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NSTF-South32 Awards

Call for nominations now open: NSTF-South32 Awards 2018/2019

Register nominations online by 14 December 2018

Nominations are open

The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) calls for nominations for the 17 NSTF-South32 Awards. These prestigious awards focus on science, engineering, technology and innovation.

South African Press Awards: The NSTF-South32 SA Press Awards honour the South African media for their contribution to the public understanding of science, engineering, technology and innovation. Award with the **Sanlam Science Writer Award** for 2018/2019 will be presented at a function hosted by the **Institute for Professional Journalism (IPJ)**.

Regular nominations by individuals, teams and organisations for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering and innovation (March-March) fall into **twelve categories** and in the following broad areas:

- Research
- Development
- Management of S&T and innovation
- Popularisation of science and technology
- Research and Development Capacity Development for the Economy
- Science in Society
- Policy in Support
- Technology Transfer, Research and Development
- Commercialisation and creating awareness of S&T and innovation
- Promotion of Research and Development in the Private Sector and Support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- Promotion of Research and Development through the NRF/DST-Rating Agency Partnership

What's new this year?

There are **two categories** in addition to the 2018 awards:

- **Special Annual Thematic Award**: The NSTF is seeking a special theme annually that will be awarded to a person, team or organisation that has made a significant contribution. This is in recognition of the 10th anniversary celebration of the 2010 International Year of Chemistry (IYC2010). The theme for the 2018/2019 awards is **Chemistry** and research in Materials Science and the development of materials to support national priorities and industrial development. Nominations could be for:
  - All forms of science, engineering, technology and innovation, where the nominee has made a significant contribution to the development of materials science;
  - New applications or new properties of other applications of known materials that have made a significant contribution to society;
  - New developments in theory, particularly in an emerging field, that have made a significant contribution to society.

  The aim is to be forward-looking, to recognise and reward evidence of outstanding potential, and to highlight the importance of materials science in addressing emerging challenges.
- **Commercialisation award** for sustained and phenomenally successful S&T and innovation based commercialisation, or for a single outstanding commercialisation achievement.
- **Innovation Leadership**: This recognises a major change to the Innovation Category that was introduced last year. It is for individuals who have made a significant contribution to science and innovation and their research outputs, and who have shown the potential for innovation and leadership in their field.
- **Research Leadership**: This recognises the self-category of the whole research cycle, from the conceptualisation of the research center, professionally managed, to the research outcomes.
  - **Recognition Award** - nominees through the Research Leadership Award will be considered for the Research Leadership Award and also for the Recognition Award. The Recognition Award is for those who have made a significant contribution to the research center, professionally managed, to the research outcomes.
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The NSTF's vision

A last-mile society where S&T and innovation contribute to a high quality of life for all South Africans, in which the S&T community is representative of the population and reflects and shows the potential capacity to contribute to the 21st century and S&T capacity and attracting international.

The NSTF Strategy aim is the design of which the NSTF strives to realise its vision.

Awards nomination process

The Forum has made arrangements for:

Stage 1 – Register a nomination by 14 December 2018

- Please read the applicable guidelines under the beginning of the two-step nomination process. Nominations will be accepted only from those who have registered via the official online nomination form to be completed by 14 March 2019 (Stage 2). Nominations will be considered only if they are submitted via the online nomination form. Ensure that you read the **guidelines** carefully.
- Please register your nomination online. Nominations will be accepted only after confirmation of your registration and the NSTF Office will respond to your registration request. Please ensure that you provide a valid email address and office or **cellphone/mobile** number. Email and office numbers will receive the confirmation of your registration.

Stage 2 – Submit completed nomination documents by 1 March 2019

- Ensure that the fully completed nomination forms are emailed to the NSTF before the closing date. Please ensure that you have received a confirmation of your nomination from the NSTF. Nominations will be considered only if they are submitted via the online nomination form. Nominations received by e-mail will be considered only if they are submitted by the nominator.

Awards categories

Full list of categories: For awards for the 17 outstanding contributors to science, engineering and technology (S&T) and innovation – (The complete list of award winners and their achievements for 2017/2018).

1. **Individual Awards**:
   - **Lifetime Award**: Lifetime achievement in S&T and innovation by a distinguished individual.
   - **Distinguished Award Researcher**: continuous outstanding contribution to research and development and innovation in S&T and innovation, professionally managed, to the research outcomes.
   - **Distinguished Award Research Leadership**: continuous outstanding contribution to research and development and innovation in S&T and innovation, professionally managed, to the research outcomes and the conceptualisation of the research center, professionally managed.
   - **Recognition Award**: – outstanding through the Research Leadership Award will be considered for the Recognition Award and also for the Research Leadership Award.
2. **Engineering Research Capacity Development Awards**: – contribution by an individual over the last five to 10 years.
3. **The Black Scientist Research and Innovation Award**: – contribution by an individual to research and development and innovation in S&T and innovation, sustainability and science economy over the last five to 10 years.
4. **NRF/Water Research Commission (WRC) Award**: – contribution by an individual or team to research and development in water research and innovation and knowledge.
5. **Innovation** and solutions over the last five to 10 years.
6. **Marine Research Award**: – contribution by an individual or team for advancing the oceanics, management and use of marine resources.
7. **Innovation Awards**:
   - **Small for innovations and their research and/or development**: – contribution by an individual or a team in a small company, company or institution over the last five to 10 years.
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8. **Commercialisation Award**: – contribution for sustained and creating experiences of S&T and innovation.
9. **Non-postgraduate Organisation Award**: – contribution including technology transfer commercialisation and training activities over the last 10 to 15 years.
10. **Special Annual Thematic Award 2018/19: Materials for humanise economic transformation**: – contribution to research and development and innovation in S&T and innovation.

Please ensure that the proof of your nominations, supplied contacts and all mentioned persons and organisations are aware of the nomination and have given their consent.

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If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve the website, please send the NSTF Awards Coordinator an email.

About the NSTF

The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) is a statutory organisation established in terms of the National Science and Technology Forum Act, 1998.

The NSTF Awards Section is critical to the ongoing and sustaining of a vibrant and sustainable science, engineering and innovation (SEI) system in South Africa.

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