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## Launch of 2025 National University Teaching Awards (NUTA)

South African University Teachers (SAUT), in partnership with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), proudly announces the launch the 2025 Annual National University Teaching Awards (NUTA).

NUTA is an initiative of a sub-committee of SAUT, which has the responsibility to implement the National Framework for the Enhancement of Academics as University Teachers (NFfEAUT). The purpose of the Framework is to strengthen teaching capabilities in higher education through improved coordination, collaboration, and equitable professional development opportunities and recognition for academics at different stages of their professional careers.

A key element of this aspiration is recognition of innovative teaching and learning in higher education at the national level: to stimulate intellectual growth of academics as university teachers and to celebrate their unique contextual responsiveness that catalyse transformed practice and systemic change in higher education. NUTA's guiding philosophy acknowledges that innovative teaching is grounded in deep disciplinary understanding: theoretical, philosophical, and methodological, which in turn is a vital contributor to student learning and success. An appropriate **recognition and reward system can** serve as a powerful catalyst for meaningful teaching development.

### Who Can Apply

Academic staff and teaching specialists from all 26 public higher education institutions are invited to apply. Universities may nominate up to four candidates or teaching teams through transparent selection processes in three categories:

- Beginner Teachers
- Experienced Teachers
- Teaching Collaboration Teams



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Nominees must demonstrate significant contributions to teaching and learning, including proven leadership and innovation.

### **Application Process**

Candidates must submit a portfolio of evidence that addresses specific NUTA criteria. An expert adjudication panel will evaluate submissions against established rubrics. Up to 10 finalists demonstrating exemplary performance will receive monetary awards.

### **Key Information:**

- Submit portfolios through the NUTA online portal: [call for applications](#)
- Submission deadline: June 30, 2025
- Awards ceremony: November 2025, hosted by the Minister of Higher Education and Training or nominee

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