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Invite: UCT to host MediVentors Lion's Den event

2 March 2022 | 09:00-13:15 | UCT Medical School Campus, Neuroscience Institute

The University of Cape Town's (UCT) Biomedical Engineering Research Centre (BMERC) invites you to the MediVentors Lion's Den event on Wednesday, 2 March 2022.

The event will be held under the theme, "Converting innovativeness into downstream value".

The goal of the event is to witness the potential of innovations coming out of merSETA ViroVent Innovation Skills Challenge to support an emerging South African Medical Device Manufacturing sector; showcase the integrated Systems Thinking-based solution as an instrument for 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) Skills Development; showcase the top-ranked MedTech student projects; and select/recognize winners who compete for a prize money of over R110,000.

The event will also provide a student-centric perspective to learning and challenges faced in a post-COVID world; offer a platform for representatives of the SA MedTech eco-system to reflect on synchronized industrialization for optimal outcomes; and contribute towards bridge-building between key parties in the MedTech industrialization value chain.

Professor Sudesh Sivarasu, director of BMERC, said: "With the SA outbreak of COVID in 2020, it was decided that the country needed to develop skills for medical device innovation – while using COVID as a backdrop to learn about satisfying real-world medical industrialization demands and eventually build the South African Medical Device Manufacturing Industry."

Join us for this exciting event to see how eight students do in a den filled with "lions" to present their student projects and what they have learned in the MediVentors programme.

For RSVPs please [visit](#).

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