

Norman Borlaug Award: Rules

1. Name of the Award

ICAR Norman Borlaug Award

2. Sponsor

Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

3. Mission Statement

To identify a scientist, who has provided a breakthrough for agriculture through a new insight that has created high potential value for the future.

4. Objective

- i. To recognise the elements of a genius in a scientist who has conducted path-breaking research.
- ii. To recognise, incentivise and award a scientist of truly exceptional ability and originality of thinking.

5. Nature of the Award

This award is meant for a scientist of any discipline of agricultural and allied sciences and not necessarily confined to NARS. The research work has to be of a rare quality of original thinking and path-breaking output. The award would be of ₹10 lakh in cash. Apart from this, the selected scientist would be given a research contingency grant of ₹30 lakh per year for carrying out research in an area identified mutually by the scientist and the ICAR, which will have specified objectives and goals. Grant would be admissible for a maximum of five years, subject to annual review and favourable recommendation by a committee of agricultural and non-agricultural scientists set up for the project. The research grant would only be given if awardees has sufficient and reasonable period of service left at the time of award.

6. Frequency

Award shall not be given each year and would normally be not given more than once in five years.

7. Eligibility Criteria

No age restriction. The award is open to any Indian scientist working in India. The awardees should have sufficient and reasonable period of service left at the time of award, only then he/ she should be granted a project as per existing terms and conditions of this award for a period of five years. The applicant for this award should necessarily be nominated by the President of Science Academies or Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities or Directors of Institutes. The research work should be defined by its originality in thinking, its path-breaking nature, and its high potential value for the future. The person nominated should have made significant innovation which could have considerable socio-economic and environmental impact.

8. Administration of the Award

There will be a judging committee of 3 to 5 members, chaired by the President of a science academy in India. DG, ICAR and at least one National Professor will also be members. The other two members will be nominated by DG, ICAR in consultation with the chairperson of the judging committee. One of the remaining 2 members should be from outside NARS. Post award administration will be monitored by Agricultural Education Division

Wherever necessary, the judging committee may invite non-member experts for advice and evaluation.

An award to be given only if award criteria are met.

9. Evaluation criteria
Will be decided by the judging committee on its own.

10. Procedure
No application will be entertained for the award.

The awardees will be identified by nomination alone, for which science academies, both agricultural and non-agricultural, universities and other eminent scientists will be approached by ICAR.

11. General
The awardee scientist will make a presentation on the work done by him/her, for which he/she has received the award, to an audience consisting of, amongst others, a panel of eminent agricultural and non-agricultural scientists.

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1. Name of the Award
2. Subject in which to be considered
3. Year
4. Name and designation of the scientist in full (underline surname)
5. Date and place of birth
6. Marital status
7. Complete postal address & Bank A/C No with MICR & IFC code
8. Telephone/email
9. Educational qualifications beginning with the first-degree or Equivalent (in a tabular form)



S.No.	Degree	Institution	Year

10. Employment record (in tabular form)
11. Training undergone
12. Foreign visits (period and purpose)
13. When, where and how the research work was conceptualized?
14. Research outcome
15. Likely impact of the work on future science and technology, and in socio-economic terms
16. Nature of insight of breakthrough, alongwith full details of research work
17. The originality of approach and thinking (descriptive in less than 100 words) as shown in the above
18. Was any other scientist/s involved in the research project, and if so, name and address and the nature and extent of involvement may be given
19. Has the work been published? If so, in which journal/s and what is the NAAS/International rating of the journal/s
20. Has the work been cited? If so, the ISI science citation index.
21. Patent obtained, if any
22. Whether this research work has been submitted for any other award/recognition? If so, what was the outcome?
23. A concise statement (about 150 words) highlighting the most significant aspect of the research work done that you would like to see in citation, if chosen
24. Copy of the Annual Immovable Property Return (year of the award) if the person is employed in ICAR and any other Government Organization.

Signature

25. Annexure

Signature and seal