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National University Teaching Awards (NUTA) 2024

As from 2024 the HELTASA/CHE National Excellence in Teaching and Learning Awards have been replaced by the National University Teaching Awards (NUTA).

Despite the open call by HELTASA each year, there was a disparity of awards and commendations made across the gender and racial divide. The NUTA acknowledges these disparities and inequalities and aims to develop the capacity of and provide mentorship to academics at all South African public higher education institutions (HEIs) across rural/urban, gender, racial and resource lines. The NUTA foregrounds innovative, agile, reflective, holistic student-centered teaching practices within each unique context in which lecturers function. (Please refer to “NUTA Framework 2024” at <https://sauniversityteachers.org.za/>.)

Academics and teaching and learning specialists at all South African public HEIs are eligible for these awards. Applications can be from individuals or from a teaching collaboration team.

Candidate(s) may apply for one of three categories: (1) an individual category of beginner teachers (in their first five years of teaching); (2) an individual category of experienced teachers and mid-career applicants who have made noteworthy contributions and shown leadership in discipline-specific teaching; (3) a collaboration of academics and/or teaching and learning specialists who have shown innovation in teaching and learning. Both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching will be recognised.

Universities may submit up to four nominations. Each candidate/collaborative team is expected to submit a portfolio of evidence which meets specific NUTA criteria and relevant rubrics. (Please refer to “Processes and Procedures 2024” at <https://sauniversityteachers.org.za/>.) Candidates’ portfolios will be evaluated by an adjudication panel according to the published criteria. All shortlisted applicants will be required to make a short presentation to the adjudication panel.

A maximum of five awards overall will be made annually. Awards will be made at the annual NUTA Gala event. Winners will receive a monetary award.

For more information, please refer to the “Call for Applications 2024” (<https://sauniversityteachers.org.za/>) or contact the teaching and learning specialists at your institution.

