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UCT interview opportunities

- UCT Finalists for the 2014/15 NSTF–BHP Billiton Awards** –The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) Awards, hosted in partnership with BHP Billiton, encourages and rewards excellence in technological innovation, environmental sustainability/Green Economy, technology transfer, scientific research, capacity building, management and communication, education & training & outreach.

Category	UCT Finalists	Background	Contact
T W Kambule Awards: Emerging researchers (Post-docs in a period of up to 6 years after award of a PhD or equivalent in research)	Dr Melinda Griffiths - Honorary Research Associate: Centre for Bioprocess Engineering, UCT	Dr Melinda Griffiths has made a significant contribution to algal biotechnology and her work is well recognised internationally. She was able to maximise the productivity of algal biomass and oil, reconceptualise environmentally responsible and efficient Spirulina production routes and overcome scale-up issues constraining the exploitation of algal biomass as a renewable resource.	Mary Hilton Tel: 021 650 4108 Cell: 073 236 5783 Email: Mary.Hilton@uct.ac.za
Research Capacity Development over the last 5 - 10 years by an	Professor Collet Dandara - Associate Professor: Division of Human	Professor Dandara has researched extensively the genetic causes associated with differences in the way	Linda Rhoda Tel: 021 406 6685 Cell: 082 451 1045 Email: Linda.Rhoda@uct.ac.za

<p>individual</p>	<p>Genetics, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT</p>	<p>patients respond to medication.</p> <p>His work has been pioneering in decoding African populations and highlighting their genetic diversity.</p>	
<p>T W Kambule Awards: Research and its outputs over the last 5 – 10 years by an individual</p>	<p>Professor Lynette Denny - Head of Department: Obstetrics & Gynaecology, UCT</p> <p>Professor Dan Stein - Professor & Head: Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health, UCT Director: Brain-Behaviour Initiative, UCT; Director: SU/UCT Medical Research Council Unit on Anxiety & Stress Disorders</p>	<p>Professor Lynette Denny is being nominated for her work in cervical cancer prevention in low resource settings.</p> <p>Since the beginning of this project, she and her team have screened over 30,000 women in Khayelitsha in a range of diverse and relevant research projects. She has recently been granted the MRC/UCT Gynaecological Cancer Research Centre Award.</p> <p>Professor Dan Stein's research focuses on neuropsychiatric disorders, which are the 3rd largest contributor to South Africa's burden of disease and he is one of the most highly published and cited clinician-scientists on the African continent.</p> <p>He has contributed extensively to the advancement of basic and clinical neuroscience in the South African and African context, with research ranging from laboratory research on animal models, through clinical</p>	<p>Linda Rhoda Tel: 021 406 6685 Cell: 082 451 1045 Email: Linda.Rhoda@uct.ac.za</p> <p>Linda Rhoda Tel: 021 406 6685 Cell: 082 451 1045 Email: Linda.Rhoda@uct.ac.za</p>

		investigations on the neurobiology and treatment of neuropsychiatric disorders, and on to epidemiological and public mental health research.	
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