

Media Advisory - 2022 Unisa Research and Innovation Virtual Awards Ceremony

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Research has continued to flourish at the University South Africa (Unisa), despite the extraordinary circumstances in which our researchers have found themselves in the past two years. Pandemic or no pandemic, the University's researchers and innovators have produced sterling work that advances African knowledge production and supports the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

It is on that note that Professor Puleng LenkaBula, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Unisa, cordially invites you to the 2022 Unisa Research and Innovation Virtual Awards Ceremony. The Research and Innovation Awards Ceremony is held annually to recognise outstanding research undertaken by Unisa's talented researchers. The awards ceremony will take place on Friday, 3 June 2022 at 19:00.

The University will present the 11th edition of its annual Research and Innovation Awards in honour of the more than 100 Unisa researchers and innovators who exemplified African excellence in 2020-2021. A total of 120 awards will be presented, including three Chancellor's Awards for Research Excellence and three Principal's Awards for Excellence in Research. The Chancellor's Award is the highest award for research at Unisa, followed by the Principal's Award. This is the first time that both these awards will be presented in the same year.

Awards will also be presented in eight other categories, including Excellence in Research and Excellence in Innovation, both under the auspices of the Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation. Among the other awards that will be presented are those for Unisa's youngest female doctoral graduate of 2021 and other women researchers who excelled, whether as emerging or leading researchers. Unisa innovators will also be recognised for their achievements in the domain of patents granted and intellectual property (IP) applications. In addition, 74 Unisa researchers will be honoured for external recognition they received, including being rated or rated by the National Research Foundation (NRF).

"This initiative is fundamental to our approach of unrelenting commitment to excellence by supporting our researchers at different stages in their career. These awards are significant hallmark, which does not only reflect the passion and sterling work of our 2021/2022 research accomplished awardees but through these awards we recognise commitment and innovative our awardees conduct. It is not only dedication their research that the awardees have displayed but they go beyond demonstrating passion"- Prof LenkaBula

Please find the attached invitation for connection

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