

Recognition for Leadership in International Research and Advisory Organizations

1 Background

The Institutional Committee for Research and Innovation of the NWU suggested that recognition should be given to NWU staff members contributing to exceptional leadership in international organizations, institutions and committees of importance. Qualified candidates will not compete, but will be nominated for their exceptional contributions in line with the rules stipulated below.

2 Rules for nomination

The following rules apply:

1. Nominated candidates have to display significant scientific acumen. Normally this will be demonstrated by virtue of the nominee having a C, B or A rating from the NRF. In some cases worthy candidates may not be NRF rated for specific reasons which need to be motivated. Furthermore, the candidate must participate at International level in a significant number of the following or other activities:
 - a. Policy-making or advisory bodies;
 - b. Subject-related societies at managerial level;
 - c. Editorial panels of subject-related journals;
 - d. Program / refereeing / organizing committees of conferences;
 - e. Examination or evaluation panels of universities;
2. Candidates cannot be nominated for the same role or contribution more than once.
3. A candidate is only eligible for re-nomination after a three year cycle.
4. More than one candidate can be nominated from a management unit.

3 Nomination Process and Adjudication Panel

A call for nomination will be issued annually. Any management unit may nominate candidates who qualify in terms of the rules. A written motivation is presented to the adjudication panel via the office of the relevant Dean.

An adjudicating panel, convened by the DVC: Research, Innovation and Technology at his/her discretion determines whether the nominated candidate fulfill the requirements.

Candidates are recognized and honored at an annual NWU function where excellence in research is celebrated. The NWU may at its own discretion award candidates an honorarium to be used exclusively for support of the participation in international Research and Advisory organizations.