

Call for Nominations

TWAS Awards 2026

UCT internal deadline: 11 March 2024
TWAS submission deadline: 31 March 2024
TWAS submission format: Online

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INTRODUCTION

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) provides nine awards to individual scientists who have been working and living in a [developing country](#) for at least 10 years. The awards are made in recognition of an outstanding contribution to scientific knowledge in nine fields of sciences and/or to the application of science and technology to sustainable development.

The nine fields of sciences are:

- i. Agriculture, Nutrition & Food Systems Sciences
- ii. Biological Sciences
- iii. Chemical Sciences
- iv. Earth, Climate & Environmental Sciences
- v. Engineering & Computer Sciences
- vi. Mathematical Sciences
- vii. Medical & Health Sciences
- viii. Physics, Astronomy & Space Sciences
- ix. Social Sciences (excluding economic sciences)

AWARD

An award value of US\$10,000 each accompanied by a plaque and will be presented at the 2026 TWAS General Conference.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least ten years immediately prior to their nomination. They must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- Scientific research achievement of outstanding significance for the development of scientific thought.
- Outstanding contribution to the application of science and technology to sustainable development.

The outstanding contribution may be defined in relation to existing opportunities and realistic possibilities available to the candidate. This applies particularly to candidates from scientifically disadvantaged countries.

Exclusions:

- Self-nominations are **not** permitted.
- TWAS members are ineligible for the award.
- Nominations from jury members in the scientific disciplines in which they serve as Independent Expert Committee member will not be considered.

NOMINATIONS

The final submission deadline is **Sunday, 31 March 2024**. Applicants are strongly encouraged not to wait until the deadline but to submit the nominations as early as possible.

- Nominations must be made on the [on-line nomination form](#) and clearly state the contribution the candidate has made to the development of the field of science for which the award would be given.
- Nominations of women scientists and scientists from scientifically lagging countries are particularly encouraged.
- The re-nomination of a previously declined candidate shall be accepted only if it bears substantially new elements for judgment.

SELECTION OF AWARDEES

Selection of the awardees is made on scientific merit and on the recommendations of the selection committees composed of TWAS members. The names of the winners will be announced on the first day of the next TWAS General Conference. The winners will be invited to receive their award during the 2026 TWAS General Conference.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION PROCESS

Nominations are submitted electronically through the TWAS [on-line platform](#) by clicking on the "**NEW NOMINATION**" button at the bottom of the page. To resume working on saved nominations, click on the "**RESUME**" button at the bottom of the page.

Nominators are required to submit the nominee's [personal details](#) and to upload copies of their [brief professional CV](#) and [full list of publications](#). Nominees must therefore provide nominators with the following documentation:

- i. a complete copy of the attached mock [nomination form template](#) (point 1 – 7). This is for nominators to populate the online form.
- ii. a brief professional CV (excluding publications) in pdf format,
- iii. a full list of publications in pdf format.

UCT researchers who wish to be nominated are advised to approach a senior academic to serve as nominator and to provide the nominator with the above required documentation.

The nominees are requested to inform the Research Office of their nomination and to submit the nominator's full name by email to Amanda.Raman@uct.ac.za as soon as possible and before the internal deadline, 11 March 2024.

Research Office nominations

To have a nomination submitted by the Research Office, please email the required documentation to researchfunding@uct.ac.za by **Monday, 11 March 2024**.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

For the nominator's information

- i. a complete copy of the attached mock nomination form template (point 1 – 7).

For upload

- ii. Brief professional CV (excluding publications) in pdf format.
- iii. Full list of publications in pdf format.