



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE PHILA AWARDS

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) would like to invite nominations for the 2017 PHILA Awards. The nominee and person nominating need not be PHASA members. Members of the PHILA Awards Committee and current PHASA Executive Board Members are not eligible for the awards.

The PHILA Award is an award from PHASA that honours excellence and commitment to public health in South Africa. PHILA is an acronym for Public Health Innovation and Lifetime Achievement and also plays on the isiZulu word “phila” meaning “life”. These awards are given to individuals in recognition of a specific and significant contribution to public health research, advocacy, education or service in South Africa.

Three PHILA awards are awarded annually:

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

### **The PHILA Annual Award**

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 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 a high standard of professionalism.

### **The PHILA Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award will honour an individual for a life time of commitment to public health in South Africa. This individual should have made an exceptional and significant contribution to public health research, education or service in their lifetime.

Individuals should have fundamentally advanced public health in South Africa and be acknowledged by peers.

*Specific criteria for this award include*

- At least 20 years' experience in public health in South Africa
- Exceptional and demonstrable accomplishments, beyond the requirements of their employment, as a public health practitioner
- Outstanding leader in public health and whose quality of work continues to raise public health standards and to whom colleagues in the field look up as a role model
- High standard of professionalism and 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

#### **The PHILA Emerging Practitioner Award**

This award honours an emerging practitioner (not older than 35 years old) for excellence and commitment to public health. This award will be given 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 35 years old or younger
- 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 being) 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 as a role model
- The individual should demonstrate high standard of professionalism.

#### **Nature of the Award**

The award will be presented at the 2017 PHASA Conference in Gauteng. All awards will consist of a trophy and a certificate.

In addition, PHASA will arrange the travel and two nights' accommodation for the winners to the PHASA conference.

Winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award will receive a lifetime membership to PHASA

#### **Nomination process**

Nominees should please complete the required nomination form. A nominee may only be nominated in one category. The following should be included with the nomination form:

- Up to date curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee
- Two additional letters of support

Being a PHASA member is not a requirement for either the nominee or the person nominating.

#### **Selection process**

All nominations will be reviewed by the PHILA Awards Committee. The Committee reserves the right to consider nominees in a category other than the one for which the individual was nominated and not to make an award for any category if the nominees are found not to be suitable.

#### **The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.**

The winners will be notified by 15 August 2017 and will be announced at the 2017 PHASA Conference.