

## **IAA-IARI Awards -2026**

IARI Alumni Association (IAA) invites nominations by eligible candidates for the following awards:

- (1) Best Researcher Award (One)
- (2) Best Teacher Award (One)
- (3) Best UG Student Award (Three)

The nomination form and other details may be downloaded from the IARI Alumni Association website (<https://alumni.iari.res.in/>) or ICAR-IARI website (<https://iari.res.in/en/alumni-association.php>). The proforma duly filled along with all relevant documents (as pdf) are to be submitted on or before 5.00 pm on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 through email ([iari.iaa.1992@gmail.com](mailto:iari.iaa.1992@gmail.com)).

Secretary, IAA



## 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 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|---------|
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|                |                     |              |          |         |

8. **Employment record**

| Designation | Pay scale (Rs.) | Nature of work | Institute (Organization) | Period (From-To) |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
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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 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| 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 |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
|        |                     |                |        |          |
|        |                     |                |        |          |
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*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.     | <b>Research Achievements:</b><br>(i) Products/Variety/Technology<br>(ii) New Concept/Methodology/Process/Model developed<br>(iii) Patents granted<br>(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            |
|        | <b>Total Marks</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>100</b>    |

### 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  $\geq 10$  (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



## IARI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEST TEACHER AWARD

### Preamble

The National Education Policy, 2020, has highlighted the importance of motivating best faculty members for excellence Internship in higher educational institutions (HEIs). In this regard the incentivization of the most innovative faculty members through appropriate reward mechanism is of utmost importance.

**A. Name of the Award**

The name of the award shall be “**IARI Alumni Association BEST TEACHER AWARD**”.

**B. Objective of the Award**

To recognise and honour the best faculty member each year for excellence in human resource development through teaching-learning, community outreach, institutional service and novelty of work in the field of education.

**C. Nature of the Award**

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

**D. Periodicity of the Award**

The award shall be conferred annually.

**E. Eligibility for the Award**

All faculty members of The Graduate School, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, satisfying the following conditions, are eligible to apply for the award. (Faculty of IARI, including its institutes, namely, ICAR-NIPB, ICAR-NBPGR & ICAR-IASRI).

- Should have at least five years of full-time teaching experience at the Undergraduate and/or Post-graduate level.
- The maximum age of the applicant shall be **55** years on the last date of submission of nomination.

**F. Administration of the Award**

IARI Alumni Association (IAA) shall administer the Award and shall retain the right to finalize the rules, regulations and guidelines for the selection.

**G. Selection process**

IARI Alumni Association shall constitute a Screening Committee for evaluation and shortlisting the eligible candidates.

The Judging Committee shall recommend the name of the recipient for the award in accordance with procedure laid down hereinafter for approval of IARI Alumni Association EC. The Award may not be given by the Judging Committee if in their opinion no sufficiently meritorious candidate is forthcoming in that year. The award shall be given to only one person at a time and will not be shared.

**The Screening Committee shall consist of:**

1. Vice President - Chairperson
2. EC Member - One
3. Secretary, IAA - Member Secretary

**The Judging Committee shall consist of:**

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|----|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1) | President, IAA                | : | Chairperson      |
| 2) | Dean, IARI or his/her nominee | : | Member           |
| 3) | Experts                       | : | Two members      |
| 4) | 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. Procedure for the selection**

- (i) The faculty will be given the intimation to submit their application for the IAA-Best Teacher Award for the respective academic year after completion of the same.
- (ii) Interested faculty may apply by filling in the prescribed proforma (Annexure I), attaching the necessary documents.
- (iii) The candidature shall remain valid for three years with provision to update his/her information every year.

**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 THE IAA-BEST TEACHER AWARD

*(Including parameter-wise allocation of marks)*

1. Name and Address :
2. Designation :
3. Address and Contact Details: Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Academic Qualifications :
5. Teaching Experience :  
(No. of years)
6. Achievements and Contributions:

- i. **Teaching Achievements** (50 marks)  
*(the teaching achievements for the last five years should be listed under the following subheads)*

| S. No. | Attributes/Accomplishments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Maximum marks allotted |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.     | Details of the lectures taught (year-wise for UG, PG and Ph.D. degree programmes)<br><i>(Marks will be allocated based on the number of classes taken in a year; 1.0 mark for 25 or more classes taken in a year; No marks will be given if the number of classes taken in the year are less than 15)</i>                                                                                | (05)                   |
| 2.     | Details of the Post-Graduate Research Guided as Major Advisor/Chairperson (No. of students/Title of the theses/Year wise) and their placement record<br><i>(Marks allocation for student guidance: 1.0 mark for each M.Sc./M.Tech. and 2.0 mark for each Ph.D. student guided as Chairperson; Marks allocation for Placement of students: 2.0 marks for 100% placement of students).</i> | 05 + 02<br>(07)        |
| 3.     | No. of theses selected for award/recognition etc.<br>[ICAR/Institute level Medals/Awards (1 mark each)].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | (03)                   |
| 4.     | No. of publications out of the students' (guided as Chairperson only) theses.<br><i>(Marks allocation: Cumulative NAAS score of the publications from Students' theses multiplied by a factor of 0.0625)</i>                                                                                                                                                                             | (05)                   |
| 5.     | Details of the Books, Book chapters, Policy papers, Laboratory manuals published.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (07)                   |

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|     | (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 Book chapter/Laboratory Manual)                       |      |
| 6.  | Post-Doctoral Fellowships (minimum 6 months) availed and international trainings/workshops attended abroad.<br>(2.0 marks each for Post-Doctoral Fellowship; 1.0 mark each for attending international trainings/workshops) | (03) |
| 7.  | E-content, including Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) developed for the purpose of blended learning and Innovative pedagogical methods developed.<br>(1.0 mark for each assignment)                                      | (05) |
| 8.  | Skill enhancement vocational courses (including those leading to the award of Certificate or Diploma) developed.<br>(2.0 marks for each course)                                                                             | (04) |
| 9.  | Industry visits and guest lectures organized for the students (0.5 marks for each activity)                                                                                                                                 | (03) |
| 10. | Capacity Building programmes (FDPs, MDPs etc.) attended. (0.5 marks for each programme)                                                                                                                                     | (04) |
| 11. | Internships/Apprenticeship provided to students from other HEIs. (0.5 marks for each)                                                                                                                                       | (02) |
| 12. | Member in the Board of Studies, RAC, QRT, IMC, BOM or other statutory committees of other universities/HEIs.<br>(0.5 marks for each assignment)                                                                             | (02) |

**ii. Research publications based on students works (20 marks)**

| 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 |
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| 1       |                                                                                                             |                                |                                                         |
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| 20      |                                                                                                             |                                |                                                         |

# a) Marks will be given according to the NAAS score of the Journals (NAAS Score 20 = 1.0 marks). Each publication will be given a maximum of 1.0 mark with a cap of maximum 10 marks. b) Attach one copy of the reprint of each research paper listed in the application. c) The students name in the publications must be underlined.

**iii. Students Placement (05 marks)**

One mark each for students' selection in ARS/SAUs/Industry/Government Organization/Civil Services/Others.

**iv. Technological and Entrepreneurial contributions: (10 marks)**

| S. No. | Attributes/Accomplishments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Maximum marks allotted |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.     | Variety(ies) released and Technology/product/process /method developed <sup>%</sup> or commercialized <sup>§</sup> :<br>(1.0 mark for variety released and commercialization of technology/process/method; 0.5 marks for the development of technology/process/method) | 03                     |
| 2.     | IPRs (patents, copyrights, and trademarks) granted:<br>(1.0 mark per patent granted and 0.25 marks for the grant of each copyright or trademark).                                                                                                                      | 03                     |
| 3.     | Consultancy or collaborative research projects with the industry <sup>§</sup> : 1.0 mark for each project                                                                                                                                                              | 04                     |

<sup>%</sup> The research paper in which technology/process/product/method developed has been published should have at least 10 google scholar citations and it should be attached as a documentary proof along with the proof of its citations. <sup>§</sup> Attach appropriate documentary proofs

**7. Contributions towards Institutional Building/ Institutional visibility Activities: (5 marks)**

- (i) **Discharging duties related to scientific activities of the Institute:** Scientist-in-charge, PME Cell, Member Secretary of RAC/QRT of the institute, Associate Dean, Coordinator, IQAC, In-charge, Publication Unit, In-charge, IT cell or Agricultural Knowledge management Unit, In-charge, Technology Management and or Business Planning & Development unit, In-charge, Central Instrumentation Facility/Farm Operation Service Unit (FOSU)/Ornamental, Horticulture and Landscaping Unit (OHLU)/Farm Fields or any other Centralized Research/Teaching/Extension unit of the institute.

(1.00 mark for each assignment, when it has been discharged at least for a period of more than one year). (Maximum 3.0 marks)

- (ii) **Discharging duties related to semi-scientific activities of the Institute:** Hostel warden, In-charge, Central Library of the Institute (divisional libraries will not be considered), Nodal Officer, TSP/SCSP/NEH, Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty club of the institute, In-charge/Coordinator of any other student-oriented Central Facility (Curricular/Extra-curricular/Co-curricular) of the institute.

(0.5 mark for each assignment, when it has been discharged at least for a period of more than one year). (Maximum 2.0 marks)

- (iii) a) **Chief Editor/Editor/Member of the Editorial board**, in NAAS/Clarivate rated journals; Member, National-level Scientific Committees of various organizations/agencies of the Govt of India; b) **Organizing Secretary/Convenor** of the National/International level Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Symposia/Brainstorming Session.

(Maximum 2.0 marks)

(0.5 mark for each such event organized as Convenor/Organizing Secretary;  
0.25 marks for Co-convenor/Co-organizing Secretary)

**8. Awards and Honours : (10 marks)**

- (i) Awards by ICAR, CSIR, DST, DBT, NRDC, National Science Academies, etc.-

(1.0 mark each limited to maximum 4 marks Full marks to individual / leader, and 50% marks to associate).

- (ii) Awards/Recognition (Fellowship; Lifetime Achievement Award; President, Editor-in-Chief (or equivalent), and Secretary Positions) by National and International level Professional Society and Academy (not covered above)

(0.5 mark each limited to maximum 2.0 marks; Full marks to individual / leader, and 50% marks to associate).

**ALLOCATION OF MARKS (IAA-BEST TEACHER AWARD)**

| S. No. | Criteria                                                                          | Maximum Marks |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.     | Teaching Achievements                                                             | 50            |
| 2.     | Research publications based on students works                                     | 20            |
| 3.     | Students Placement                                                                | 05            |
| 4.     | Technological and Entrepreneurial contributions                                   | 10            |
| 5.     | Contributions towards Institutional Building/ Institutional visibility Activities | 05            |
| 6.     | Awards and Honours                                                                | 10            |
|        | <b>Total Marks</b>                                                                | <b>100</b>    |

**Certificate:** *It is certified that the information given in columns 1-8 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

(Signature of the Candidate)

“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.

(Signature of the Head of the Department/Professor)

(Signature of the Head of the Institute)



## **IARI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEST UG STUDENT AWARD**

### **Draft Guidelines for “IARI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEST UG STUDENT AWARD”**

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**A. Name of the Award**

The name of the award shall be **“IARI Alumni Association Best UG Student Award”**.

**B. Objective of the Award**

To recognize and encourage meritorious final year undergraduate students for his/her excellence in academics, research aptitude, co-curricular activities, and overall performance.

**C. Nature of the Award**

The award will carry a sum of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)”, plaque and certificate. Three awards: one each for the IARI, New Delhi (only for the years 2026, 2027 & 2028), IARI Jharkhand and IARI Assam will be given each year.

**D. Periodicity of the Award**

The periodicity of the award shall be annual, commencing from the year 2026.

**E. Eligibility for the Award**

- Applicants should be alumni of IARI based on completion of under-graduation degree.
- The student should have an excellent academic record with a consistently high OGPA (Minimum GPA 8.0).
- The applicant should have demonstrated overall excellence, including participation in co-curricular/extra-curricular activities,
- Preference may be given to students showing research aptitude, such as project work or internship.

**F. Administration of the Award**

**IARI Alumni Association** shall retain the right to define the criteria, modify eligibility, and oversee the selection process.

**G. Selection process**

IARI Alumni Association EC shall constitute a Screening Committee for evaluation and shortlisting the eligible candidates.

The Judging Committee shall recommend the name of the recipient for the award in accordance with procedure laid down hereinafter for approval of **IARI Alumni Association EC**. The Award may not be recommended by the Judging Committee if in

their opinion no sufficiently meritorious candidate is forthcoming in that year. The award shall be given to only one person at a time and will not be shared.

**The Screening Committee shall consist of:**

1. Vice President - Chairperson
2. EC Member - One
3. Secretary, IAA - Member Secretary -

**The Judging committee shall consist of:**

1. President, IAA - Chairperson
2. Dean, The Graduate School or his/her nominee = Member
3. Experts: Two– one (nominated by President, IAA) and one nominated by Director, IARI
4. 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. Procedure for the selection `**

Nominations/applications shall be invited through Director, IARI with clear recommendations from the competent authority. Duly filled applications as per the prescribed format (Annexure-I), accompanied with academic records, achievements, and supporting documents must be submitted on or before the prescribed last date.

The eligible applications shall be evaluated by the Screening/Judging Committee based on the overall merit of the candidate as per the criteria given in Annexure I.

**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.

**The Judging Committee** shall recommend the name of the recipient for the award from the eligible and shortlisted applicants. Only after the acceptance of the Recommendations of the Judging Committee by the Executive Committee IARI Alumni Association, the award shall be announced.

**Academic Performance** : 70 marks

*OGPA* : 60 marks (*OGPA 10 = 60 marks*)

*Attendance* : 10 marks (100% attendance = 10 marks)

**Extra-curricular & Co-curricular Activities** : 30 marks

- i. **Sports Achievements:** Participation or achievement in Government-sponsored youth festivals, State-level, or Inter-University competitions. (6 marks)
- ii. **Cultural Activities:** Participation or achievement in Government-sponsored youth festivals, State-level, or Inter-University cultural competitions. (6 marks)
- iii. **Academic Competitions:** Participation or achievement in academic competitions such as national/international conferences/hackathons, quizzes, debates, innovation contests, etc. (8 marks)
- iv. **Positions of Responsibility:** Membership of Institute Graduate School Union, Clubs or Associations. (1.0 mark for each activity) (6 marks)
- v. **Social Service:** Participation in NSS or other University-approved social service activities. (1.0 mark for each activity) (4 marks)
- vi. **Total Score** : 100 marks

***In Sports, Cultural and Academic competitions, the marks will be awarded as follows:***

- 1) First Prize : 1.5 marks
- 2) Second Prize : 1.0 marks
- 3) Third Prize : 0.5 marks
- 4) Participation : 0.25 marks

Recommended by:

1. Professor/Head of the concerned Division
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