The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi announces the following existing awards.

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P.G. Agricultural Research 1999

To promote high quality doctoral theses research in priority/frontier areas of agriculture and allied sciences, ICAR has instituted 17 awards of Rs 20,000 each to be given away annually for the outstanding original research work in agriculture and allied sciences. All postgraduate students who have obtained their Ph.D. degree during 1998 in India in agriculture or allied sciences will be eligible to apply. Candidates shall be required to submit the following documents along with application form through the Head of the Institute from where the thesis has been obtained: (i) An attested copy of the Ph.D. degree certificate (obtained during 1998 only). (ii) A copy of the thesis submitted by them for the award of doctoral degree. (iii) A certificate from the guide of the candidate for Ph.D. degree stating the extent to which the work is the candidate’s own contribution. (iv) Six copies of the application form with complete address for correspondence with telegraphic address and telephone nos. (v) Six copies of the synopsis indicating precisely and in concise terms the work done by the candidate. (vi) Any reprint of papers published/presented based on the doctoral thesis.


All the Agricultural scientists engaged in research work in the field of agriculture, animal husbandry and fishery sciences in India shall be eligible for the Award. Nine awards of Rs 1,00,000 each are to be given once in two years for the work done during the preceding five years of the period of the award.


All research workers engaged in research in agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and allied sciences for tribal areas (tribal areas for this purpose are those notified by the M/o Home Affairs, Govt of India) will be eligible for applying for the Award. Two prizes of Rs 50,000 each are to be given once in two years for the work done during the preceding five years of the period of the award. The number of associates in a single application should be restricted to two only, if any.

4. Vasantrao Naik Award for Research Application in Agriculture 1999

All scientists or extension workers who have made outstanding contribution in the areas of Water Conservation and Dryland Farming in India shall be eligible for the award. One award of Rs 1,00,000 is to be given annually for the work done during the preceding five years.

5. Panjabrao Deshmukh Woman Agricultural Scientist Award 1999

All women scientists working in ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities are eligible for the award. Two awards of Rs 50,000 are to be given annually for the significant contributions made during their career as agricultural scientists.

6. ICAR Outstanding Institution Award 1999

In order to recognize the best performance in Agricultural Research and Education, three ICAR Awards of rupees one lakh each will be given to two ICAR Institutes/NRC/Project Directorates and one State Agricultural University, partially out of the interest accrued from King Baudouin Award bestowed on the ICAR in 1989. Those Institutions which have received the award for 1998 or earlier need not apply for the next five years.

All KVKs of the country which have run for a minimum period of five years shall be eligible for the award. Two awards of Rs 50,000 each are to be given away once in two years for the outstanding contribution made by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the field of research extension and training. Achievements of the last 5 years or more but not exceeding 10 years shall form the basis for considering their best performance.


All staff members engaged in undergraduate or postgraduate teaching for at least 5 years in deemed Universities, ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities shall be eligible for the award. Eight awards of Rs 25,000 are to be given once in two years.


The award is open to Indian authors including Editors of multi-author books. Both published works and manuscripts proposed to be published by its author will be accepted provided that such a work is written originally in Hindi and does not infringe the copyright of any other person.

The publication must have been written and published during the last three years preceding the year of the award. Eight awards of Rs 50,000 each are to be given once in two years.

10. Jagjivan Ram Kisan Puruskar 1999

In order to recognize the outstanding contributions of innovative farmers in agricultural and allied activities, one annual award of Rs 1,00,000 is to be given to a practising farmer (he/she) whose creative approaches and initiatives should result in (i) new knowledge/packages of practices/management strategies/additional information to the existing one, (ii) additional income to the individual farmer/farming community, (iii) saving in resources/inputs, and (iv) prevention of outbreak of diseases and pests and in breaking technology transfer barriers.

Any farmer who has been involving himself in agriculture and livestock operations for at least 10 years, is eligible for consideration. The nominations are invited from the Agriculture Production Commissioners/Secretaries of Agriculture/Horticulture/Fishery/Animal Husbandry, District Magistrates; the Vice Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities; Directors of the ICAR Institutes/Directorate of Extension, Zonal Co-ordinators of KVKs, etc.

General instructions

The prescribed proforma for applying for these awards may be obtained from the Council on or before 29 October 1999 by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. Six copies of application with complete documents should be sent to Assistant Director General (CSC), ICAR, New Delhi 110 001, so as to reach him on or before 30 November 1999. The last date for candidates in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, States/Union Territory in the North Eastern Region, Ladakh Division of J&K State and Sikkim is 15 December 1999. The award winning application/thesis will be retained by the Council for record.

Each candidate will be judged on the basis of the originality and the applied value of the investigations as revealed in the documents submitted by him. In all matters relating to the award, the decision of the Council shall be final and no correspondence on this account will be entertained.