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## 2026 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### OVERVIEW OF AWARD APPLICATIONS, WORKSHOP AND RSVP

#### Invitations for Applications of the 2026 Vice Chancellor's Community Engagement Excellence Awards

- Submissions will be in the form of an **Electronic Portfolio of Evidence** (guidelines and templates will be provided to all Applicants).

#### Purpose of the Vice Chancellor's Community Engagement Excellence Awards:

- To promote, recognise, and reward excellence linked to Community Engagement as Integrated Scholarship at the University of Limpopo.
- To promote the Integration of Community Engagement, as one of the three Academic Core Functions with those of Teaching and Learning (Curricula development) and Research.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- **Permanent** Academic and **Contract** staff members who have been appointed on a **fixed-term contract for three years or longer**.
- Eligible staff can apply as **individuals** or as **teams** who collaborated in a project.
- Projects need to be adhere to the **Minimum Activity Level relevant to the application** (guidelines will be provided).

## Award Categories

The Community Engagement award categories with associated Minimum required Activity Levels listed below.

| Category                                                                            | Activity Level                                                                  |
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| <b>Best Established</b> Community Engagement Scholar/Team in a <b>Faculty</b>       | Level 1: Projects active for a minimum of Three (3) years                       |
| <b>Best Overall Established</b> Community Engagement Scholar/Team in the University | Level 1: Projects active for a minimum of Three (3) years                       |
| <b>Best Overall Female</b> Community Engagement Scholar in the University           | Level 2: Less well established Projects active for a minimum of Two (2) years   |
| <b>Best Upcoming</b> Community Engagement Scholar/Team in a <b>Faculty</b>          | Level 2: Less well established Projects active for a minimum of Two (2) years s |
| <b>Best Overall Upcoming</b> Community Engagement Scholar/team in the University    | Level 2: Less well established Projects active for a minimum of Two (2) years   |

## Important notes and completion of Registration Form

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| The Rural Development and Innovation Hub will host a <b>Workshop</b> with the <i><b>purpose to assist you with the preparation, completion of templates, and submission of the application.</b></i> | An <b>Online Workshop will be scheduled for applicants</b><br><br>(A google meet invite will be provided upon completion of the RSVP)                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>RSVP</b> for the workshop by completing the attached RSVP form                                                                                                                                   | <b>RSVP due before or on <u>FRIDAY 24 MAY 2026</u></b><br><br>Email RSVP forms to,<br><br><a href="mailto:kholofelo.sekoala@ul.ac.za">kholofelo.sekoala@ul.ac.za</a><br><br>CC<br><br><a href="mailto:community.engagement@ul.ac.za">community.engagement@ul.ac.za</a> |
| In <b>Preparation</b> for Workshop                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Once the Rural Development and Innovation Hub received your RSVP you will be provided with documents in preparation for the workshop</b>                                                                                                                            |

*For further clarity or support, kindly get in touch with either:*

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