

# UKZN's Siyabonga Khuzwayo wins Corobrik Regional Architecture Award

Siyabonga Khuzwayo from the University of KwaZulu-Natal has been named a winner of the Corobrik Regional Architecture Award. Khuzwayo received R10,000 in prize-money, with Kireshen Chetty taking home the second prize of R8,000, and Mthokozisi Sibisi receiving R6,000 for third place. A further R6,000 was awarded to Mbuso Msipho for the innovative use of clay masonry in the building design.



Khuzwayo is one of eight young architects from top South African universities receiving a Corobrik Regional Architecture Award in recognition of their design talent and innovation throughout 2019. In addition to the cash prize, the regional competition winners are through to the finals of the National Architectural Student of the year Award – set to be announced in Johannesburg on 6 May 2020 – which comes with R70,000 in prize-money.

## A platform for traditional healing

Khuzwayo's dissertation is entitled 'Exploring the influence of traditional healing practice to space and form: A design towards a traditional healing centre in KZN'. This thesis focuses on deciphering the notion of traditional healing to ascertain how architectural design can become a medium to promote the traditional healing entity. This will change the negative connotation associated with traditional healing, African indigenous values, cultures and beliefs. The aim of the study is to design a building typology that will provide a platform for traditional healers to network, transfer skills, and engage with the general public.