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NSTF-South32 Awards

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Extended deadline: Register nominations for the 2021/2022 NSTF-South32 Awards

Final call to register your nomination/s by 31 January 2022
#NSTFawards2022

As announced in the special edition of the NSTF eNews in December, registrations of worthy nominees for the 24th NSTF-South32 Awards, the 'Science Oscars' of South Africa, are called for until Monday 31 January 2022.

About the Awards: As the flagship project of the [National Science and Technology Forum \(NSTF\)](#) since 1998, the prestigious NSTF-South32 [Awards](#) recognise, celebrate, profile and promote outstanding contributions in science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa.

Sponsor: South32 as the co-branding [sponsor](#), partnered with the NSTF since 2016 in its mandate to promote and profile the critical SET skills and innovations for socio-economic growth in South Africa. Hence the name of the awards is proudly known as the [NSTF-South32 Awards](#).



Contributions recognised: Register [nominations](#) now for **individuals, teams, partnerships and organisations** for an outstanding contribution to SET and innovation in South Africa in the following broad areas:

- [Scientific research](#)
- [Management](#) of SET and innovation
- [Capacity building](#) in engineering and research
- The [Green Economy](#)
- [Water management](#) solutions
- [Data for research](#)
- [Innovations](#) and their research and/or development
- [Communication and creating awareness](#) of SET and innovation, including work done by **professional science communicators**
- [Non-governmental organisation \(NGO\)](#) activities in SET and innovation, including technology transfer activities, and education and training
- **Basic sciences for sustainable development** through the 2021/2022 [Special Annual Theme Award](#). Basic sciences are defined here as the scientific disciplines of mathematics, physics, chemistry, life sciences, earth sciences and astronomy.

Awards nomination process

This is a two-stage [nomination process](#):

Stage 1 – Register a nominee now by the close of business on *Monday 31 January 2022*

1. *Notify the nominee* that you intend to nominate him/her/them (individual / team / organisation). *Ensure that you receive their agreement to participate.*
2. *Complete and submit the [online registration](#).* Both the nominee and nominator will receive an email from the NSTF office with the applicable category nomination document/s as an attachment/s to complete. *Please alert the NSTF at awards@nstf.org.za should you (the nominee and nominator) not receive this notification and the relevant document/s.*

3. Please note that registering a [nominee](#) is only the *beginning* of the two-stage nomination process. When you register a nominee, the NSTF office will respond with the official category nomination document/s, to be completed and submitted by no later than 1 March 2022 (see Stage 2 below).

Stage 2 – Submit completed nomination documents by Monday 1 March 2022 as explained at point 3 above.

Awards categories

Full title of [categories](#): All the awards are ‘*for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa...*’ (The complete title of each award starts with this wording in place of “contribution”.)

1. Individual Awards	<p>a) Lifetime Award – contribution over 15 years or more</p> <p>b) TW Kambule-NSTF Award: Researcher – contribution through research and its outputs over a period from 6 years up to 15 years of research work from the commencement of the research career, predominantly in South Africa</p> <p>c) TW Kambule-NSTF Awards: Emerging Researcher – contribution through research and its outputs over a period of up to 6 years of research work from the commencement of the research career, predominantly in South Africa</p> <p>d) Management Award – contribution through management of SET and innovation and related activities over the last 5 to 10 years in South Africa</p>
2. Engineering Research Capacity Development Awards	– contribution by an individual or a team over the last 5 to 10 years (Sponsor: Eskom since 2003)
3. Green Economy Award	– contribution by an individual or an organisation towards achieving biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability and a greener economy over the last 5 to 10 years
4. NSTF-Water Research Commission (WRC) Award	– contribution by an individual or an organisation towards sustainable water management, knowledge generation and solutions over the last 5 to 10 years (Sponsor: WRC since 2017)
5. Data for Research Award	– contribution by an individual or a team for advancing the availability, management and re-use of research data
6. Innovation Awards	<p>a) Award for Innovations and their research and/or development – contribution by an individual or a team through a corporate organisation over the last 5 to 10 years</p> <p>b) Award for Innovations and their research and/or development – contribution by an individual or a team through an SMME over the last 5 to 10 years (Sponsor: National Intellectual Property Management Office – NIPMO since 2019)</p>
7. Communication Award	– contribution for outreach and creating awareness of SET and innovation by a team or individual over the last 5 years
8. Non-governmental Organisation Award	– contribution by a NGO including technology transfer, and education and training activities over the last 5 to 10 years
9. Special Annual Theme Award: Basic sciences for sustainable development	(Awarded according to criteria in any of the categories above.) For 2021/2022 this Award is made for research and development in the basic sciences for sustainable development

in SA. Basic sciences are defined as the scientific disciplines of mathematics, physics, chemistry, life sciences, earth sciences and astronomy.

Find more information about the awards on the [NSTF website](#). Comprehensive detail about the call for nominations can be found [here](#).

Please forward this email to your colleagues, business contacts and all interested persons. Help to find and acknowledge the who's who in SET and innovation in South Africa!

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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