SACLA 2025 – CONFERENCE AWARDS

SACLA 2025 recognised excellence in research through the presentation of Best Paper Awards across three tracks.

- The *Best Paper in Information Systems* was awarded to Carolien van den Berg (University of the Western Cape) and Belinda Verster (Cape Peninsula University of Technology) for their paper *"Quintuple Helix, the Informal Economy and Sustainable-Smart Innovations: Lessons to be Learned from a Transdisciplinary Student Project."*

- The *Best Paper in Computer Science* was awarded to Marc Levin, Herman Kandjimi, and Aslam Safla (University of Cape Town; Namibia University of Science and Technology) for their paper *"Leveraging Abstract Syntax Trees to Generate Instructive Hints in Programming."*

- The *Best Paper in Informatics*, which also received the *Overall Best Paper Award*, was awarded to Rouxan C. Fouché (University of the Free State) for the paper *"Beyond Language Barriers: Programme-Specific Effects of English Medium Instruction in South African Computer Science Education."*

The *Best Reviewer Award* was presented to Mark Brand (Nelson Mandela University) in recognition of his high-quality and timely reviews.