

Gold Scientific Excellence Award



Award Overview: Gold Scientific Excellence Award

The Gold Award is for **established senior scientists** who have made seminal scientific contributions that have impacted the health of people, especially those living in developing countries.

Criteria for the Gold Award:

- a) **Recent Exceptional Accomplishment:** A recent exceptional accomplishment, breakthrough, or contribution to health research (within the last five years) which is acknowledged at national and international level.
- b) **Research Outputs and Citations:** At least 50 publications published in leading journals, with citation rates (≥ 300 -500) **and** 10 First/Last authorship over the course of a lifetime in health research; **OR** At least 10 publications in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15); **OR** At least 2 Patents/Software/Innovation products.
- c) **Demonstrated Research Impact:** Demonstrated impact of the research contribution on health in South Africa or globally (Policy Impact, local and/or global health and/or health policy and/or clinical practice).
- d) **Grant Funding/Writing:** Independently sourced grant funding (within the last five years) for their research work.

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. **Output Summary**

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. Recent Exceptional Accomplishment (Criterion a)

*List and provide brief description of exceptional scientific accomplishment/breakthrough/contribution to health research. Please include the awarding body and year received.

[Minimum 1]

National (Within the last five years)			
	Achievements/Contributions/Exceptional Breakthrough	Awarding Body	Year
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

International (Within the last five years)			
	Achievements/Contributions/Exceptional Breakthrough	Awarding Body	Year
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

2. Research Outputs and Citations (Criterion b)

*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 **50 research outputs** with citation rates ($\geq 300-500$);
- **OR** At least **10 publications** in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15);
- **OR** At least **2 Patents/Software/Innovation products**.

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**

Intellectual Property

List your Patents/Software/Innovation products and year received/filed. [**Minimum 2**]

Patents/Software/Innovation products	Year
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

3. Demonstrated Research Impact (Criterion c)

*Describe the nominee's research impact of the research contribution on health in South Africa or globally (Policy Impact, local and/or global health and/or health policy and/or clinical practice). [**Minimum 2**]

Area of Impact	Provide Specific Example(s)
Health Policy	
Clinical Practice	
Public Health Intervention	
Health Outcomes	

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)

*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.**