

## Public Health Implementation and Impact Award



### Award Overview: Public Health Implementation and Impact Award

The Public Health Implementation and Impact Award recognises **established scientists** who effectively collaborate with public health stakeholders, policymakers, and community leaders to translate research into tangible outcomes, improved clinical practice, or national health policy.

A special emphasis is placed on the successful operationalization of research in real world settings, the scalability of interventions, and demonstrable improvements in health service delivery that enhances the well-being of the South African population. The award is open to all eligible scientists who meet the stipulated criteria.

## Criteria for the Public Health Implementation and Impact Award

Scientists must demonstrate a direct contribution to closing the gap between research and real-world application. This must be supported by evidence that findings have been formally adopted or integrated into national, provincial, or institutional health protocols, guidelines, or operational frameworks.

- a) **Quantifiable Health Improvements:** Demonstrating measurable gains in health delivery, such as increased access to services, reduced disease burden, or enhanced cost effectiveness.
  - b) **Successful Translation:** Demonstration of successfully bridging the translational gap by ensuring that innovative products, software, or diagnostic tools reach the intended end-users or clinical environments.
  - c) **Scalability and Sustainability:** Successfully scaling a research-based intervention from a pilot study into a sustainable, large-scale programme or practice.
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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. **Evidence of Scalability and Sustainability**

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

For general queries, [awards@mrc.ac.za](mailto:awards@mrc.ac.za)

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

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## Personal Details

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| <b>Title *</b>                             |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Full Names *</b>                        |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Surname *</b>                           |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>All other given names *</b>             |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Sex/Gender *</b>                        |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Current Position/s *</b>                |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Institution/s *</b>                     |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Highest Qualification/s *</b>           |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Year of Qualification *</b>             |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Date of birth *</b>                     |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Age *</b>                               |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Country of citizenship *</b>            |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Research area/niche *</b>               |                          |            |                                    |
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| <b>Postal Address *</b>                    |                          |            |                                    |
| <b>Previous SAMRC Award Recipient</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Yes</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>If Yes: Indicate the year and Award</b> |                          |            |                                    |

## 1. Quantifiable Health Improvements (Criterion a)

\*Provide specific examples of measurable contributions in health delivery, such as increased access to services, reduced disease burden, or enhanced cost effectiveness. **[Minimum 2]**

| Health Improvements | Description | Impact on Health | Evidence of Impact |           |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                     |             |                  | URL/Links          | OR Upload |
|                     |             |                  |                    |           |
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## 2. Successful Translation (Criterion b)

\*Provide specific examples demonstrating successfully bridging the translational gap by ensuring that innovative products, software, or diagnostic tools reach the intended end-users or clinical environments. **[Minimum 2]**

| Scientific Contribution (Translation gap)                       | Description of Contribution                                                                                                      | Impact on Health                                                                                                                                                   | Intended end-users/ Clinical environment |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Example:<br>AI Diagnostic Tool Adopted in Clinical Practice     | Example:<br>Developed and validated an Artificial Intelligence-based software tool for tuberculosis screening using chest X-rays | Example:<br>Clinicians now use the tool to support decision-making, enabling faster identification of suspected TB cases and improving diagnostic turnaround times | Example:<br>Hospitals and Clinics        |
| Innovation Products                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |
| Research-Based Software Commercialized and Scaled               |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |
| Diagnostic Tool Implemented in Public Healthcare Facilities     |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |
| Point-of-Care Device Reaching Rural Communities                 |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |
| Evidence-Based Intervention Integrated into National Programmes |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |
| Other                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |

### 3. Scalability and Sustainability (Criterion c)

\*Describe specific initiatives resulting in the successful scaling of a research-based intervention from a pilot study into a sustainable, large-scale programme or practice. [Minimum 2]

| Type of Contribution                                      | Project Name and Brief description |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Expansion from a Pilot Site to National Implementation    |                                    |
| Community Health Programme Sustained Beyond Grant Funding |                                    |
| School-Based Health Intervention Scaled Province-Wide     |                                    |
| Other                                                     |                                    |

- Upload Evidence of Contribution

### 4. Research Outputs and Citations

\*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            |         |                              |                    |                 |

### \*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
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- ☐ 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.**