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Six UCT finalists at NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards

Six finalists from the University of Cape Town are in the running for top honours at the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) –BHP Billiton Awards to be held in Johannesburg on 26 May 2011.

The finalists have been chosen in the following categories:

- **Categories - TW Kambule NRF Senior Black Researcher & Through Research and its Outputs, both over the last 5 to 10 years**
Professor Kelly Chibale: SARChI Professor in Drug Discovery in the Department of Chemistry.
- **Category - TW Kambule NRF Distinguished Young Black Researcher over the last 2 to 5 years**
Dr Mohamed Azeem Khan: Senior lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering.
- **Category - Research and its Outputs over the last 5 to 10 years**
Jill Margaret Farrant, Professor of Molecular Cell Biology.
- **Category - TW Kambule NRF Senior Black Researcher over the last 5 to 10 years**
Professor Nonhlanhla P Khumalo, Associate Professor, Consultant Dermatologist
- **Category - Over a Lifetime**
Professor Lionel Opie, Emeritus Professor of Medicine (Cardiology)
- **Category: Research for Innovation by an individual or a team through an Organisation/Institution**
UCT - SASOL Study Team on Cobalt Fischer-Tropsch
Department of Chemical Engineering, led by Professor Michael Claeys

Summaries of the research/work for which finalists have been nominated are available on the [NSTF Awards website](#).

"The NSTF as an important platform for the recognition and celebration of excellence in S&T research and training. It takes time and effort to prepare competitive nominations but we believe this is an effective way to showcase the work of some of our top researchers. We are therefore grateful to the relevant academics who submit themselves to this rather gruelling process and proud to have an exceptionally large cohort amongst the finalists."-Dr Marilet Sienaert, Director: Research and Innovation Office.

The awards, a NSTF's flagship project and the only initiative of its kind in South Africa, encourages and rewards excellence in scientific research, technological innovation, education, capacity building and science communication.

It is also an opportunity for all practising scientists, engineers and technologists, across the system of innovation, to be recognised at national level.

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