



INFORMATION SHEET FOR **PARTNER** UNIVERSITIES AND **EXCHANGE** STUDENTS



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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FREE STATE (CUT)

CUT is the foremost higher education institution in the heartland of South Africa. It offers education opportunities in several technological fields, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The University boasts more than 21 000 students including close to 400 international students from 20 global countries, and approximately 2 000 academic and support services staff in total. The qualifications on offer reside in four faculties: the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences (FHES); the Faculty of Humanities (FHUM); the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment, and Information Technology (FEBIT); and the Faculty of Management Sciences (FMS). CUT's vision is to be "a leading African university of technology, shaping the future through innovation" by the year 2030. The notion of CUT as a leading African university of technology should be seen against the university's aspiration to be socially relevant, speak to the global sustainable development goals and positively impact the socio-economic conditions of the community it serves.

CUT is currently at the forefront of research and innovation, making the university a leading South African university in the application of additive manufacturing (AM) for the design and production of customised medical implants. The university also commands respect for its technology transfer research. As part of CUT's Global Engagement Strategy, CUT continues to reach out to students and academics globally. CUT creates cross-border partnerships, which ensure that it contributes to South Africa's status as a participant in innovation and world markets, by producing graduates who are not only industry ready, but have a global perspective, and an understanding of international challenges and opportunities.

Click on the below link to learn more about CUT:

[ABOUT CUT](#)

BLOEMFONTEIN THE CITY (EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL MOSTLY RESIDE IN THIS CITY)

Bloemfontein is one of South Africa's three capital cities and the capital of the Free State Province. It serves as the country's judicial capital, along with the legislative capital Cape Town, and administrative capital Pretoria. Bloemfontein is the seventh-largest city in South Africa. It is home to 588,000 inhabitants. It is also very safe. When students arrive in Bloemfontein, the Academic Staff and Student Mobility Office conducts an orientation for them ensuring a smooth transition into the city.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING AND STUDYING AT CUT AS AN **EXCHANGE** STUDENT



CUT is situated right in the city centre of Bloemfontein, making it easy to access all amenities within the city. Bloemfontein is considered a university city, because of the many higher education institutions within the city, in proximity to each other. It is a pleasant, safe, and student-friendly city. CUT has a very rich and vibrant student life and prides itself on being a home away from home for all international students. Exchange students can 'play and study' while also participating in the cultural immersion of the friendly people of Bloemfontein and their hospitality.

Click on the below links to see what you can do and experience in Bloemfontein and close by towns:

[Things to do in Bloemfontein](#)

[Things to do in Clarens](#)

Students can expect to write exams at the end of the semester and the results are emailed to the students' home university. CUT recognises European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) as a standardised measurement to award credits hence it developed a credit transfer framework recognising that 1 (ECTS) = 2 South African credits based on South African Qualification Framework.

Click **[HERE](#)** to see what a student can expect during a study abroad period in South Africa and at CUT.

Here are more **[PHOTOS AND VIDEOS](#)** of CUT and South Africa. Some of the photos are of students that previously studied at CUT and their experiences in South Africa.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEMESTERS

1st Semester

Summer/Winter (Feb – June)

January (Registrations)

Holidays: Recess for 2-3 weeks
(end-June to mid-July)

2nd Semester

Fall /Spring (July – Nov)

July (Registrations)

Holidays: 2-3 Weeks (Mid-Dec to Mid-Jan)

ARRIVAL DAYS 2024/2025

*All students are encouraged to arrive at CUT on
working weekdays Monday to Friday*

Summer/Winter Semester: 25 January

Fall/Spring Semester: 25 July

OFFERED PROGRAMS

All CUT's programs are taught in English within its Four Faculties

Choose from: diplomas, bachelors, advanced diplomas, postgraduate diplomas, Master's, and doctoral degrees.

Click on the below links to view our faculties:

[Faculty of Management Sciences](#)

[Faculty of Humanities](#)

[Faculty of Health and
Environmental Sciences](#)

[Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment
& Information Technology](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view all programs offered at CUT

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students wishing to study at CUT should possess a B2 Level
(English as their second language).

APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS

Students should be nominated by their home universities first. CUT will then send the link to our online application. Students should be able to follow lectures in English.

The university international coordinators from the home university should email these nomination/s lists to mmoss@cut.ac.za or inboundstudentmobility@cut.ac.za; or kpakose@cut.ac.za

Nomination dates:

First Semester: 1 August – 15 October

Second Semester: 1 February – 30 April

APPLICATION DEADLINES

15 October 2024 - for the semester which starts 1 February 2025 till 15 July 2025

30 April 2025 – for a semester that starts July to December 2025



COSTS

International student Administration Fee Compulsory for all students, payable in cash upon arrival at CGE (International Office):

FEE: R3,500.00 (once-off) this includes e.g. bedding; cutlery; crockery; fridge; blankets; heaters; pots and pans; bath towels; etc. for an entire semester. It also includes transport pickups from the airport; inland travel for the first two days e.g. on arrival from your accommodation to campus and to the Mall to get incidentals and drop off at your accommodation as well as the City Tour. Please note it excludes Electricity and Wi-Fi at private accommodation off campus.

LIVING EXPENSES

Students should have at least R4,500.00 per month, and more depending on your level of luxury especially if you intend to participate in excursions while in South Africa.

HEALTH INSURANCE

+/- R5, 500 (or less) for 6 x months (paid in full as once-off payment) before students travels. This is also needed for visa application at the SA Embassy in home country. CUT through the Health Insurance consultant will issue a online link for application and payment.

HOUSING

Graduandi House, which houses all our international partner exchange students, the fees escalate by $\pm 10\%$ every year or equivalent to the inflation rate.

ACCOMMODATION / HOUSING FEE

1. **CUT will arrange accommodation for international exchange students** prior to their arrival at CUT at our Graduandi House. The fees escalate by +/- 10% every year or equivalent to the inflation rate. Currently \pm R25,000.00 for the semester (this includes electricity, water, and Wi-Fi).
2. **Unilofts private student accommodation off campus.** Contacts available on request. Currently \pm R30,000.00 for students doing internships mostly, please connect with Mr Andre Landman at: andre@vantagemc.co.za

FREE MOVER EXCHANGE STUDENTS

All exchange students are expected to do a minimum of 30 SAQA credits, which equates to 15 ECTS and a maximum of 60 SAQA equating to 30 ECTS per semester (however if students want to do more, they can add one course only). **[SAQA – (South African Qualification Authority)]**.

Fees will vary slightly depending on the number of courses the student is taking and from which faculty. Students may expect to pay a maximum of R50 000.00 for one semester if they are free movers. Partner university's students, tuition fee is waived.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Pickup on arrival at Bloemfontein Airport are arranged by the Academic Staff & Student Mobility Office.

WI-FI

Please register to Eduroam Wi-Fi at your home institution and you will be able to access Wi-Fi at CUT on arrival before you are a registered student. Your number will be able to pick up the network automatically.

VISA APPLICATION

All students are assisted with admission letters, which also serves as invitation letters, and embassy letters; the following documents are also required to apply for a visa:

- Admission Letter;
- Embassy Letter;
- health insurance certificate;
- proof of accommodation;
- and proof of financial support while in South Africa.

