

Research Contracts & Innovation (RC&I;) — University of Cape Town

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

UCT's technology-transfer office has spun out 40 companies over 20 years, built spin-off equity worth R100M+ and now manages 2,500 research contracts worth R1.5bn+ a year — its strategy examined in peer-reviewed research alongside Stellenbosch University.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[Research Contracts & Innovation \(RC&I;\), University of Cape Town](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[Official site](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[UCT innovation at a glance \(2024\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[Peer-reviewed study: Spinning-off or Licensing? \(Industry and Higher Education, 2014\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

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