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## **HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL MEDAL FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES NOMINATION FORM**



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# The 2020/21 Human Sciences Research Council Medal for Social Sciences and Humanities

## to recognise the role of social scientists, researchers and academics in South Africa in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

The Human Sciences Research Council, in partnership with Universities South Africa (USAf), invites nominees for the HSRC Medal for the Social Sciences and Humanities. The Medal is awarded on an annual basis to scholars who have made outstanding contributions through their research in the social sciences and humanities.

The 2020/21 Awards will recognise the role played by social scientists, researchers and academics in South Africa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic which swept through the world in 2020.

Nominations are invited for the following categories:

- Established Researcher
- Emerging Researcher
- Team Awards (2)

### **Criteria for Established Researcher**

For consideration, a nominee must have the following:

- a record of sustained academic excellence in the social sciences and humanities;
- an unequivocal international reputation or considerable international recognition for his or her scholarship;
- a strong record of public engagement over a sustained period of time in the field of their research;
- evidence of impact; e.g. academic impact, influence on public policy and society, dissemination, uptake and use of their work on a variety of platforms to a range of audiences
- contribution to the social sciences and humanities in responding to COVID-19

#### **Qualifying criteria**

Nominees must live and work in South Africa

### **Criteria for Emerging Researcher**

For consideration, a nominee must have the following:

- a doctoral degree and evidence of a growing track record of academic excellence in the social sciences and humanities;
- demonstrated potential to becoming international leaders in their field based on the quality of their doctoral research and post-doctoral career;
- a strong record of public engagement over a sustained period of time in the field of their research;
- evidence of impact; e.g. academic impact, influence on public policy and society, dissemination, uptake and use of their work on a variety of platforms to a range of audiences
- contribution to the social sciences and humanities in responding to COVID-19

#### **Qualifying criteria**

Nominees must live and work in South Africa and be under the age of 35.

## Criteria for Team Awards (2)

- Teams should be able to demonstrate their contribution to South Africa's understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Team should show evidence of impact of their work in influencing public policy and society and dissemination, uptake and use of their work on a variety of platforms to a range of audiences
- Teams should be able to demonstrate their contribution to advancing women and young people in their research

## Nomination process

Nominations must be submitted in writing, as per the attached format and can be e-mailed to Ms Manusha Pillai on [MPillai@hsrc.ac.za](mailto:MPillai@hsrc.ac.za)

Nominations will be accepted until **Wednesday 17 February 2021**.

## Selection and awarding

The HSRC will appoint an adjudication panel who will consider the nominations and select a winner.

## Award Ceremony

The successful nominees will be announced at a virtual awards function on Thursday 18 March 2021 from 16h00-18h00.

## Form of award

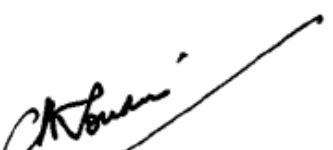
Established Researcher: Medal and a monetary prize of R50 000.00

Emerging Researcher: Medal and a monetary prize of R30 000.00

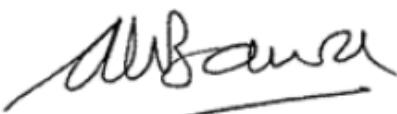
Team 1: Certificates for each member and a total monetary prize for the team of R50 000.00

Team 2: Certificates for each member and a total monetary prize for the team of R30 000.00

Enquiries can be directed to Manusha Pillai at [MPillai@hsrc.ac.za](mailto:MPillai@hsrc.ac.za)



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Particulars of nominee: Established Researcher	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Full Names</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>SA ID Number</b>	
<b>Current Position</b>	
<b>E-Mail address</b>	
Detail of nomination	
<p><b>Please provide a detailed motivation concerning each of the following dimensions. Under each category provide links or relevant evidence to support the motivation)</b></p>	
The nominee's record of sustained academic excellence in the social sciences and humanities	
The nominee's international reputation for his or her scholarship	



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The nominee's record of contribution to the public's understanding of social sciences and/or humanities

Evidence of the nominee's meaningful, impactful work over a period of time

**Detail of nominator**

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Full names</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Current Position</b>	
<b>E-Mail address</b>	
<b>Telephone / Mobile phone number</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature of Nominee</b>	
<b>Date</b>	



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### Particulars of nominee: Emerging Researcher

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Full Names	
Title	
SA ID Number	
Current Position	
E-Mail address	
Telephone / Mobile phone number	

### Detail of nomination

**Please provide a detailed motivation concerning each of the following dimensions. Under each category provide links or relevant evidence to support the motivation)**

The nominee's record of sustained academic excellence in the social sciences and humanities

The nominee's international reputation for his or her scholarship

The nominee's record of contribution to the public's understanding of social sciences and/or humanities



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Evidence of the nominee's meaningful, impactful work over a period of time

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<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature of Nominee</b>	
<b>Date</b>	



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Particulars of nominee: Team Award	
<b>Surname of Lead Researcher</b>	
<b>Full Names of Lead Researcher</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>SA ID Number</b>	
<b>Current Position</b>	
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Detail of nomination	
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The team's work concerning COVID-19 and impact on South Africa's response to the pandemic	
Work that has been published in relation to the work done in response to the COVID-19 pandemic	
Diversity and empowerment of researchers within the team	



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