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## **UCT to roll out a virtual red carpet to honour staff**

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Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town (UCT), will host the 2020 virtual UCT Annual Awards, on Wednesday, 2 December 2020. The evening will see the university community gathered together to celebrate the exceptional contributions of professional, administrative support and service (PASS) and academic staff.

The event will be [broadcast online](#) and is open to the media.

The event serves to acknowledge and honour 225 staff who will walk the virtual red carpet as they will be honoured in various prestigious categories. These include the Distinguished Teacher Award, the outstanding researcher who will receive, the Alan Pifer Research Award, Ad Hominem promotions and the Vice-Chancellor's Awards.

Phakeng said: "This year, in particular, we recognise all the hard work, dedication and exceptional efforts by staff members during a particularly different and difficult period. We have as the executive continually recognised how hard all staff members have worked since we have had to operate under the conditions imposed by the pandemic. This year's staff awards are but one of the ways through which we will recognise staff, albeit we will be the first to admit that although we are limited to just awarding the 300 or so colleagues, there are many more who are worthy of recognition."

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