

GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE NATIONAL WOMEN BIOSCIENTISTS AWARDS

1. Objective

To recognize outstanding contributions of women scientists in basic and applied research in the areas of biosciences and biotechnology including agricultural, biomedical and environmental sciences with potential for application/product and technology development.

2. Nature of the Award

National Women Bioscientist Award (Senior Category) (one)

The National Women Bioscientist Award (Senior Category) is awarded to senior women biologist for life time contributions, who have done excellent research in the country and has applied the results for benefit of students and society. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1.00 lakh along with citation and a gold medal.

National Women Bioscientists Award (Young Category) (Two)

The National Women Bioscientists Award (Young Category) is given for outstanding contributions of women scientists below 45 years of age in basic and applied research in the areas of biosciences and biotechnology including agricultural, biomedical and environmental sciences with potential for application/product and technology development. Contributions made during last 5 years (For OCIs, atleast 3 years continuous stay & work or 5 years stay & work in piece meal basis over a period of 10 years in India), would be the main consideration. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs.1.00 lakh with citation and a gold medal.

3. Eligibility

- i) Any Citizen of India including Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs), who is engaged in basic and applied research in the areas of biosciences and biotechnology in the country. The work for which nomination is made must have been carried out in Indian institutes and acknowledged in the publications.

- ii) **For Senior Category Award:** Citizens of India should have made life time significant and outstanding contribution in research in the areas of biosciences/biotechnology and has applied the results for the benefit of students and society and the work must have been done entirely in India.
- iii) **For Young Category Award:** Citizens of India should have made significant and outstanding contribution in the areas of biosciences/biotechnology during last 5 years and the work must have been done entirely in India. In case of OCIs, he/she should have made outstanding contribution in the areas of biosciences/biotechnology while continuously staying and working for a period of 3 years or during stay & work for total period of 5 year in piece meal basis over a period of 10 years in India.
- iv) The senior category award is for excellence in research (and not for governance/promotion of Science) and not for age and thus there is no age limit. For the young category, the candidate should be below 45 years of age as on the 31st December of the year of Award.

4. Nominations

Women scientists working in the area of biosciences/biotechnology can be nominated by members of the SAC(O), DBT; Vice-Chancellors of Universities/ Deemed Universities; Chairman, UGC; DGs of CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DRDO; Directors of National Research Laboratories etc; Presidents of approved scientific societies and academies of All India Nature; Secretaries of S&T Departments / Ministries such as DST, DBT, DSIR, MES, MOEF, Atomic Energy, Department of Space, New and Renewable Energy, Commerce, Industry, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development and Member (Science) Planning Commission. Nominations will have to be sent in the prescribed proforma (Annexure).

Nomination from individuals sponsoring their own names will not be considered.

5. Selection

The selection of candidates for the award will be made on the basis of recommendations of Selection Committee. Only nominations complete in all respects as per proforma will be considered.

6. Presentation of the awards

The awardees will receive the awards at a formal function organized by DBT.

7. Payment of TA/DA

TA/DA to the awardees for attending the award ceremony will be paid by the Department of Biotechnology as per Govt. of India rules.