

CEM OHSE Unit VC Service Excellence Award 2024



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On November 27, 2024, the UCT, Chemistry's CEM OHSE Unit achieved a remarkable milestone by being nominated and awarded the prestigious UCT VC Service Excellence Award as a team.

Despite being just over a year old, this unit has already made a significant impact through various projects. From cleaning out laboratories to organizing renovations of the Science Faculty stores, they have shown dedication and excellence in their work.

Not only have they been involved in incident investigations campus-wide, but they have also revolutionized the waste disposal management system to reduce costs for the Science Faculty. Acting as consultants for other faculties on a range of health, safety, and hazardous chemical concerns, they have played a crucial role in optimizing waste management processes, enhancing laboratory safety protocols, and boosting research productivity across the entire campus. Their ultimate goal? To slash operational expenses and revolutionize the way researchers approach safety and efficiency in the academic setting.

Their face-to-face courses on i.e. laboratory health and safety, chemical and hazardous waste safety, storage and management, have been incredibly successful, with a continuous demand from both staff and students to attend. The CEM OHSE Unit is setting a new standard for excellence and innovation in their field, and their hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed.