

Platinum Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award



Award Overview: Platinum Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award

The Platinum Award is for outstanding, **accomplished scientists** who have raised the profile of South African science and helped build the foundations of health research in the country for future generations. They should be scientists who have made seminal scientific contributions and who have also made an impact on local and/or global health and/or health policy and/or clinical practice that impact on the health of people, especially those living in developing countries.

Criteria for the Platinum Award:

- a) **Exceptional Scientific Accomplishment:** At least one exceptional scientific accomplishment, breakthrough, or contribution to research, which is acknowledged at national and international level, (within the last ten years).
- b) **Meritorious Contributions to Health Research:** Meritorious impact to enhancing the prestige of South African health research and/or extending health knowledge (Policy Impact local and/or global health and/or health policy and/or clinical practice).
- c) **Research Outputs and Citations:** At least 100 publications published in leading journals, citation rates (≥ 500 -1000) **and** 15 First/Last authorship over the course of a lifetime in health research; **OR** At least 15 publications in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15); **OR** 3 Patents/Software/Innovation products.
- d) **National and International Committees:** Serve on national and international committees, panels, advisory groups and working groups in their field of research.
- e) **Recipient of Prestigious Awards:** Recipient of prestigious and honorary awards that recognize scientific achievements.

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. Exceptional Scientific Accomplishment (Criterion a)

*List and provide a brief description for each of the exceptional scientific accomplishment/breakthrough/contribution with impact on health. Please include the awarding body and year received. [**Minimum 1**]

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

International (Within the last ten years)			
	Achievements/Contributions/Exceptional Breakthrough	Awarding Body	Year
1.			
2.			
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2. Meritorious Contributions to Health Research (Criterion b)

*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).

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

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 **100 research outputs** with citation rates ($\geq 500-1000$);
- **OR** at least **15 publications** in a high-impact journal (>15);
- **OR 3 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 3**]

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

4. National and International Committees (Criterion d)

*Please list any relevant appointments of the nominee to serve on national and international committees, panels, advisory groups, and working groups in their field of research. [**Minimum 3**]

National		
	Name	Year
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

International		
	Name	Year
1.		
2.		
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5.		

5. Recipient of Prestigious Awards (Criterion e)

*List prestigious and honorary awards that recognize the nominee's scientific achievements.

[Minimum 3]

	Name of Award	Awarding Body	Year
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

*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.**