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HSRC Human Sciences Research Council

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL BOARD

The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates to be considered for appointment to the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) Board in line with section 5 of the HSRC Act, 2008 (Act No. 17 of 2008).

The objects of the Council are to (a) initiate, undertake and foster strategic basic research and applied research in human science, and to gather, analyse and publish data relevant to developmental challenges in South Africa, elsewhere in Africa and in the rest of the world, especially by means of projects linked to public sector-oriented collaborative programmes; (b) inform the effective formulation and monitoring of policy and to evaluate the implementation of policy; (c) stimulate public debate through the effective dissemination of fact-based results of research; (d) help build research capacity and infrastructure for the human sciences in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa; (e) foster and support research collaboration, networks and institutional linkages within the human sciences research community; (f) respond to the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups in society by researching and analysing developmental problems, thereby contributing to the improvement of the quality of their lives; and (g) develop and make publicly available new data sets to underpin research, policy development and public discussion of the key issues of development, and to develop new improved methodologies for use in their development.

In terms of section 5(2) of the Act, the Board will consist of a chairperson designated by the Minister; a minimum of six and a maximum of nine members; and the CEO, who is member of the Board by virtue of their office.

Board members will be appointed in their personal capacities and will serve on a part-time basis for a term not exceeding four years, effective from 1 November 2025. Allowances will be in accordance with the National Treasury's guidelines for the remuneration of board members.

The members of the Board, including the chairperson, must be persons who –

(a) have distinguished themselves in the field of the human sciences or who possess special qualifications, experience or skills in relation to some aspect of the functions of the Council such as (i) human and social development; (ii) health; (iii) education; (iv) economics; (v) democracy and service delivery; and
(b) have expertise in the areas of (i) planning; (ii) finance; (iii) law; or (iv) human resources; and
(c) are citizens of or have the right of permanent residence in South Africa, except for the distinguished representative of the social science research community in the rest of Africa contemplated in section 5(5)(b) of the Act.

Nominations should clearly indicate which categories set out in (a) and (b) above apply to the nominee.

Nominations should be submitted to the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation no later than **4 July 2025**. Please email nominations to **Boardappointment2@dsti.gov.za**, accompanied by the candidate's curriculum vitae, including the following information: Full names, identity number, gender, race, current designation and responsibilities, contact details (postal and email addresses, cellular and landline numbers), qualifications, current and past service on boards, areas of expertise, and the names and contact details of at least two referees.

Confirmation of the availability of the nominee is also required.

NB: Nominations will not be considered unless all the requirements set out above are met. Correspondence will be entered into with shortlisted candidates only.

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