

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR PLANNERS (SACPLAN) FELLOWS AWARDS

The South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN), a professional body established in terms of Section 3 of the Planning Profession Act, 2002 (Act No. 36 of 2002), hereby invites nominations for the SACPLAN Fellows Awards for suitably qualified individuals.

Nomination as a Fellow of SACPLAN is the highest honour that SACPLAN can bestow upon a planner. This distinction recognizes excellence, identifies prominent role models, promotes advances in planning practice, and draws leaders to the forefront of planning within the South African context and/or internationally.

Submission of the Nominations

The nomination of an individual to be inducted as a Fellow must be submitted by an active or retired SACPLAN registered planner in good standing. In case of a nominator not being a Registered Planner in good standing but a stakeholder within the planning profession or built environment, business and community sector, the nomination must be endorsed by at least two Registered Professional or Technical Planners in good standing. The nominator must provide documented evidence that the nominee meets the set criteria.

A nominee's dossier must demonstrate passion, commitment, and an excellent track record of supporting relevant planning practice, education, and/or research in one or more of the following categories of recognition:

- Planning Professional Practice
- Teaching and Mentoring Planners
- Community-Based Planning and Research
- Leadership and Community Service in the Profession
- Research and Innovation

The individual's national or international significant contribution to planning, or potential to be adopted nationally or internationally, must be shown in the category nominated. If a contribution is described as "innovative", a motivation must be tendered of how this contribution is truly either original and impactful on planning theory/practice, teaching, practice, or the profession.

A contribution that is considered to be of national or international significance could include one or more of the following:

- The development of unusual (unique) policy, approaches to problems, designs or services that are conceived and adapted locally and offer the potential to or are subsequently adopted by other regions, within South Africa, the African Continent, the Global South or across the international landscape;
- Active participation over an extended period in the formulation, debate, and/or implementation of policies and proposals that have or could have a significant national impact;
- Academic research or professional practices that make or could make an extraordinary contribution in a national or international context;
- A nominee's international accomplishments which they have introduced to the South African planning context may constitute a significant national contribution; and
- Exemplary service to SACPLAN over an extended period in various roles.

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The nominator is responsible for the compilation of a complete dossier package and its timely submission, which must, at a minimum, include the following:

- A list of items or table of contents outlining the contents of the submission;
- An overview of the submission of not more than 1000 words specifying the categories in which the nominee is put forward, a synopsis of the nominee's nationally/internationally significant contributions to planning, and a list of supporters whose endorsements in a SACPLAN-provided form are part of the submission;
- An up-to-date résumé of the nominee, maximum of 5 pages, with emphasis on the roles played that are key to the nomination as a Fellow or as an Honorary Planner;
- A consolidated motivation of not more than 2,000 words covering the nominee's contributions across the selected category or categories, covering each category of nomination, with compelling evidence demonstrating the excellence of the nominee's accomplishments in addressing the nomination criteria;
- A total of 5 (five) endorsements in a SACPLAN-provided Endorsement Form from any of the following categories:
 - SACPLAN Registered Professional or Technical Planners in good standing; and
 - Retired SACPLAN Registered Planners in good standing.
- Additionally, at least 2 (two) of the 5 (five) endorsements mentioned above must be from any of the following categories:
 - High-ranking officials or specialists in the proposed area of recognition;
 - Mentees or Direct beneficiaries of the candidate Fellow's area(s) of contribution and/or recognition; and
 - Reputable organisations, entities or institutions directly linked to the proposed area of recognition for the fellow

Minimum Criteria for Consideration

Candidates for the category of SACPLAN Fellow Planner must have demonstrable professional achievements of significance at a national or international level in the field of urban and regional planning and spatial planning.

Candidates for the category of SACPLAN Fellow must meet specific eligibility and assessment criteria in at least one or more areas of recognition to be considered. The requirements below relate to eligibility for consideration. The primary areas of consideration can be identified as follows:

- Registered as Professional or Technical Planner for a period of 10 consecutive years or more: Nominees must be active, registered planners in good standing;
- Local/National/International Impact: Their professional achievements must be significant at a national or international level;
- An individual who was registered as a Professional Planner and is now retired, as defined in SACPLAN Policies and Guideline documents. This individual must also have been in good standing at the time of retirement, i.e. age 60 or above; and
- An individual who was registered as a Professional Planner in good standing and nominated posthumously.



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Considerations for when submitting nominations:

The nomination and endorsements submitted should consider the following:

- A stronger submission provides endorsement from diverse sources commenting on the nominee's achievements or contributions from different perspectives;
- A stronger submission provides independent assessment of contributions from sources other than the endorser's opinion – assessments that speak to the significance of achievements can take many forms including prizes, awards, honours, citations, national or international publication of ideas or findings, and other means by which professional excellence is recognised;
- If a contribution is described as "innovative", explain how this contribution is truly original and impactful on planning theory, teaching, practice, or the profession;
- A list of accomplishments does not by itself help the Honours and Awards Adjudication Panel (HAAP) decide their importance – people who know the nominee need to provide context and evidence to help the adjudication panel with that assessment, i.e. providing a clear indication of what sets this person apart from other people who are eligible for nomination.
- The writer's knowledge of the national/international significance of the nominee's contribution to planning;

Endorsements in support of the nomination should not:

- Be given by a staff member of the same institution or immediate employer within a period of less than 5 years;
- Be simple/vague endorsement(s) with no specific reason for endorsement; and
- The nominee shall not have a criminal record

Instructions to submit the nomination:

Please submit your nomination form with the required supporting documents for the attention of The Registrar: SACPLAN via email to: lhlongwa@sacplan.co.za

For more information, please get in touch with Ms Lindy Hlongwa, Tel: +27 (11) 318 0460 /0437; email: lhlongwa@sacplan.co.za

Closing date: 09 October 2026.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

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REGISTRAR**

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Please fill in the details of your nominee below. Please also tick both the Category/Sector Column and the Competitive Advantage Column.

*Required

First Name*	
Surname*	
Contact Number*	
Email Address*	
SACPLAN Registration No.*	
Preferred communication method *	
Phone	
Email	

SECTOR*	
Private Sector	
Civil Society	
Academic	
Government/Public Service	

AREAS OF COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE*	
Planning Professional Practice	
Teaching and Mentoring Planners	
Community Based Planning and Research	
Leadership and Community Service in the Profession	
Research and Innovation	



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