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Extension of the date for submission of nominations | 2021/22 Medal for Social Sciences and Humanities

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), in partnership with Universities South Africa (USAf), announces that the closing date for electronic submission of nomination forms in respect of the HSRC-USAf Medal for the Social Sciences and Humanities has been extended to **25 January 2022**.

This is a second year in a row, that USAf partners with the HSRC on the Medal for Social Sciences and Humanities project. The medal is awarded annually to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to scholarship in the social sciences and humanities through their research.

The 2021/22 theme, *Recognising Engaged Scholarship*, places emphasis on collaborative research in partnership with key constituencies and the value of engaged scholarship in democratising knowledge, closing the gap between knowledge production and societal impact and allowing the public to shape the discourse around public policy.

Working in the context of CoVID-19, during 2021, several academics and researchers demonstrated these key characteristics of engaged scholarship in participatory, engaged and action research, and in co-production of knowledge and inclusive public engagement with science. The 2021/2022 HSRC/USAf awards therefore aim to recognise this research excellence under the “Engaged Scholarship” theme.

The Award will be bestowed in three categories, namely:

- **Established Researcher:** Medal and a monetary award of R50 000.00
- **Emerging Researcher:** Medal and a monetary award of R30 000.00
- **Team Awards (2):** Certificates for each member and a total monetary award for the team of R30 000.00 in Team 1, and certificates for each team member and a total monetary award for the team of R30 000.00 in Team 2.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted electronically (as per the attached specified format) by email to Ms Mahlatse Mpya mmpya@hsrc.ac.za, cc Ms Lumka Luzipho luzipho@hsrc.ac.za. **The nomination form may be accessed [here](#).**

SELECTION AND AWARD CEREMONY

The HSRC and USAf will appoint an adjudication panel that will consider the nominations and select awardees in the respective categories outlined. The hybrid awards ceremony will be hosted on 17 March 2022. The work of identified nominees and the awardees in the categories outlined above will be published in an appropriate special edition journal.

ENQUIRIES

May be directed to Dr Palesa Sekhejane psekhejane@hsrc.ac.za **OR** to Dr Linda Meyer linda.meyer@usaf.ac.za.