



SANCOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS AWARD 2020

INTRODUCTION

In order to promote capacity development, SANCOR has established the Young Researchers Award to acknowledge a new generation of scientists and encourage research excellence in science in the marine and coastal environment (SMCE).

This triennial award has been established with the following objectives:

- 1) To encourage future scientists to achieve in SMCE.
- 2) To reward and showcase achievers as an inspiration to other younger scientists.
- 3) To provide an award of excellence which may assist achievers in furthering their careers in marine science.

Previous recipients include:

Dr Andrew Green 2014
Dr Lorien Pichegru
Dr Deena Pillay
Dr Sarah Fawcett 2017
Dr Romina Henriques

The award will be presented at the banquet evening of the 17th Southern African Marine Science Symposium which will be held in Durban, 6-9 July 2020.

NOMINATION PROCESS

To nominate a candidate for the SANCOR Young Researchers Award kindly e-mail the following to sancor@daff.gov.za with subject heading "SANCOR Award Nomination":

- 1) a completed nomination form and
- 2) a current CV of the nominee (no longer than 25 pages). The proposer is advised to request a current CV from the nominee.

The closing date for submissions is **2 March 2020**. Please call the secretariat on 021 402 3536 if you have not received an acknowledgement of your submission within 3 days.

The recipient should prepare a lecture, as is the practice for Gilchrist Memorial Medal recipients.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

1. Only researchers i) within five years of receiving their doctoral degree and ii) younger than 35 years of age are eligible.
2. The award will be made to persons who have shown potential to contribute or who have already contributed to the advancement of science in the marine and coastal environments (SMCE) in the fields of natural science, social science, management, industry, education, etc.
3. Nominees must have the potential to become leaders and role models within the field of SMCE.
4. Nominees must have a PhD and show evidence of national and/or international eminence (e.g. presentation at international conferences and membership in national or international committees that contribute to the advancement of SMCE, etc.).
5. Nominees should have experience in mentoring and guiding young people in SMCE (whether in industry, government, academia, etc.).

Nominations for the SANCOR Emerging Marine Scientist Award shall be called for through the *SANCOR Newsletter* as well as via other media. Proposers should submit a nominee for the award. In effect, all South African marine science institutions and bona fide professional marine scientists shall be granted the opportunity to nominate candidates for the award.

An Awards Committee shall be established by the SANCOR Steering Committee and consist of 4 persons. These shall include one member of the SANCOR Steering Committee, a biological scientist, a physical scientist and a researcher within the field of Humanities. The Awards Committee shall meet to conduct its business and a written report of its deliberations is to be kept. The Chair shall be a senior distinguished scientist who has knowledge of South African marine science.

It is a condition that recipients of the award must deliver a lecture at an agreed SANCOR event.