

PHASA Call for Nominations: Public Health Innovation and Lifetime Achievement Awards (PHILA) 2025

Submission deadline: 17 January 2025
Email submission to: secretariat@phasa.org.za

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) calls for nominations for the Public Health Innovation and Lifetime Achievement awards (PHILA). The awards seek to honour excellence and commitment to public health in South Africa by acknowledging exceptional individuals whose:

- activities have been consistent with PHASA's founding values of equity, integrity, social responsibility, caring, compassion, empathy and partnership; and whose
- purpose is aligned with its mission to provide leadership and a collective voice to improve health and health equity.

The awards do not carry any monetary value but serves to recognise and celebrate extraordinary contributions to public health in South Africa.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Three PHILA awards are awarded annually:

- PHILA Annual Award
- PHILA Emerging Practitioner Award
- PHILA Lifetime Achievement Award

1. PHILA Annual Award

This award honours excellence and commitment to public health, in an individual with a specific and significant contribution to public health research, advocacy, education or service in South Africa during the past five (5) years.

Specific criteria for this award include

- The work nominated for should have been completed in South Africa in the last 5 years.
- The work must have been peer reviewed and/or translated (or in the process of this) into policy or practice and/or resulted in significant public discourse or action and/or received other recognition in the field.
- The individual should demonstrate leadership potential, or be a leader to whom colleagues in the field look up to as a role model.
- The individual should demonstrate a high standard of professionalism, integrity, and ethics.

2. PHILA Emerging Practitioner Award

This award honours excellence and commitment to public health in an emerging practitioner, not older than 35 years old. This award will be given to an individual in recognition of a specific and significant contribution to public health research, advocacy, education or service in South Africa during the past five (5) years.

Specific criteria for this award include:

- The person should be younger than 35 years.
- The work nominated for should have been completed in South Africa in the last 5 years.
- The work must have been peer reviewed and/or translated (or in the process of) into policy or practice and/or resulted in significant public discourse or action and/or received other recognition in the field.
- The individual should demonstrate leadership potential or be a leader to whom colleagues in the field look up to as a role model.
- The individual should demonstrate high standard of professionalism, integrity and ethics.

3. PHILA Lifetime Achievement Award

This award will honour an individual for a lifetime of commitment to public health. The individual should have made an exceptional and significant contribution to public health research, education, and/or service in their lifetime. Individuals should have fundamentally advanced public health in South Africa and be acknowledged by their peers.

Specific criteria for this award include

- At least 20 years' experience in South Africa in public health.
- Exceptional and demonstrable accomplishments, beyond the requirements of their employment, as a public health practitioner.
- Outstanding leader in public health, whose quality of work continues to raise public health standards, and to whom colleagues in the -eld look up to as a role model.
- High standard of professionalism, integrity and ethics.
- A track record of building public health capacity of younger individuals.
- Influence of the individual's work in health policy/ health services in South Africa or beyond.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Each nomination must be supported by two, 1st and 2nd, nominators by completing the applicable nomination form. Copies of the nomination forms are attached. Complete forms must be emailed to secretariat@phasa.org.za by the deadline on **Friday, 17 January 2025** and Cc' Amanda.Raman@uct.ac.za.