



IARI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEST RESEARCHER AWARD

Preamble

The **IARI Alumni Association Award** is instituted by the IARI Alumni Association to recognize **outstanding and impactful contributions in agricultural science** that address national priorities such as food security, nutritional security, climate-resilient agriculture, sustainability, and enhancement of farmers' income.

The award shall reflect the stature, values, and scientific excellence associated with the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

A. Name of the Award

The name of the award will be '**IARI Alumni Association Best Researcher Award**'.

B. Objective of the Award

To recognize and encourage high-impact research contributing to food security, nutritional security, climate-resilient agriculture, sustainability, improved productivity, and farmers' income.

C. Nature of the Award

The award shall consist of a cash prize Rs. 1 lakh, plaque and citation..

D. Periodicity of the Award

The award shall be conferred annually. However, the Award may be withheld in any year if no candidate of sufficient merit is identified.

E. Eligibility for the Award

- The maximum age of the applicant shall be **55 years** on the last date of submission of nomination and contributions made as IARI scientist for a minimum period of 10 years shall be considered.
- Applicant should be an agricultural researcher working in the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, including IARI Assam and IARI Jharkhand.

F. Administration of the Award

IARI Alumni Association (IAA) shall administer the Award and shall retain the right to designate research areas and rules governing selection.

G. Selection Process

a) Screening Committee

The President, IAA shall constitute a Screening Committee consisting of:

- Vice President- Chairperson
- EC Member -One
- Secretary, IAA – Member Secretary

b) Judging Committee

A Judging Committee shall be constituted as given below:

- President, IAA - Chairperson
- Director IARI or his/her nominee
- Experts-Two
- Secretary, IAA - Member Secretary

Members of the above committees must:

- Have no conflict of interest
- Should not be a nominee.

The decision of the Judging committee shall be final and binding.

H. Application process:

a) Applications duly nominated by the Director, shall be invited in prescribed format with supporting documents (Annexure I). Candidates securing at least 60% marks in evaluation shall be considered for final selection.

Each nomination must include:

1. Nomination form
2. Detailed statement of research contributions
3. Critical assessment (max 500 words)
4. Evidence of impact
5. List of key publications / patents / technologies
6. Citation (300 words)

A nomination once received shall remain valid for three years, unless withdrawn.

Three-year cooling period for IARI Alumni Association awardees and one-award-per-year rule shall apply.

I. Presentation of the Award

The Award shall be conferred during the IAA Foundation Day/IARI Convocation.

J. Reimbursement

IARI Alumni Association shall reimburse the expenditure related to Award and the TA/DA of the awardee.

PROFORMA FOR IARI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEST RESEARCHER AWARD

Name of the Institute Forwarding application: _____

Field/discipline: _____

1. Name of the Candidate :
2. Designation :
3. Address :
4. Contact Details :
5. Date of Birth :
6. Academic Qualifications:

S. No.	Degree/Diploma	Year	Major field	University/ Institution	Division/ Distinction
1.	Graduation				
2.	Masters				
3.	Ph.D.				
4.	Any other Degree/ Diploma				
5.	Post-Doctoral Experience				

7. **Training in India and/or abroad** (*in the area relevant to the award*)

Training title	Institution/Country	Sponsored by	Duration	Subject

8. **Employment record**

Designation	Pay scale (Rs.)	Nature of work	Institute (Organization)	Period (From-To)

9. **Significant achievements**

Please state the most Significant achievements (*Not more than 300 words*)

10. **Achievements**

a) Most Significant achievements in Research

Sl. No.	Item*	Details of the significant achievements including Social impact/ adaptation*	Developer/ Co-developer
1	Product/Variety		
2	New Concept / Methodology /Process/Model developed/		
3	Copyright/Trademark granted		
4	Patents granted with details of Patent No.		

**Documentary evidence should be enclosed for the above claims*

11. a) List 20 most important & highest NAAS rated publications in chronological order made in the major discipline (*attach first page of these reprints*)

Sl. No.	Name of author(s)/ Year of publication/ Title of the paper/ Journal (full name)/ Volume (Issue) & page Nos.	NAAS Journal ID and NAAS Score	Number of citations based on ISI Science Citation Index	Indicate first/ Corresponding author
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
...				
20				

(b) Other publications:

S. No.	Item	Detail
1	Authored books with ISBN number (min.200pages)	
2	Edited books with ISBN number(min.200pages)	
3	Policy papers	
4	Scientific review papers in peer reviewed journal	
5	Book chapters	
6	Popular articles	

(c) Externally funded projects handled as PI/Co-PI.

S. No.	Name of the project	Funding agency	Budget	Duration

Documentary evidence should be provided

12. Awards and recognitions received

S. No.	Name of the Award/ Recognition	Year	National/ International	Awarding Academy/Institution/ Professional Society/ Government agency
1				
2				
3				

13. Please mention if this work has been submitted/ recognized for any other award.

14. Any other information

This is certified that all the information furnished by me is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of the applicant)

Place:

Date:

Name:

“Certified that the information given by the candidate in this application has been verified and fully authenticated and that there is no disciplinary action or proceedings pending or contemplated against the candidate.

Recommendation of the Head of Division

Signature of the Head of the Institution

Enclosures:

1. Application in original, duly forwarded and complete in all respect (2 hard copies and one soft copy).
2. Reprints (first page) of the 20 most important papers listed at Sl.No.9(a) of application.
3. Documentary proof for the claims made in respect of Awards/recognitions, technology, product, patent, externally funded projects handled, etc.

ALLOCATION OF MARKS (IAA-BEST RESEARCHER AWARD)

S. No.	Criteria	Maximum Marks
1.	Research Achievements: (i) Products/Variety/Technology (ii) New Concept/Methodology/Process/Model developed (iii) Patents granted (iv) Copyright/Trademark granted	30
2.	Research Publications	30
3.	Other Publications	10
4.	Awards/Recognitions	15
5.	Externally funded Projects handled as PI/Co-PI	15
	Total Marks	100

A. Research achievements (Maximum 30 Marks):

- (i) Developer of a commercialized product or technology/Gazette Notified plant variety (CVRC/SVRC) (5 marks each); Genetic stock registered (1 Mark each); new record of pathogen/pest/microbe/bio-agent along with accession No. (2 Marks each).
- (ii) New Concept / Methodology/ Process/ Model developed/Novel omics data. All claims in this category should be supported by research publications in peer reviewed journals with citations ≥ 10 (excluding self-citations) (3 marks each)
- (iii) Copyright/Trademark granted (2 marks each)
- (iv) Patents granted with details of Patent No. (5 marks each).

Developer shall be awarded 100% marks; Co-developer shall be awarded 75% marks. Documentary evidence should be enclosed for all claims.

B. Research Publications (Maximum 30 marks)

- (i) For 20 most important publications in the relevant discipline of the applicant: Cumulative NAAS Score x 0.15
- (ii) First / corresponding author will get full marks in a publication and rest of the authors will be given 75% marks.

C. Other publications (Maximum 10 marks)

- (i) Authored book(s) with ISBN No. (min. 200 pages): 2 marks each; Edited book with ISBN No. (min. 200 pages): 1 mark each; Policy Paper: 1 mark each; 0.5 mark each for scientific Review/Book chapter/Technical Bulletin: 0.5 mark each; Popular Article/Policy Brief: 0.25 mark each

D. Awards/Recognitions (Maximum 15 marks)

- (i) Awards by ICAR, CSIR, DST, DBT, NRDC, National Science Academies, etc. (full marks to Individual; 50% marks to the Associates of the Team Award) (2.5 marks each).
- (ii) Fellowship of the National Science Academies (5 marks each).
- (iii) Associateship/Young Scientist awards of the National Science Academies (2 Marks each).
- (iv) Post-Doctoral fellowship for a period of minimum 6 months (2 marks each)

E. Externally funded projects including consultancy/contract research handled as PI / Co-PI (Maximum 15 marks)

- (i) Projects costing <25 Lakhs: 1 mark each
- (ii) Projects costing 25-50 Lakhs: 2 marks each
- (iii) Projects costing >50 Lakhs: 3 marks each

Full Marks to PI and 50% marks to Co-PI