

## **NACI Post Graduate Innovation Award**

### **Call for nominations**

The National Advisory Council of Innovation (NACI) at its meeting on 26 June approved the establishment of a new postgraduate award. This postgraduate award is directed at exceptional research achievements in the field of innovation by a South African postgraduate student/group and will be presented as grant in the form of seed capital and professional business venture advice.

Innovation entails the transformation of an idea to a research question that resulted in a new improved product, process and/or approach and relates to the real needs of society.

Conditions for nominations:

- The award will be made to an individual postgraduate researcher (or in the case of a group, to the group) for a completed project in any disciplinary field conducted at a South African university or technikon.
- The research must have been shown to have direct value to the country, e.g. improving the quality of life of South African citizens, contributing to economic growth, etc.
- Candidates should be younger than 30 years of age.
- Entries would be limited to two per institution and should be submitted through the research office of the institution.

The first award is to be made at the end of November 2002.

For further information and entry forms please visit the NACI website at <http://www.naci.org.za> or contact Dr. H.C. Marais at (012) 392 9352.