

Research Capacity Development and Transformation Award

SAMRC SCIENTIFIC MERIT AWARDS

-NOMINATIONS FORM-

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Award Overview: Research Capacity Development and Transformation Award

The Research Capacity Development and Transformation Award is for **established scientists** who have made substantial contributions to capacity building and transformation in health research in South Africa.

Special emphasis is placed on:

- Promotion of doctoral degrees (PhD), student race and gender diversity in health sciences;
- Capacity development activities for emerging and early-career scientists;
- Research workforce development;
- And contributions to promoting capacity development at historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions.

The award is open to all eligible scientists who meet the stipulated criteria.

Criteria for the Research Capacity Development and Transformation Award:

- Demonstrated Scientific Impact:** Contributions that impact the health of South Africans (Policy/societal/scientific impact and/or clinical practice).
 - Supervision and Graduation of Students:** Supervision and graduation of Masters' and PhD students, including designated groups, who are South African citizens/SA Permanent Residents.
 - Research Outputs and Citations:** At least 10 publications published in leading journals, with citation rates (≥ 50 -100) **and** 1 First/Last authorship over the course of a lifetime in health research; **OR** At least 1 publication in a high-impact factor journal (≥ 15).
 - Mentorship of Emerging Scientists:** Mentorship of emerging and early-career scientists through achievements, such as placements, awards and training.
 - Mentorship for Grant Generation:** Development of emerging and early-career scientists to generate grants.
 - Research Workforce Development:** Demonstrated contributions to research workforce development of research managers, research assistants and other research support staff mentored by the nominee.
 - Transformation Contributions:** Demonstrated contributions to transformation by conducting their research at historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions or being involved in capacity development initiatives at historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions.
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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. Masters' and PhD Students
4. 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	<table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td></tr></table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
If Yes: Indicate the year and Award			

1. Demonstrated Scientific Impact (Criterion a)

*List and provide specific examples of contributions that have impacted the health of South African (Policy, societal, scientific, and/or clinical practice outcomes). [**Minimum 1**]

Scientific Contribution	Description	Policy/societal/scientific impact and/or clinical practice
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

2. Supervision and Graduation of Students (Criterion b)

*Provide a profile overview of supervision and graduation of Masters' and PhD students, including designated groups, who are South African citizens/SA Permanent Residents.

Category	Current Masters' students	Completed Masters' students	Current PhD students	Completed PhD students
Female Students				
Male Students				
Persons with Disabilities				

*Important: To be created in Excel and uploaded.

Only include South African citizens/SA permanent residents.

Example of Table Template for Supervised Students

Student Full Name	Degree (e.g., Masters', PhD)	Institution	Year of Graduation	Population Group	Gender Status

- Evidence of Student Information

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 **10 research outputs** with citation rates ($\geq 50-100$);
- **OR** At least **1 publication** 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. Mentorship of Emerging Scientists (Criterion d)

*List and describe active mentorship of emerging and early-career scientists through achievements such as placements, awards and training. [**Minimum 2**]

Mentorship	Institution	Description of achievements
Placements		
Awards		
Training		
Other (specify)		

5. Mentorship for Grant Generation (Criterion e)

*Provide details of how the nominee has mentored emerging and early-career scientists to develop and generate grant funding. **[Minimum 3]**

Mentee's Name	Grant Application/ Funding Achieved by Mentee	Funding Institution	Year	Mentorship Role

6. Research Workforce Development (Criterion f)

*Describe the nominee's demonstrated contributions to the research workforce development of research managers, research assistants and other research support staff mentored by the nominee. **[Minimum 3]**

Staff Role (Examples: Research Manager, Research Assistant, Data Analyst)	Name and Surname	Development Activity/ Training	Impact on Staff Member's Capacity/Career

7. Transformation Contributions (Criterion g)

*Describe the nominee's demonstrated contributions to transformation by conducting research at historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions or being involved in capacity development initiatives at historically disadvantaged or under-resourced institutions. **[Minimum 1]**

Type of Contribution	Institution/Initiative	Description of Involvement and Impact
Research at historically disadvantaged/under-resourced institution		
Capacity Development at disadvantaged/under-resourced institution		
Other Relevant Transformation Initiatives		

*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.**