



NWU EXCELLENCE AWARDS

21 November 2024



Thursday 21 November 2024
18:15 for 18:30 Feather Hill
Potchefstroom

STARTER

Safety Check - The Feather Hill

Moment of silent reflection

Master of Ceremonies

Ms Angeline Marokoane and Mr Jason Beukes

Word of welcome - Prof Linda Du Plessis

Guest Speaker - Prof Bismark Tyobeka

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VOTE OF THANKS

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The NWU Excellence Awards

Excellence is one of the NWU's values, which the University believes is vital to achieving its vision of being a world-class institution of higher learning. Our core business values have its DNA.

This yearly award ceremony is among the most treasured occasions on our university calendar. It honours all our excellent academics across our three legs of the core business: Teaching and Learning, Research and Innovation and Community Engagement. This auspicious occasion not only allows NWU to celebrate the achievements of these academics but also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the preceding year and address all our stakeholders.

We have many reasons to celebrate. This academic year has brought stability to our patterns of research, teaching, learning and community engagement, allowing our staff to interact in person with colleagues and communities and to be able to teach face-to-face. Thanks to technology, this year has also seen upgrades and transformations in teaching practices and improvement in engagement and experience. We have also joyfully watched as our students graduate in person. As things are slowly returning to normal, it is worth reflecting on and celebrating the achievements of the past academic year.

ABOUT

Through these awards, the University wants to applaud colleagues' fortitude in the face of complex changes. We wish to acknowledge our dedicated staff for adapting to the demands continually, remaining resilient and successfully integrating technology and other demands into their teaching methods. As a result of your dedication, the NWU can continue to deliver excellent education amidst the mounting pressure of severe load shedding while also contributing to solutions to the crisis that faces us.

These awards acknowledge staff's commitment to excellence in research, learning and learning and community activities. You truly enacted the University's ethos of excellence, integrity, and a performance culture. In addition, these awards symbolise sacrifices, a positive attitude and commitment on your part.

As we continue to build a culture of excellence in the University in line with our values, these awards should inspire the entire university community to excel. Ralph Marston once said, "Excellence...is not an act, but a habit." Thank you for making excellence a habit.

PROF BISMARK TYOBEKA PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY

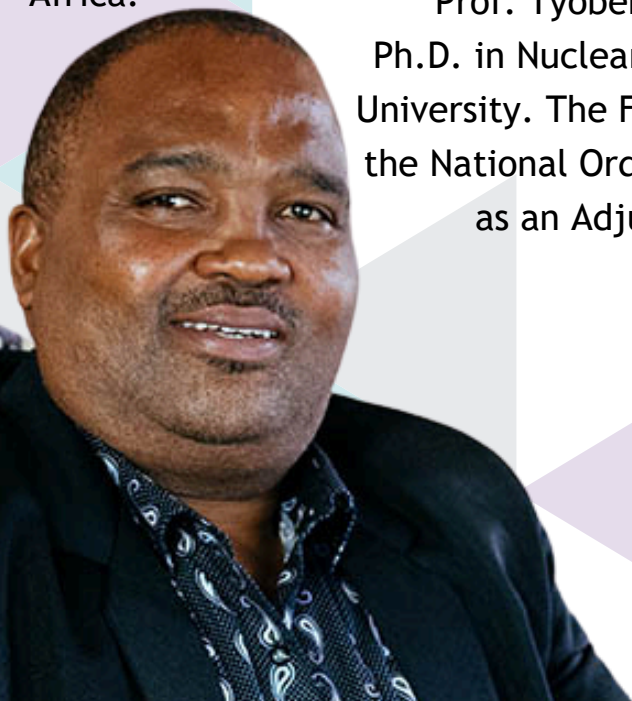
Professor Bismark Tyobeka currently serves as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of North-West University (NWU), South Africa. Formerly the CEO of the National Nuclear Regulator and has over two decades of experience in nuclear sciences and engineering. He began his career at Eskom Enterprises, progressing through roles such as Senior Physicist and Chief Nuclear Engineering Analyst, before becoming a Nuclear Engineer at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

He has held numerous prestigious positions, including:

- Chairperson of NWU Council
- Member of the International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group
- Chairman of the Regulatory Cooperation Forum under IAEA
- President of the 6th Review Meeting of the Joint Convention on Safety of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management

Prof Tyobeka is also an Extraordinary Professor at the Centre for Applied Radiation Science and Technology and an Extraordinary Professor of Nuclear Engineering at NWU. He is also Chairperson of the Nuclear Missile and Dual-Use Committee of the Council for Non-Proliferation for Nuclear and Biological Weapons of the South African Government and the Chairperson of the Funding Strategy Group of Universities South Africa (USAf), a body comprising all 26 public universities in South Africa.

Prof. Tyobeka holds multiple degrees, including a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. The French Republic recently awarded him the National Order of Merit. Prof Tyobeka also serves as an Adjunct Professor at North Carolina State University.



PROF LINDA DU PLESSIS ACTING DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Prof Linda du Plessis is currently the Vice-Principal and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Planning and Campus Business affairs of the North-West University (NWU). She is also the Vice-principal. After starting her career in Information Technology as a programmer, she left industry to teach in the higher education sector. She obtained her Master's degree in Information Technology in 1994 and in 2002 she completed her PhD at the then PU for CHE and a second Doctorate at the University of Bath (UK) in 2020.

She has served as a speaker at various national and international conferences; and supervised postgraduate students and served on the editorial board of academic journals; and are also a member of the South African Institute for Institutional Research.

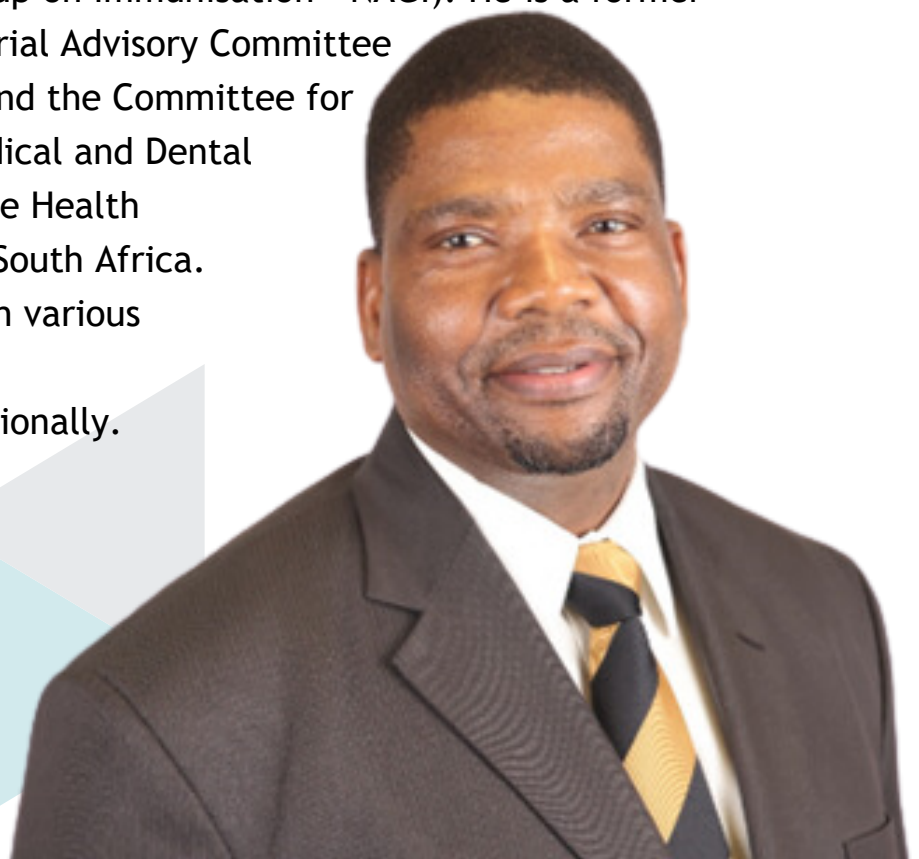
In 2009, she joined the North-West University.

Prof du Plessis is passionate about education, believes firmly in lifelong learning and was recently honoured by Emerald publishers for her contribution to leadership.



PROF JEFFREY MPHAHLELE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Professor Jeffrey Mphahlele is the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation at the North-West University. He is a medical scientist with a PhD in Medical Virology. He is an elected member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf). His research publications cover epidemiology, vaccination control of infectious diseases and strengthening immunisation services and policies. Prior to joining the NWU, he was the Vice President for Research at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) (Oct 2014 to June 2021). He was a full-time academic at MEDUNSA (later University of Limpopo Medunsa Campus) in various capacities: Professor and Academic Chair of the Department of Virology and National Health Laboratory Service (2005 to Sep 2014) and Co-Director of the SAMRC/Diarrhoeal Pathogens Research Unit, which is a WHO Rotavirus Regional Reference Laboratory for Africa (2010 to March 2018). He trained, supervised, and mentored several Post-Doctoral, Doctoral and Master students as a contribution towards developing the next generation of researchers. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) and Vice-Chairperson of the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) Board, member of the WHO Scientific Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) Polio Working Group, and South African NITAG (National Advisory Group on Immunisation - NAGI). He is a former member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Covid-19 vaccines and the Committee for Medical Science of Medical and Dental Professions Board of the Health Professions Council of South Africa. He previously served on various governance structures nationally and internationally.



PROF SONIA SWANEPOEL DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The North-West University Council appointed Prof Sonia Swanepoel as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Community Engagement and Mahikeng Campus Operations in 2021. As an industrial psychologist, Prof Swanepoel has extensive knowledge and experience in various areas of teaching and learning, research and innovation, community engagement and management.

Before her appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, she was Executive Dean of the NWU's Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences for four years. Prof Swanepoel has also previously served as the Executive Dean of the former Faculty of Commerce and Administration in Mahikeng.

Prof Swanepoel holds BCom and BCom Hons degrees in Personnel Management, MCom and DCom degrees in Human Resources Management from the University of Pretoria as well as a Higher Education Diploma from UNISA. In addition she completed the Assessor Training Program of City and Guilds Training and Consultancy in London.



ANGELINE MAROKOANE

Ms Angeline Marokoane is a multilingual award-winning Broadcast Journalist, having served as a newsreader and presenter in both English and Afrikaans for nine years. Her career began at the community radio station East Rand Stereo/Oos Rand Stereo.

Her experience includes working as a copywriter, marketing manager, and public relations manager for multiple organisations.

She graduated from the University of Johannesburg with a Bachelor of Arts degree in politics.

Angeline is a communications specialist based at the Vanderbijlpark Campus of the North-West University (NWU).



JASON BEUKES

Mr Jason Beukes exemplifies how North-West University shapes its own bright future. As a proud alumnus and lifelong scholar, Jason believes that greatness is always within reach. He continues to advance his knowledge and skills, choosing NWU as his preferred institution. Jason holds a Bachelor of Education, an Honours in Education Management, a Postgraduate Diploma in Management, and a Master of Business Administration, all from NWU.

A skilled strategist and project manager, he now focuses on postgraduate and distance learning recruitment, bringing the hope of education to as many people as possible.



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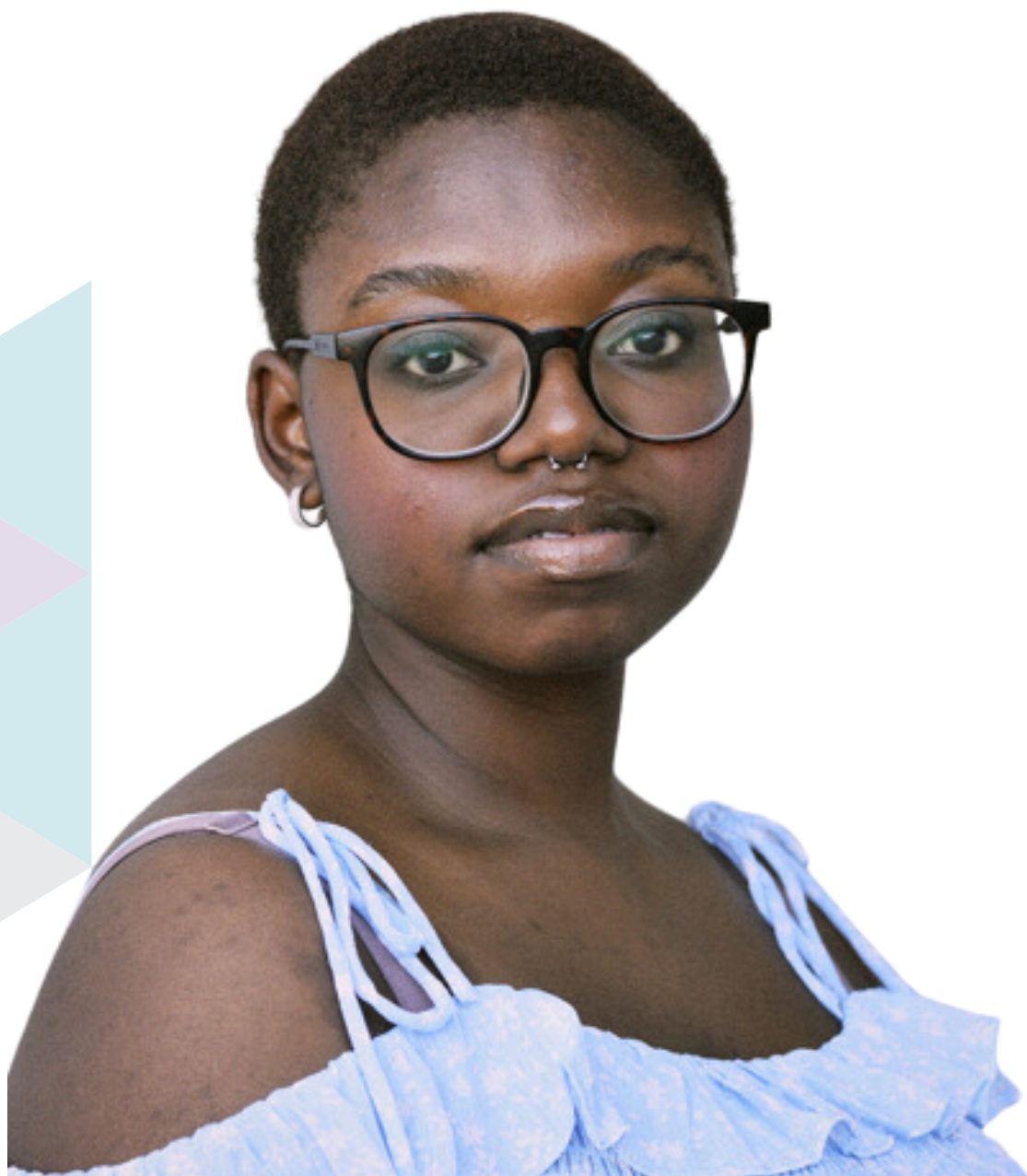
Ms Precious Nkabinde is a talented music student at North-West University, specializing in Contemporary Commercial Music (CCM). Known for her passion and skill, Precious Nkabinde is dedicated to mastering her craft and making a mark in the music industry. Although still early in her journey, she is already recognized for her exceptional abilities and drive to excel in the world of music."

ENTERTAINMENT



OKUHLE NKHOMA

Ms Okuhle Nkhoma is a first year student studying at the North West University School of Music. She forms part of the Contemporary Commercial Music (CCM) vocalists at the school and is originally from Mafikeng.



TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARDS

The North-West University is renowned for Teaching Excellence, a display of the most esteemed and celebrated university educators in South Africa. At the North-West University, academic members, as university teachers, are annually invited to showcase excellent teaching contributions, by participating in the NWU Teaching Awards.

The rationale for diversifying the teaching awards is to embrace diversity and to create a platform for a larger group of academics to display their excellence in various fields of teaching and learning practices. More so, excellence in teaching is measured in various forms through these diverse teaching awards. Embracing diversity in the teaching awards further contributes toward the inclusion of teachers in the university community and celebrates the uniqueness of each university teacher while remaining respectful of different cultures and teaching practices.

The seven types of teaching awards include the Faculty Teaching Award, Teaching with Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Award, Innovation in Teaching and Learning Award, Blended Teaching Award, Novice Teacher Award, Team-Teaching Award and the prestigious University Teaching Excellence Award (UTEA).

As NWU Teaching Awards are part of the rewards and recognition programme, the value of excellence in all endeavours is shared, striving towards achieving high-quality standards in all doings that meet personal, university, community, and social expectations. In doing so, the NWU Teaching Awards promote and sustain a passion among academics for continuous learning, professional development across their career trajectories, as well as innovation in teaching and learning while maintaining a positive and productive work ethic, striving toward outputs and contributions that improve the quality of teaching and learning. In addition, we use the teaching awards as an evaluative pedagogy to deepen the understanding of challenges and successes in the learning, teaching, and assessment space in the university space.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARDS

Novice Teacher Award

The main purpose of the Novice Teacher Award is to acknowledge and recognise the excellent contribution of the top five novice teachers at NWU, to teaching and learning in the Higher Education context. This award is for novice academics who are at the entry level of their career path in Higher Education.

Teaching with ICT Award

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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS

Research and Innovation Awards

The NWU Excellence Awards in the domain of Research and Innovation recognise outstanding achievements of various categories of academics, from young and upcoming to emerging and seasoned, including academics with new and upgraded NRF ratings. The excellent performance of postgraduate students, our next generation of scientists, is celebrated by awarding the Vice Chancellor's medal for the best master's degree student in all Faculties to acknowledge the efforts of study leaders and other academics in creating and sustaining a nurturing environment for these students. The S2A3 award for the best master's degree is granted to a student in one of the three (3) Faculties: Engineering, Health Sciences, or Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

National & International Recognition and Memberships

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Acknowledgement of new & upgraded NRF ratings

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Acknowledgement of Research Chairs

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Most Productive Senior Researchers

The criteria used are divided into the following broad categories: Researcher must be older than 35 years of age; DHET accredited research books, book chapters and conference proceedings Research articles published in peer-reviewed national and international journals; Presentations made to local, national and international conferences; Number of Citations; Postgraduate qualifications awarded to students; Creative outputs; Innovation output; Engaged research; Any significant research; External research funding received.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS

Most Productive Emerging Researchers

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Creative Outputs Award

This award recognises and rewards quality creative outputs and innovations produced according to the following subfields: Fine Arts & Visual Arts; Music; Theatre, Performance & Dance; Design; Film & Television; Literary Arts in line with DHET policy. Exceptionally high standard in terms of the output quality with a focus on originality and relevance. Awards are based on ratings by external peer review done by specialists in the fields, according to discipline-specific criteria.

Top Inventor Award

Criteria: Minimum requirements for this award: The staff member/s or student must have submitted to the TTIS at least one invention for the period under review. Notes: (1) This Award measures and recognizes a 3-year achievement cycle. Recipients will not qualify for re-nomination in a subsequent year without producing new inventions since the previous Award, in which case only new inventions will be recognised. (2) Work which has been accepted for previous awards will not be allowed in the next cycle

Innovation Impact Award

Criteria: Minimum requirements for this award: • The nominee must have been involved in the conception, development and/or implementation of at least one innovation. • The innovation must have a demonstrable impact and significance. • The nominee must have been actively involved in the commercialization or technology transfer of the innovation. 025 • The nominees may be an individual or a group consisting of employees or students of NWU. Notes: (1) This Award measures and recognizes a 3-year cycle of achievement. Recipients will not qualify for re-nomination in a subsequent year without having produced innovations since the previous Award, in which case only innovations will be recognized. (2) Work which has been accepted for previous awards will not be allowed in the next cycle.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARDS

S2A3 Award

The S2A3 Bronze Medal is awarded annually to the best Master's student in a scientific subject at the North-West University, in the following faculties: Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Health Sciences & Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

Vice Chancellor's Award

The Vice-Chancellor's medals are awarded annually to the best Masters's student per faculty at the North-West University in several disciplines.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Research and Innovation Lifetime Achievement Award- represents the highest and the most prestigious award in Research and Innovation. It may be granted to recognise and celebrate an extraordinary scholar who has made a seminal scholarly or scientific contribution to the advancement of a discipline through research, innovation, or creative outputs or has attained an outstanding lifetime scholarly achievement and has been in the relevant scientific domain at least over the last fifteen (15) years.

Community Engagement Awards

At North-West University, community engagement is at the heart of what we do, embodying the Scholarship of Engagement in every aspect. It's not just about charity; we're committed to making a real difference by working alongside our community partners to tackle challenges together. Our mission is to foster an "ethic of care" and continuously contribute to social justice, making these values a fundamental part of our identity and the graduates we produce.

We believe that by leveraging our expertise, we can support and enhance the incredible work our community partners are already doing. Our efforts are truly meaningful and sustainable when we actively collaborate with both our local communities and professional networks. This ensures that the university's knowledge and the rich experiences of those we serve are utilized to their fullest potential.

Our commitment to sustainability isn't just about environmental efforts; it's about social improvement and empowerment too. We are dedicated to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning our initiatives with these global objectives to create a more equitable and just world. We listen to the needs of our community and base our research activities on their requests, ensuring our work has a lasting impact and positive change. Plus, we're developing new courses focused on community-oriented research and development, backed by top-notch teaching and learning.

By integrating the Scholarship of Engagement into our core activities, we are not only advancing academic knowledge but also creating a profound and positive impact on society. Our approach goes beyond traditional methods, fostering a partnership where the expertise of the university and the lived experiences of the community converge to drive social change and development. At this event, we recognise the excellence of our various stakeholders that are participating in community engagement.

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Engaged Teaching and Learning: Service Learning

This award refers to teaching and learning-related community engagement activities, all of which are mostly for the learning experiences of our students and the 'not-for-profit' sharing of expertise, including professional community services and outreach that contributes to development. It can also include engagement involving work-integrated learning and service learning.

Scholarship of Engagement Awards

It is about the collaboration between academics and individuals outside the academy for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources to ultimately achieve sustainable change. It requires the application of research and innovation and teaching and learning in society to provide a substantial contribution to development.

Novice Awards: Engaged Teaching and Learning and Sharing of Expertise Awards

Often specialists at the NWU are approached to inform or provide an opinion to the broader public on scientific facts, research and expert knowledge in a field or discipline to assist with finding solutions and contribute to empowerment.

Engaged Research and Innovation Awards

Research and innovation-related forms of engagement can include consultations, contract research or innovation, internal corporate ventures, associated or subsidiary companies and technology licensing that contribute to not-for-profit activities. These activities aim at addressing development challenges and needs of all types of communities using a diverse range of participatory methods that ensure reciprocity and the co-creation of knowledge.

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Ms	Vernique	Diedericks (Best Portfolio)	Education	Psycho-Social Education	VC
Mr	Thomas	Erlank	Humanities	Music	PC
Dr	Rosa	Modiba	Education	Psycho-Social Education	MC
Ms	Sheurl	Davis-Esterhuizen	Theology	Christian Ministry and Leadership	MC
Ms	Cila	Botha	Engineering	Chemical and Minerals Engineering	PC
Dr	Zukile	Ngqeza	Theology	Christian Ministry and Leadership	MC
Ms	Nomfundo	Sibiya	Natural and Agricultural Sciences	Geo- and Spatial Sciences	PC

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Ms	Elizma	Visagie	Economic and Management Sciences	Accounting Sciences	PC

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Ms	Adri	Olivier	Education	Mathematics, Science and Technology Education	VC
Prof	Lynndle	Square	Natural and Agricultural Sciences	Physical and Chemical Sciences	PC

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Dr	Annamagriet	De Wet	Education	Professional Studies in Education	PC

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Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Christiaan	Bekker	Health Sciences	Psychosocial Health	VC
Dr	Christo	Bisschoff	Health Sciences	Human Movement Sciences	MC
Prof	Christmal	Christmals	Health Sciences	Centre for Health Professions Education	PC
Prof	Yolande	Heymans	Health Sciences	Centre for Health Professions Education	PC
Dr	Anitia	Lubbe	Health Sciences	Centre for Health Professions Education	PC
Prof	Jessica	Pool	Health Sciences	Centre for Health Professions Education	PC

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Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Lida	Holtzhausen	Humanities	Communication Studies	PC
Prof	De Wet	Wolmarans	Health Sciences	Pharmacy	PC

National and International Recognition and Memberships Award

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Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Oliver	Fuo	Law	Undergraduate Studies	PC
Prof	Rose	Hayeshi	Health Sciences	Pre-clinical Drug Development Platform	PC
Dr	Fortunate	Phaka	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management	PC

Acknowledgment of New & Upgraded NRF ratings

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Title	Name	Surname	Category	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Ayansina	Ayangbenro	N R F - Young Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Food Security and Safety	MC
Dr	Maricel	Botha	N R F - Young Researcher	Humanities	School of Languages	PC
Dr	Byron	Bunt	N R F - Young Researcher	Education	School of Commerce and Social Studies in Education	VC
Prof	Christmal	Christmals	N R F - Young Researcher	Health Sciences	Centre for Health Professions Education	PC

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Dr	Yolandi	Coetser	N R F - Young Researcher	Humanities	School of Philosophy	PC
Prof	Rojanette	Coetzee	N R F - Young Researcher	Engineering	School of Industrial Engineering	PC
Dr	Suranie	Horn	N R F - Young Researcher	Health Sciences	Occupational Hygiene and Health Research Initiative	PC
Dr	Leandri	Kruger	N R F - Young Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management	PC
Dr	Stefan	Linde	N R F - Young Researcher	Health Sciences	Occupational Hygiene	PC
Dr	Jaco	Meyer	N R F - Young Researcher	Humanities	Musical Arts in South Africa: Resources and Applications	PC
Prof	Phillimon	Modisha	N R F - Young Researcher	Engineering	Centre of Excellence in Carbon based Fuels	PC
Dr	Kotsoana, Peter	Montso	N R F - Young Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Food Security and Safety	MC
Prof	Janelize	Morelli	N R F - Young Researcher	Humanities	School of Music	PC
Dr	Esmarie	Myburgh	N R F - Young Researcher	Economic and Management Sciences	School of Tourism	PC
Dr	Nkanyiso	Sithole	N R F - Young Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Agricultural Sciences	MC

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Prof	Conroy	Cupido	N R F- Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Music	PC
Prof	Adri	Breed	N R F-Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Languages	PC
Prof	Marijke	Coetzee	N R F-Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Computer Sciences and Information Systems	PC
Dr	Herve Michel	Djouosseu - Tenkam	N R F - Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences	PC
Dr	Andrew	Eloka- Eboka	N R F-Established Researcher	Engineering	Centre of Excellence in Carbon based Fuels	PC
Prof	Omolola	Fayemi	N R F-Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Physical and Chemical Sciences	MC
Prof	Oliver	Fuo	N R F-Established Researcher	Law	School of Law- Vulnerable Studies	PC
Dr	Chrisna	Gouws	N R F-Established Researcher	Health Sciences	Centre of Excellence for Pharmaceutical Sciences	PC
Prof	Lene	Graupner	N R F-Established Researcher	Economic and Management Sciences	School of Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management	PC
Prof	Kerry	Hadfield Malherbe	N R F-Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Unit for Environ- mental Sciences and Management	PC
Prof	Marita	Heyns	N R F-Established Researcher	Humanities	Optentia Research Unit	VC
Dr	Liberty Muchatirwa	Hove	N R F-Established Researcher	Education	School of Languages for Education	MC
Prof	Thys	Human	N R F-Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Languages	PC
Prof	Herculene	Kotzé	N R F-Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Languages	PC
Prof	Zander	Lindeque	N R F-Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Physical and Chemical Sciences	PC

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Prof	Kapil	Moothi	N R F-Established Researcher	Engineering	School of Chemical and Minerals Engineering	PC
Prof	Gilbert	Motsaathebe	N R F-Established Researcher	Humanities	Indigenous Language Media in Africa	MC
Prof	Mulunda	Mwanza	N R F Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Agricultural Sciences	MC
Dr	Matthias	Pauwels	N R F Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Philosophy	MC
Prof	Charl	Pretorius	N R F Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Centre for Business Mathematics and Infor-matics	PC
Prof	Cristian	Ricci	N R F Established Researcher	Health Sciences	Africa Unit for Trans-disciplinary Health Research	PC
Prof	Luke	Sandham	N R F Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management	PC
Prof	Thekiso	Seretlo	N R F -Established Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics	MC
Dr	Wayne	Smith	N R F Established Researcher	Health Sciences	Hypertension in Africa Re-search Team	PC
Dr	Rilette	Swanepoel	N R F Established Researcher	Humanities	School of Languages	VC

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Prof	Christo	Venter	N R F - Internationally Acclaimed Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Physical and Chemical Sciences	PC
Prof	Victor	Wepener	N R F - Internationally Acclaimed Researcher	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Biological Sciences	PC

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Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Gabila	Nubong	Economic and Management Sciences	TRADE	PC
Prof	Howard	Chitimira	Law	Research Unit Law, Justice & Sustainability	MC
Prof	Anel	Petzer	Health Science	School of Pharmacy	PC

Most Productive Emerging Researchers

The criteria used are divided into the following broad categories: Researcher must be 35 years of age or younger; DHET accredited research books, book chapters and conference proceedings Research articles published in peer-reviewed national and international journals; Presentations made to local, national and international conferences; Number of Citations; Postgraduate qualifications awarded to students; Creative outputs; Innovation output; Engaged research; Any significant research; External research funding received.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Chantelle	Muller	Economic and Management Sciences	School of Management Sciences	VC

Creative Outputs Award

This award recognizes and rewards quality creative outputs and innovations produced according to the following sub-fields: Fine Arts & Visual Arts; Music; Theatre, Performance & Dance; Design; Film & Television; Literary Arts in line with DHET policy. Exceptionally high standard in terms of the quality of the output with a focus on originality and relevance. Awards are based on ratings by external peer review done by specialists in the fields, according to discipline-specific criteria.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Byron	Bunt	Education	School of Commerce and Social Studies in Education	VC

Top Inventor Award

Criteria: Minimum requirements for this award: The staff member/s or student must have submitted to the TTIS at least one invention for the period under review. Notes: (1) This Award measures and recognizes a 3-year cycle of achievement. Recipients will not qualify for re-nomination in a subsequent year without having produced new inventions since the previous Award, in which case only new inventions will be recognized. (2) Work which has been accepted for previous awards will not be allowed in the next cycle

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Byron	Bunt	Education	School of Commerce and Social Studies in Education	VC
Dr	Lance	Bunt	Natural & Agriculture Sciences	School of Computer Sciences and Information Systems	VC

Innovation Impact Award

Criteria: Minimum requirements for this award: • The nominee must have been involved in the conception, development and/or implementation of at least one innovation. • The innovation must have a demonstrable impact and significance. • The nominee must have been actively involved in the commercialization or technology transfer of the innovation. • The nominees may be an individual or a group consisting of employees or students of NWU. Notes: (1) This Award measures and recognizes a 3-year cycle of achievement. Recipients will not qualify for re-nomination in a subsequent year without having produced innovations since the previous Award, in which case only innovations will be recognized. (2) Work which has been accepted for previous awards will not be allowed in the next cycle.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Erica	Derbyshire	Economic and Management Sciences	School of Accounting Sciences	PC

S2A3 Award

The S2A3 Bronze Medal is awarded annually to the best Master's student in a scientific subject at the North-West University, in the following faculties: Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Health Sciences & Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Mr	Jonathan Seephanus	Troskie	Natural & Agricultural Sciences	Centre for Space Research	PC

Vice-Chancellor's Award

The Vice-Chancellor's medals are awarded annually to the best Masters's student per faculty at the North-West University in several disciplines.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Miss	Nicola	Royce	Health Sciences	Centre of Excellence for Nutrition	PC
Miss	Inge	Delpert	Economic and Management Sciences	School of Accounting Sciences	PC

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Research and Innovation Lifetime Achievement Award- represents the highest and the most prestigious award in Research and Innovation. It may be granted to recognise and celebrate an extraordinary scholar who has made a seminal scholarly or scientific contribution to the advancement of a discipline through research, innovation, or creative outputs or has attained an outstanding lifetime scholarly achievement and has been in the relevant scientific domain at least over the last fifteen (15) years.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Anita	Pienaar	Health Sciences	Kinderkinetics	PC

Engaged Teaching and Learning Awards

This award refers to teaching and learning-related community engagement activities, all of which are mostly for the learning experiences of our students and the ‘not-for-profit’ sharing of expertise, including professional community services and outreach that contributes to development. It can also include engagement involving work integrated learning and service-learning.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Me	Lemogang	Masethe	Marketing and Student Recruitment	N/A	PC

Scholarship of Engagement Awards

It is about the collaboration between academics and individuals outside the academy, for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources to ultimately achieve sustainable change. It requires the application of research and innovation, and teaching and learning, in society to provide a substantial contribution to development.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Prof	Janelize	Morelli	Humanities	School of Music	PC

Novice Awards: Engaged Research and Innovation

Often specialists at the NWU are approached to inform or provide an opinion to the broader public on scientific facts, research and expert knowledge in a field or discipline to assist with finding solutions and contribute to empowerment.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Mr	Jéan-Pierre	Van Deventer	Engineering	N/A	PC

Engaged Research and Innovation Awards

Research and innovation-related forms of engagement can include consultations, contract research or innovation, internal corporate ventures, associated or subsidiary companies and technology licensing that contribute to not for profit activities. these activities aim at addressing development challenges and needs of all types of communities using a diverse range of participatory methods that ensure reciprocity and the co-creation of knowledge.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Dr	Benita	Taylor	Education	School of Psycho-social Science	PC

Discipline Based Outreach Award

Outreach refers to any efforts by universities to connect with and support communities, often through general volunteering or services. In contrast, discipline-based outreach leverages the specific expertise and academic knowledge of faculty and students to address community needs. This approach aligns academic specialisations with real-world challenges, offering more targeted and impactful assistance.

Title	Name	Surname	Faculty	School	Campus
Me	Bathandekile	Myeni	Humanities	School of Music	PC

Teaching and Learning Excellence Awards - Panel Members

Novice Teacher Award

Ms Fotiene Avrakotos-King
Prof Dane Coetzee
Prof Conroy Cupido
Prof Leenta Grobler
Ms Amore Jansen van Vuuren
Prof Manitza Kotze
Dr Andrew Mutsvangwa
Prof Oziniel Ruzvidzo
Dr Gordon Sekano
Dr Sukie van Zyl

Teaching with ICT Award

Prof Janelize Morelli
Prof Ziphora Ramorola
Ms Tarryn Williams

Innovation in Teaching and Learning Award

Prof Leenta Grobler
Dr Monray Williams
Prof Carinda Williams

Blended Learning Award

Dr Marieta Jansen van Vuuren
Dr Gontse Mokwatsi

A VOTE OF THANKS

Team-Teaching Award

Prof Elmien Truter
Prof Anel Gildenhuys

University Teaching (UTEA) Award

Prof Alfred Henrico
Prof Liqhwa Siziba

CTL Director: Specialized Projects and Research

Dr Esmarie Strydom

NWU Teaching Awards Coordinator

Ms Monique Koetaan

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Dr Manuela Fernandes-Martins
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Dr Raymond Emekako
Ms Robyn Bunt
Ms Santie Peens
Ms Retha Serfontein

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Dr Manuela Fernandes-Martins for the Novice Teacher Award,
Dr Sonja Van Der Westhuizen for Team teaching Award,
Ms Robyn Bunt for the ICT Award and Online Award,
Dr Raymond Emekako for the Faculty Teaching Award,
Ms Monique Koetaan for the Innovation in T&L Award and the
University Teaching Excellence Award.

Research and Innovation Awards

Deputy Deans and designates

Prof Ferdi Kruger - FTHEO

Prof Jeanetta Du Plessis - FHS

Prof Elmarie Slabbert - FEMS

Prof Phil Van Schalkwyk - FHUM

Prof Johan Botha - FEDUC

Prof Martha Matashu - FEDUC

Prof Hein Neomagus - FENG

Prof David Isabirye -FNAS

Prof Francois vd Westhuizen - FNAS

Prof Howard Chitimira - FLAW

Prof Verona Leendertz - FEMS

Prof Mirna Nel - FHUM

Panel Members

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Mrs Mari Berner - TTIS

Mr Johann Coetzee - TTIS

Prof Thami Sithebe - DVC R/I Office



A VOTE OF THANKS

Community Engagement Portfolio

Mr Maribe Mamabolo for coordinating the awards process

Deputy Deans: Community Engagement

Coordinators of Community Engagement: Support Departments
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Mr Tumelo Legae

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