

National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF NSTF CHAIRPERSON

Deadline: 30 September 2025

The [NSTF Executive Committee \(Exco\)](#) invites anyone belonging to [NSTF member organisations](#) to nominate suitable candidates for the position of Chairperson of the NSTF for the term November 2025-2028, **by no later than 30 September 2025**. Nominations received will be considered by the Exco for appointment. The [Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) is scheduled for 7 November 2025, which is the end of the current Chair, Prof Mphahlele's term and where members will be requested to ratify the appointment of the new Chairperson.

The NSTF is the largest, oldest and most representative [consultative forum](#) promoting science, engineering, technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa for [30 years](#) now. This is achieved through:

1. **Public engagement:** [networking, discussion and debate](#) of policies and burning issues, and engagement with government on related policies
2. **Awards:** [recognition and rewarding excellence](#)
3. **Role modelling:** [profiling role models](#)
4. **Youth engagement:** [youth](#) outreach and engagement, including recognition to the top youth performers
5. **Thought leadership:** [raising awareness](#) in the public domain and engaging the media
6. **News:** distributing SET news through the monthly [e-newsletter](#), including [opinion pieces](#) and SET related policies to give readers a monthly overview
7. **Career guidance and inspiration:** sharing [available bursary information](#), [career talks](#) on video (shared widely on all social media platforms), and summaries of related [careers](#)
8. **Ensuring inclusiveness:** mapping the [SET professional landscape](#) to ensure a widely inclusive national system of innovation
9. **Promoting professionals:** enhancing the understanding of the SET environment and the role of the various professions active in these fields: '[SET Professionals Who's Who](#)'
10. **Innovation in STEM education:** providing an interactive online learning platform – the [STEMulator.org](#) to excite young people into the STEM world and associated studies and careers

All projects are typically collaborative in nature and national in their reach. See the latest [annual report](#) for comprehensive information about the NSTF.

Nominees should be persons:

- Who have achieved distinction in any field of SET and innovation.
- Who are widely recognised on a senior level in the SET and innovation community.
- Who are knowledgeable and active on a high level in matters relating to SET and innovation policy.

The incumbent Chairperson should be:

- Eligible for nomination and possible re-election, provided that his/her period of continued service in office will not exceed six years.
- Required to indicate a willingness to hold office for a period of at least three years at the time of their nomination.
- Widely supported across the NSTF membership.

- Non-partisan and should not serve as a convenor of any of the sectors of the NSTF, as represented on the NSTF Exco; and
- Well informed, knowledgeable and active in all [NSTF affairs and procedures](#)

Duties of the Chairperson include:

- Chairing both the AGM and about six [Exco meetings](#) per year.
- Work closely with, and guide the Executive Director, as well as the company Directors of the NSTF NPC.
- Provide strategic leadership.
- Preside over the prestigious [gala dinners](#) of the [NSTF Awards](#) and host VIP guests.
- Represent the NSTF in relevant government bodies and meetings on a high level.

Nominations should include:

- A brief curriculum vitae of the nominee with full personal details and contact information.
- Names of three referees from an NSTF member organisation/s, with their full contact details.
- Written confirmation of the availability of the nominee, by both the nominee and their employer; and
- Supporting letter of the nominator, with their affiliation to an NSTF member organisation

NB: *There will be no remuneration for the services rendered by the Chairperson. The Exco will only cover approved expenses incurred for performing NSTF duties.*

Submission process and deadline:

Nominations must be submitted by email to [Ms Mankwe Mojapelo](mailto:mmojapelo@nstf.org.za) (mmojapelo@nstf.org.za) (NSTF Committees and Events Coordinator).

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS **Tuesday, 30 September 2025.**