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■ AWARDS

Gauteng varsities in show of excellence

RESEARCHERS at four Gauteng-based universities are recipients of 14 awards presented at the National Research Foundation (NRF) annual award ceremony in Port Elizabeth this week.

The universities of Pretoria (UP), Wits, Johannesburg (UJ) and Unisa were among the major winners at the annual NRF Awards, which recognise and celebrate South African research excellence.

Wits collected eight A-rating awards, in addition to the university's Natalie Benjamin-Damons being honoured alongside Edward Netherlands of North West University with the Next Generation Researcher Award for academic achievement in their final year as a doctoral student.

UP, Unisa and UJ academics each picked up two A-ratings which demonstrate unequivocal recognition by their peers as leading international scholars in their respective fields, for the high quality and impact of recent research outputs.

Acquiring an NRF rating is a sign of respect for the individual researchers as well as their institutions.

Dr Bernard Fanaroff, former director of the Square Kilometre Array South Africa (SKA-SA), was presented with the NRF Lifetime Achievement Award. | African News Agency (ANA)