

Call for Nominations

TWAS Siwei Cheng Award in Economic Sciences 2026

UCT internal deadline: 11 March 2025
TWAS submission deadline: 31 March 2024
TWAS submission format: Online

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INTRODUCTION

The TWAS Siwei Cheng Award reflects the Chinese Academy of Sciences' strong support to TWAS and, more generally, seeks to build scientific capacity in the developing world. It is named after the renowned Chinese economist Siwei Cheng (1935-2015), an economist, chemical engineer, and major political figure. He is most well-known for his work in modern Chinese economic development as a driving force behind the establishment of ChiNext, a stock exchange designed to provide venture capital in technology companies. His work has had a profound impact on both the Chinese and global economy.

The award will recognize economic scientists who have been living and working in a developing country for at least 10 years.

AWARD

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be economic scientists who have been living and working 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 in economic sciences of outstanding significance for the development of scientific thought.
- Outstanding contribution to the application of economic sciences 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.

The nominations of women social scientists are strongly encouraged.

Exclusions

- Self-nominations and nominations from jury members are **not** permitted.
- TWAS members are ineligible for the award.

SELECTION

Selection of the awardees is made on merit and on the recommendations of the selection committees composed of TWAS members.

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

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For upload

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- iii. Full list of publications in pdf format.