

# DST-SARIMA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

*Celebrating Excellence in Research and Innovation Management in Southern Africa*

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS IS NOW OPEN!**

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Closing Date: 10 April 2017

<b>Who</b> <i>is eligible?</i>	<b>What</b> <i>are the award categories?</i>	<b>When</b> <i>will the winners be announced?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominees/Applicants must be active in the field of Research and/or Innovation (R&amp;I) Management in Southern Africa.</li> <li>Nominees/Applicants may be from the public or private sector.</li> <li>Nominees/Applicants may not have received the <u>same award</u> in the past two years.</li> </ul>	<p><u>For individuals:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinguished Contribution</li> <li>Professional Excellence</li> <li>Early Career Excellence</li> </ol> <p><u>For Organisations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisational Excellence</li> </ol> <p>Two awards will be presented in each category i.e. for Research Management (RM) and Innovation Management (IM).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible nominees will be informed by SARIMA in April 2017 and invited to the gala dinner at the SARIMA Conference on 24 May 2017.</li> <li>Award winners will be announced, and the awards will be presented, during the gala dinner of the SARIMA conference.</li> </ul>

## Application /Nomination Requirements\*

\* A nominee may only receive one of the awards in a given year; if a person is nominated for two awards, the nominators will be contacted to determine the most appropriate category for the individual.

<b>Nominations for Individual Awards</b>	<b>Self-Nominations for Individual Awards</b>	<b>Applications for Organisational Award</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A nominator may only submit one nomination for each award category.</li> <li>The relevant form must be completed in full and within the word limits provided.</li> <li>A CV no more than 3 pages must be provided for the nominee.</li> <li>The names of 2 appropriate referees from the R&amp;I community must be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-nominators may only submit one application for any of the individual award categories.</li> <li>The relevant form must be completed in full and within the word limits provided.</li> <li>A CV no more than 3 pages must be provided.</li> <li>The names of 3 appropriate referees from the R&amp;I community must be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An organisation may only submit one application for each award category.</li> <li>An organisation may be eligible for both Organisational Excellence Awards i.e. RM and IM.</li> <li>The relevant form must be completed in full and within the word limits provided.</li> </ul>

# Selection Criteria for Award Categories

## Category 1: Distinguished Contribution\*

**Recognises individuals who have made distinguished contributions to Research Management or Innovation Management profession.** A specific contribution should have been made in the period under review (2016), but nominations should be in respect of leaders in their respective fields, who are recognised beyond their organisation for their broad contribution to the profession over many years. Contributions considered include: (i) A specific intervention or initiative in their own organisation or the R&I Management community in the period under review, (ii) A tangible contribution to the development of the profession, such as publications in journals or other media, training/capacity development/mentoring within the profession, speeches or presentations concerning the profession, etc., and (iii) Serving on national or international committees or forums and active participation in communities of practice (iv) Mentoring and guiding organisations or individuals in the R&I Management community.

## Category 2: Professional Excellence\*

**Recognises individuals who have been in the Research Management or Innovation Management profession for seven years or less, but have made an increasing contribution to their organisation and the R&I Management community over that time.** A specific contribution should have been made in the period under review (2016), as well as demonstration of an increasingly broad contribution to the profession. Contributions considered include: (i) A specific intervention or initiative in their own organisation in the period under review, (ii) Demonstrated extraordinary achievement within their own organisation, (iii) Have contributed to the standing of the research or innovation support function at their organisation, (iv) A tangible contribution to the development of the profession, such as publications in journals or other media, training/capacity development/mentoring within the profession, speeches or presentations concerning the profession, etc., and (v) Serving on national or international committees or forums and active participation in communities of practice.

## Category 3: Early Career Excellence\*

**Recognises individuals who are newcomers to the Research Management or Innovation Management profession. Nominees must have less than five years' experience in any of the core elements that make up a Research Management or Innovation Management function whether they were in a formal organisational office or not.** Nominees must have, during the period under review (2016): (i) Demonstrated achievement within their own organisation; (ii) Have contributed to improvements in processes/systems related to their role within their organisation; (iii) Have contributed to the standing of the research or innovation support function at their organisation; (iv) Have shown engagement in the broader R&I Management community through involvement in relevant workshops, courses, conferences, etc.

**\* Note:** The individual awards for Research or Innovation Management are not awards for project management or management of team and/or individual research or innovation. However, nominees who are not within formally constituted Research or Technology Transfer Offices but who fulfil such functions or capabilities will be

## Category 4: Organisational Excellence

**These awards recognise organisations that have fulfilled three main criteria:** (i) They have made a significant impact in building, encouraging and championing research or innovation within their organisation over many years; (ii) They have developed and implemented initiatives and specific interventions during the period under review (2016); and (iii) They have shared their knowledge of best practice within the R&I Management community or had an impact in the R&I Management community beyond their own organisation. **Note** that the context and history of the organisation will be considered when reviewing the nominations.