

Bronze Scientific Achievement Award



Award Overview: Bronze Scientific Achievement Award

The Bronze Award is for **emerging scientists** who have between **5 to 10 years post** PhD experience. The award is not tied to chronological age, but scientists should preferably be **under 50 years** of age.

Criteria for the Bronze Award:

- a) **Leadership:** Demonstrated potential to become an established scientist, with distinct and evident scientific and leadership potential.
- b) **Capacity Development:** Graduated or currently supervising Masters' and PhD students.
- c) **Research Outputs and Citations:** At least 20 publications published in leading journals, with citation rates (≥ 100 -200) **and** 3 First/Last authorship over the course of a lifetime in health research; **OR** At least 3 publications in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15).
- d) **Grant Funding/Writing:** Independently sourced grant funding (within the last five years) for their research work.
- e) **Transformation:** Demonstrated commitment to transformation by either conducting their research in historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions or being involved in capacity development initiatives in historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions.

Please note that to be considered, the award form must be completed in full, signed and submitted before or on the closing date.

Document requirements

Please have the following documents available for upload as part of this form. These documents will be used to evaluate the nomination.

1. **Nominee CV**
2. **Copy of Identity Document or Passport**
3. **Masters' and PhD Students**
4. **Output Summary**
5. **PhD Qualification**

Please read the [Award Guidelines](#) before completing this form.

For general queries, awards@mrc.ac.za

Technical queries, redcap.support@mrc.ac.za

The deadline for submitting the completed nomination form is 21 September 2026.

Personal Details

Title *			
Full Names *			
Surname *			
All other given names *			
Sex/Gender *			
Current Position/s *			
Institution/s *			
Highest Qualification/s *			
Year of Qualification *			
Date of birth *			
Age *			
Country of citizenship *			
Research area/niche *			
Telephone number *			
Mobile number *			
Email *			
NRF Rating			
Physical Address *			
Postal Address *			
Previous SAMRC Award Recipient	☐	Yes	☐ No
If Yes: Indicate the year and Award			

1. Leadership (Criterion a)

*Provide a brief overview of your scientific leadership potential within your field.

2. Capacity Development (Criterion b)

*Provide a profile overview of graduated or currently supervising Masters' and PhD students.

Qualification	Institution	Role	Number of Students	
			Completed	Ongoing
Masters'				
PhD				

3. Research Outputs and Citations (Criterion c)

*Please provide the information below for the nominee:

Databases/Search Engine	H-index	Relevant link and Date drawn	Total Publications	Total Citations
Scopus				
Web of Science				
Google Scholar				
ORCID number				

Output Summary

Please provide the following:

- Your **20 research outputs** with citation rates (≥ 100 -200);
- **OR** At least **3 publications** in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15).

Use the Vancouver referencing style for the list.

[Author(s) name (indicate your name in **Bold**), Article title, Journal title, Volume, Year, Page number, DOI.]

- **Output Summary: Upload**

4. Grant Funding/Writing (Criterion d)

*Provide details of independently sourced grant funding for the nominee's research work, within the past five years. [**Minimum 3**]

Name of the Grant	Grant Value (ZAR)	Funding Institution/ Agency	Year Awarded	Role (PI/Co-PI/Investigator)

5. Transformation (Criterion e)

*Describe the nominee's demonstrated commitment to transformation. This can be evidenced by either conducting research in historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions or being involved in capacity development initiatives in historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions.

Area of Commitment	Institution/Initiative	Description of Involvement and Impact on Transformation
Research		
Capacity Development Initiatives		
Other Relevant Transformation Activities		

*Where did you hear about the 2026 SAMRC Scientific Merit Awards?

- ☐ Emails from the SAMRC RCD and SAMRC Vice-President's Office
- ☐ Online Advertising
- ☐ Organisational / Institutional Announcement
- ☐ Research Administration Office / Grants Office Communication
- ☐ SAMRC Announcement
- ☐ SAMRC Website
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ Other (please specify):

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***Declaration by Nominee**

I, _____ (nominee) hereby accept my nomination for a SAMRC Scientific Merit Award and understand the criteria and eligibility.

Signature:

Date:

***I declare that all information provided above is true and accurate.**