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## **A call for nominations for the EDHE DVC Award for 2020**

With the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intersvarsity finals fast approaching, in Gauteng, on 26-27 November, the Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) programme invites the entrepreneurship community within the public university sector to nominate candidates from their institutions, for an award that seeks to honour a Deputy Vice-Chancellor who gave exceptional institutional support for entrepreneurship development in 2020.

Nominated candidates must have displayed the following attributes:

- **Advocacy:** speaking out in support of entrepreneurship development within the university,
- **Enablement:** enablement through establishing support structures and policies, creating new positions, channeling funding.
- **National leadership:** visible public leadership towards advancing entrepreneurship development in universities, e.g. through speeches, serving on forums.
- **Physical support:** demonstrated personal support for entrepreneurship in universities through direct personal engagement, support on social media, attending relevant events.

The EDHE DVC Award will be bestowed alongside five other EDHE awards, to the:

- Four category winners of the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intersvarsity 2020;
- EDHE Studentpreneur of the year 2020;
- Winning university of the EDHE Entrepreneurship Intersvarsity 2020;
- Best institutional contribution to the national #SEW2020; and
- Remarkable contributions to entrepreneurship development in universities during the CoVID-19 pandemic.

All these awards will be conferred at an event to be held on Friday 27 November. This will be a blended event comprising a closed component attended by invitation only, to control the numbers at the Premier Hotel, OR Tambo, Johannesburg, while being live-streamed on the EDHE Student Entrepreneurship Facebook page for all to view.

Current staff and students from South Africa's 26 public universities qualify to nominate the DVC they deem to be most deserving of the **EDHE DVC Award**. Nomination takes clicking on the link <https://edhe.co.za/dvc-awards> and submitting a nomination and motivation before **9:00 on FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020**.

The EDHE programme is intended to develop the entrepreneurial capacity in students, foster entrepreneurship through teaching, learning and research, and create entrepreneurial institutions as ecosystems that facilitate entrepreneurial activity. The programme, now in its fourth year of existence, represents a partnership between the Department of Higher Education and Training,

the main sponsor, and Universities South Africa, which is responsible for programme administration and implementation.

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