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# NSTF

*S.E.T. for socio-economic growth*

## Quarter of a century of uniting stakeholders of science, engineering, technology and innovation

**A Mail & Guardian special feature**  
**#NSTF25yrs**

As the [National Science and Technology Forum \(NSTF\)](#) marks 25 years, it is good to look back at the beginnings of the NSTF, the reasons for establishing this umbrella body and the milestones achieved.

**Extra! Extra! Read all about it:** Buy your copy of the 27 November to 3 December Mail & Guardian newspaper to celebrate with the NSTF 25 years of standing together as members to influence science, engineering, technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa. This special feature will not only elaborate on how SET is key to participating in the 4IR, but also reminisce on milestones achieved through collaborative efforts with [members](#) (About 33% from NSTF's founding stages) and stakeholders of the community.



Mail & Guardian has been an [NSTF Awards](#) media partner since 2010 and is carried nationwide by The Star, Pretoria News, Cape Times and The Mercury newspapers. This NSTF 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary feature is also made possible by the following member organisations:

- The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) – see their beautiful advert which is the first print advert to announce their new branding!
- South32 has taken this opportunity to announce their bursary scheme in honour of the late Dr Xolani Mkhwanazi, who was a very important figure in NSTF's history.
- The National Research Foundation (NRF)
- The University of Limpopo (UL), and
- South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP)

Thank you for the DSI's Message of support, and appreciation to all for their participation in this celebration of NSTF's Silver Jubilee.

NSTF would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all 120 member organisations across seven sectors, and the DSI and Ministry for their ongoing support of and participation in NSTF initiatives, and that we can strive together to realise the NSTF's vision of a transformed country.

From CODESA (Convention for a Democratic South Africa) in 1993, and the events that marked the end of the apartheid era, our national broadly representative stakeholder body has come a long way.

- Utilising the formidable expertise and professional experience of your organisations and employees, spanning both the public and private sectors, to influence the formulation and delivery of SET and innovation public policy (see [NSTF Discussion Forums](#))
- Engaging with government on SET-related policy and facilitating the publishing of the outcomes through [media releases](#)
- Making it possible to [unpack the National Development Plan \(NDP\)](#) from a science and technology perspective to facilitate alignment of stakeholders within the SET community
- Identifying nominees for recognition, awarding and celebrating of their outstanding contributions to SET and innovation since 1998 through the [NSTF Awards](#)
- Promoting SET and innovation to the youth and the general public through the [NSTF Share 'n Dare Programme](#)
- Recognising and inspiring the top physical science and mathematics matriculants studying SET-related courses to develop their potential to thrive and become future innovators through the [NSTF Brilliants Programme](#)
- Joining us in providing information on current and available SET-related bursaries and descriptions of 100 SET career fields through the [NSTF Bursary Directory](#)
- Making the [STEMulator](#) possible

Your input and contributions have made it possible for NSTF to achieve the milestones it has over the past 25 years, and increase awareness of the issues raised through discussions. Your expert advice and professional opinions have made it possible for NSTF to share knowledge and insights that everyone should know, decision makers have taken note of, the public was informed by, and youth have been inspired and motivated by.

**Please note:** The NSTF does not gain financially from this supplement. The intention is to increase awareness among the public of the non-profit activities, and further the aims of the NSTF – *SET for socio-economic growth*.

## About the NSTF

The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF), established in 1995, is a broadly-representative stakeholder body for all science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation organisations in South Africa, which seeks to influence policy formulation and delivery.

The NSTF Awards are unique in SA, recognising the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups to SET and innovation.

The science bursaries page provides information on bursaries and bursary providers for science, engineering and related studies.

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