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NSTF e-Newsletter

S.E.T. for socio-economic growth

FAQs about COVID-19

Message from the NSTF Executive Director, Ms Jansie Niehaus

ERRATUM: This version of the Executive Director's message has a correction to an incorrect number that appeared in the original version of the message.

In this edition of the NSTF eNews I bring you a brief Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) overview with the latest advice on COVID-19. Questions and misconceptions continue, experts are still stressing the importance of communicating clearly, and that it's crucial to spread evidence-based knowledge. [Read](#) the ED's message.

NSTF News

Deadline extended – Call for nominations: 2021/2022 NSTF-South32 Awards

We've noticed that there are still stakeholders registering nominees for the [NSTF-South32 Awards](#). Hence, we've decided there is no harm in keeping the registration form open throughout December 2021 until the end of January 2022. The NSTF office is on skeleton staff from Wednesday 15 December 2021 but will keep an eye on registrations and respond with a confirmation e-mail with further information.

So go ahead and continue registering all your deserving candidates. [Register nominations](#) for individuals, teams and organisations for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa. The awards recognise and reward excellence in the following [areas](#):

- Scientific research
- Management of SET and innovation and related activities
- Capacity building in engineering and engineering research
- Water management solutions
- The Green Economy (*reintroduced*)
- Data for research
- Innovations and their research and/or development
- Communication and creating awareness of SET and innovation (*special call to professional communicators*)
- Non-governmental organisation activities, which could include technology transfer, and education and training activities.

Special Annual Theme Award: Basic sciences for sustainable development – The NSTF is making this special award in 2022 for an outstanding contribution to SET and innovation arising from research and development in the [basic sciences for sustainable development](#). The basic sciences are defined here as the scientific disciplines of *mathematics, physics, chemistry, life sciences, earth sciences and astronomy*. This is in support of sustainable socio-economic growth in SA.

Read the call for nominations [here](#) for the full information.

Today's research ... tomorrow's innovation



December closing date for NSTF office

The NSTF office is taking a break over December and January. We are closing on 15 December at 12:00 and will reopen on Monday, 10 January 2022.

Thank you to our 123 [members](#) and stakeholders for your participation in our [activities](#) in 2021 promoting science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa. With your support this year, four [Discussion Forums](#) were held; [14 winners](#) were celebrated at the first live broadcast of the hybrid [NSTF-South32 Awards Gala Dinners](#), held simultaneously from Cape Town and Johannesburg; and [28 young people](#) were identified and recognised under the Brilliants and BEST programmes.

This is apart from the annual [public awareness media campaigns and outreach](#) activities that are in progress and underway through the NSTF Share 'n Dare programme, which profiles young and senior [role models](#). The Bursary database for SET-related studies kept thousands of interested people updated on the [latest bursaries](#) and their [providers](#).

Pick your favourite playlist of speakers and award winners promoting SET and innovation on the [NSTF YouTube channel](#).

Keep the young ones busy by exploring the [stemulator.org](#) website. STEMulator is a free, online and off-line animated, educational application where the youth and those who are young at heart, can **Explore>Discover>Learn**.

Read up about the ['Who is who of SET professionals' in proSET](#), profiling over 40 member organisations involved in SET-education and professional societies.

Whatever you choose to do, stay safe and enjoy a happy and restful festive season.

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.

STEMulator.org attracts learners and students to the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It provides a virtual world full of stimulating content to excite and inform the youth, including STEM career guidance. Established under the auspices of the NSTF proSET membership sector (*Professionals in science, engineering and technology*).

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