

BEST YOUNG WOMAN SCIENTIST

This award will be made to a young woman(women under 40) scientist for her outstanding scientific contribution to advancing science and building the knowledge base in the fields of **natural sciences** or **engineering**.

Nomination criteria

Higher education institutions and research organisations are requested to nominate women scientists who have a PhD and less than five years of postdoctoral experience in either **natural sciences** or **engineering**, and whose research project has contributed to advancing science and building the knowledge base.

Adjudication criteria

Nominees will be judged on their research publication record, their international eminence (as evidenced by their presentation of keynote addresses or papers at international conferences), experience in supervising researchers; national and/or international acclaim for their research and the contribution it has made to building the knowledge base, and the exploitability of their research outputs (i.e. the possibility of using research results to develop or improve products, processes and services).

Amount of award

R50 000

Use of the award

No restrictions will be imposed on the use of the award by the recipient.

Nomination procedure

Nominations on the attached nomination form should reach the Department of Science and Technology by **17 July 2009**. No late entries will be accepted.

Entries can be posted to the Project Coordinator, SA Women in Science Awards, Department of Science and Technology, Private Bag X894, Pretoria, 0001, or submitted electronically to WISAwards@dst.gov.za.

Nominations should be accompanied by the following:

- **Nomination letter**
The higher education institute or research organisation making the nomination should write a letter motivating the nomination, including information on the contribution of the research to improving the quality of life of women, the candidate's involvement with mentorship, coaching or community outreach programmes, and the exploitability of their research outputs (i.e. the possibility of using research results for community development, or to develop or improve products, processes and services).
- **Proof of research publication record**
Copies of a maximum of five relevant research publications
- **Curriculum vitae**
The nominee's CV should provide complete relevant personal and professional data, including involvement with the supervision of research, other awards received, and a full list of publications.

- **Letters of reference**
Letters of reference from three people discussing the nominee's professional competence and other personal or professional qualities or interests that make the applicant especially qualified for the award.
- **Statement by the candidate**
The nominee must provide a written statement that she accepts the nomination and is prepared to be bound by the decisions of the adjudication panel.

NOMINATION FORM
BEST YOUNG WOMAN SCIENTIST: 2009

Surname	
Names	
Nationality	
Identity number	
Date of birth	
Postal address	
Physical address	
Email address	
Telephone	
Fax	

Education

Institution	Years attended	Field of study	Qualification obtained

Employment record

Employer	Employment period	Post held	Responsibilities

