



CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER
(Payclass 10; 3-Year Fixed Term Contract)
DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Department of Mechanical Engineering seeks to appoint a full-time position on a three-year fixed-term contract. While the position is fixed-term, it is performance-based, with performance reviewed annually. The successful candidate is expected to commence duties as soon as possible.

The incumbent must be an energetic, driven and self-starting individual. The incumbent will report directly to the Principal Investigator of the project and the Departmental Manager. As a successful candidate, you will support the development of an advanced testing device (a hydraulic fluid screener) for an external industrial client.

For detailed information on this post, please view the job description on the following link: ([view](#))

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

Closing date: 10 April 2026

Reference:

ID 1290

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