

## Media Advisory

### Inaugural Unisa Research, Teaching and Engaged Scholarship Excellence Awards

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) will honour outstanding academics at its inaugural Research, Teaching and Engaged Scholarship Excellence Awards to be held on Monday, 08 December 2025, at the Maslow Hotel in Menlyn, Pretoria.

A total of 25 distinct award categories have been identified across Research, Innovation, Teaching & Learning, and Institutional Excellence. Across these categories, over 100 individuals will be recognised for their contributions to research, innovation, postgraduate supervision, teaching, community engagement, science communication, and scholarly excellence.

The University will honour Unisa researchers and innovators who exemplified African excellence in 2024-2025. Multiple awards will be presented, including five Chancellor's Awards for Research Excellence and three Principal's Awards for Research Excellence. The Chancellor's Award is the highest research honour at Unisa, followed by the Principal's Award.

"Research and engaged scholarship continue to flourish at Unisa despite the extraordinary circumstances faced by our researchers in recent years. The University's researchers and innovators have produced sterling work that advances African knowledge production and supports the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals", said Professor Puleng LenkaBula, Unisa Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the Awards as follows:

**Date:** 08 December 2025

**Time:** 17:30 for 18:00

**Venue:** Diamond Ballroom, The Maslow Hotel, Time Square, 209B Aramist Avenue, Menlyn, Pretoria

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