EXCELLENCE AND MERIT AWARDS:

#### Aligned with 5. Above, CHED's specific guidelines are:

- Excellence awards (professors): To be considered for an excellence award, an applicant must demonstrate excellent performance (at the level of 8 or above) in at least two performance categories of which one must be either Teaching & Learning or Research.
- Merit awards (lecturer, senior lecturer or associate professor): To be considered for a merit award, an applicant must demonstrate outstanding performance (at the level of 8 or above) in at least one performance category: either Teaching & Learning or Research.

Applicants for excellence and merit awards will be required to follow the same procedure and to compile and submit evidence in the form of a portfolio following the same guidelines and timelines as apply to applications for ad hominem promotion

#### **CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT**

#### GUIDELINES FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION AND SASP EVALUATION FOR STAFF ON ACADEMIC TEACHING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

To be read in conjunction with the UCT policy on academic teaching posts, particularly in relation to expected workload

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING AND LEARNING					
SCORE RANGE	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER			
High achievement	Is recognized as an <u>excellent</u> <b>teacher</b> who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.	Is recognized as an <u>excellent</u> <b>teacher</b> who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.			
8 to 10	Has an excellent record of supervision of postgraduate students, where appropriate.  Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.  Is recognized in the faculty and/or department as a teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.  Makes an important contribution to educational development initiatives in one or more areas listed above.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.  Is recognized by colleagues as a teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.  Makes a contribution to educational development initiatives in one or more areas listed above.			
Expected performance 5 to 7	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.  Has a good record of supervision of postgraduate students, where appropriate.	Is recognized as a good teacher who develops effective courses, teaching approaches and assessment practices that are responsive to the needs of students.			
	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.  Is recognized by colleagues as a teaching and learning specialist in one or more areas listed above.	Besides formal teaching and supervision, a range of educational development responsibilities will be recognized as contributions:  o Student development activities, staff development activities, tutor training, curriculum development and restructuring, technology design and development, test design, selection and placement activities, language development, textbook publications and other learning materials, assessment development, policy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation.  Beginning to develop an area of specialization in teaching and learning in one or more areas listed above.			

	Makes a <u>contribution</u> to <b>educational development initiatives</b> in one or more areas listed above.	Makes a <u>contribution</u> to <b>educational development initiatives</b> , <u>as required</u> , in areas such as those listed above.
Under- performance	Does not have a consistent reputation as a good teacher and/or supervisor.	Does not have a consistent reputation as a good teacher.
3 to 4	Makes a <u>minimal</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes a minimal contribution to educational development initiatives.
Unsatisfactory	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher and/or supervisor</b> .	Has a <u>poor</u> reputation as a <b>teacher</b> .
performance 0 to 2	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.	Makes <u>no</u> contribution to educational development initiatives.

LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION					
SCORE RANGE	SENIOR LECTURER	LECTURER			
High achievement	Plays a <b>leadership</b> role in teaching and learning activities at departmental, faculty or university level.	Makes some contribution to <b>leadership</b> in educational development at departmental, faculty or institutional level.			
8 to 10	Makes an <u>important</u> contribution, as required, to <b>management and administration</b> at departmental, faculty or institutional level.	Actively participates in departmental and faculty <b>administration</b> , as required; takes responsibility for course convening and administration as required			
Expected performance	Makes some contribution to <b>leadership</b> in educational development at departmental, faculty or institutional level.				
5 to 7	Actively participates in departmental and faculty <b>administration</b> , as required; takes responsibility for course convening and administration as required.	Makes a constructive contribution to departmental <b>administration</b> and takes responsibility for routine course/ programme/ event administration as required.			
Under- performance	Plays minimal role in departmental and faculty administration.	Plays <u>minimal</u> or poor role in departmental administration.			
3 to 4	Reluctant to contribute to the general work of the department or faculty.	Reluctant to contribute to the general work of the department or faculty.			
Unsatisfactory performance	Plays <u>no</u> role in departmental and faculty administration.	Plays <u>no</u> role in departmental and faculty administration.			
0 to 2	No contribution to the general work of the department or faculty.	No contribution to the general work of the department or faculty.			

#### GUIDELINES FOR AD HOMINEM PROMOTION AND SASP EVALUATION FOR STAFF ON ACADEMIC TEACHING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE SOCIAL RESPONSIVENESS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES **LECTURER** SCORE RANGE **SENIOR LECTURER** Has a national professional status. High achievement Has a reputation in the wider community as an advisor and expert in his or her Makes a regular contribution as an advisor or expert in his or her field of work. 8 to 10 field of work. Plays a leadership role in interactions with constituencies beyond the Interacts regularly with professional organizations, government agencies or NGOs. University, e.g. professional organisations, government agencies or NGOs. Makes a regular contribution as an advisor or expert in his or her field of work. Is approached occasionally to contribute as an advisor or expert in his or her field of **Expected** work. performance Interacts regularly with professional organizations, government agencies or Interacts with professional organizations, government agencies or NGOs. 5 to 7 NGOs. Minimal interaction with external agencies, usually only as part of a team. Minimal interaction with external agencies, usually only as part of a team. **Under-performance** 3 to 4 No involvement in extension or professional activities. No involvement in extension or professional activities. Unsatisfactory performance 0 to 2

#### CHED mechanism to assess eligibility for promotion (see HR175) for staff on academic teaching conditions of service.

An overall assessment of eligibility for consideration for promotion can be performed in one of two ways:

- a) Add the scores of all three categories together and divide the total by three.
- b) Add the scores of the Contributions to Teaching and Learning category and one other and divide by two.

Candidates for promotion will be considered eligible for consideration if their average rating is 8 or higher. Note, however, that 8 is the minimum allowable score for the Contribution to Teaching & Learning category.

Assessment of eligibility for consideration for a **merit award** will normally be made by mechanism (b).

	Teaching/ Learning	Lead, Man & Admin.	Soc Resp	Total	Average (÷3)
Applicant A	10	6	8	24	8
Applicant 2	9	7	8	24	8
Applicant 3	8	8	8	24	8

	Teaching/ Learning	Lead, Man & Admin.	Soc Resp	Total	Average (÷2)
Applicant 1	10	6		16	8
Applicant 2	8		8	16	8
Applicant 3	9		7	16	8