

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR: Research, Innovation and Engagement



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHOWCASE & PITCHING AWARDS A CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Innovation and Engagement is hosting the Community Engagement Showcase and Pitching Awards 2020. The Awards aim to recognise and award community engagement projects which show high positive impact to communities whilst aligning to the values, principles, and the objectives of the ENVISION 2030, initiated by staff and students.

Applications are sought from DUT's staff members and current DUT students to show case community engagement projects within DUT and the local communities. The top ten projects will be invited to be pitched in front of the selection panel. The top three winners from each respective category will be awarded prizes. All other projects that are in the top ten but do not receive the top three prizes, will each receive R2500.00 towards their project.

PRIZES:

Staff: 1st prize R30 000 2nd prize R20 000 3rd prize R10 000
Students: 1st prize R30 000 2nd prize R20 000 3rd prize R10 000

The awards will be hosted as follows:

DATE

Thursday, 10 December 2020

TIME

13h00 – 15h00

PLATFORM

Microsoft Teams

ENQUIRES

Contact Phumzile Xulu via email on phumzilex@dut.ac.za

Applicants are required to complete the application form provided and submit it on or before the deadline of the 18th November 2020. The form requires applicants to indicate whether the project is submitted by an individual or a team as well as submit a brief project description of the submission in 300 words or less with a brief description about the project. Should the submission be a team project, please indicate such by naming the respective members and provide an overview of each member's involvement in the project. Provide a summary of the potential outcomes or impact for the community, partners, and the University. The top ten projects will be invited to pitch where they will be given 10 minutes to present in front of the selection panel. Applicants are encouraged to include their community representative in the pitching process. The selection panel will determine the successful projects at the end of the pitching process and winners will be announced during the awards ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY

This opportunity is open to all DUT faculties, staff members, and current students. There is no limit to the number of projects each faculty, staff member, and student can apply for.

KEY DATES

Applications open: 06 November 2020

Applications close: 25 November 2020

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by 27 November 2020

Applicants will be invited to pitch their projects on 07 December 2020.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Projects will be assessed based on:

- the evidence of an identified need;
- the ability to meet the test of mutual benefit, including demonstration of support from the project partner(s);
- the potential to foster continued relationships with partners following the completion of the project;
- the project's alignment to ENVISION 2030;
- the project's ability to be sustained and/or scaled into a larger engagement initiative;
- sustainability of the expected outcomes and impact.

All prize money must be spent within 12 months from the date received.

The winners are expected to submit a report detailing how the funds were spent.

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

The selection panel encourages applicants to consider innovative projects that are cross-disciplinary in nature.

Some projects, despite their inherent merit, may be deemed by the selection panel to be more appropriately recognised and well supported by the University, particularly if they are deemed to be a regular part of university activities.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Applications should be submitted online via this [LINK](#) by 18 November 2020.