

UCT's Kwezi Futshane clinches Corobrik's Most Innovative Final-Year Landscape Architecture Award

Kwezi Futshane from the University of Cape Town (UCT) has received the Most Innovative Final-Year Landscape Architecture Award in the 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards. Futshane's thesis uncovers land restitution prospects by exploring landscape design opportunities.

Entitled 'How to design a landscape that celebrates Khoesān indigeneity and heritage', Futshane's project sheds light on the historic sensitivities within the Two Rivers Urban Park (TRUP) in Cape Town, focusing its design strategy mainly on the contested River Club site.

"Landscape architecture is more than just beautiful designs," highlights Futshane. "It is important that landscape architects are recognised. We can impact the constantly changing socio-spatial fabric, and our layered design thinking skills opens doors for impactful environmental solutions."

35th Corobrik Architectural Student of the Year Awards - UCT, Most Innovative Final-Year Landscape Architecture Award:

- Winner: Kwezi Futshane, R8, 000
- Runner-up: Kelvin Green, R6,000



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This year's national awards will again be a hybrid event held in May, following a similar format as in 2021. The 2019 awards ceremony was postponed due to Covid-19, with Corobrik instead announcing the 2019 and 2020 winners at a combined event last year.

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