



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### 2026 South African Women in Science Awards

*Placing Women at the Centre of Science, Technology and Innovation*

The Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) calls for applications for the 2026 South African Women in Science Awards. The awards recognise and reward exceptional women scientists and researchers, and profile them as role models for younger women.

The awards are made to Distinguished Women Researchers and Distinguished Young Women Researchers in the categories of the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Natural (Life and Physical) and Engineering Sciences, Public Engagement with Science, and any field aligned with this year's special category, "Innovation for Impact: Women Leading Change".

DSTI Fellowship Awards will also be made to registered master's and PhD students.

Only South African citizens or permanent residents will be considered.

The awards ceremony will be hosted on 20 August 2026 as part of the DSTI's Women's Month celebrations.

Click **here** to access the detailed call document and to download the relevant application forms.

Applications should be sent to [sawisa@dsti.gov.za](mailto:sawisa@dsti.gov.za)

**The deadline for applications is 31 May 2026.** No late applications will be accepted.

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