

RAFI AHMED KIDWAI AWARD: RULES

1. Name of the Award

Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for Outstanding Research in Agricultural Sciences.

2. Sponsor

Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

3. Objectives of the Award

- (i) To recognize outstanding research in agricultural and allied sciences
- (ii) To provide incentives for excellence in agricultural research

4. Nature of the Award

This award is primarily meant for agricultural scientists for outstanding contribution in specified areas. A total of four awards are provided under the award. Each award consists of `5,00,000 in cash and a citation. Four Awards are assigned one each to the following subject areas:

Four single/individual awards

i.	Crop & Horticultural Sciences	1
ii.	Natural Resources Management and Agricultural Engineering	1
iii.	Animal & Fisheries Sciences	1
iv.	Social Sciences	1
Total		4

5. Frequency

Annual

6. Eligibility Criteria

All Indian scientists engaged in agricultural research in the subject areas mentioned above and overseas Indian scientists working in the areas relevant to Indian agriculture are eligible for these awards. The research work must be original and must have been conducted under an integrated, well-focused, research programme/project in India or abroad. The award is meant for individual scientist for their extraordinary, original, creative contributions in advancement of basic sciences concepts, development of new technology and enhancement of productivity, profitability and sustainability of agriculture, not restricted to NARS. The applications and the nominations both shall be accepted. The nominations for the award should necessarily be done by the Presidents of Science Academies, Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities or Directors of Institutes. The forwarding/nominating authority may give a precise statement along with their recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist.

7. Administration of the Award

There shall be a judging Committee of 3-5 members, including the Chairperson and at least one member from outside the NARS, to evaluate the applications'/nominations and make recommendations to the Council. The Judging Committee will be appointed by the DG, ICAR.

8. Evaluation Criteria

- Conceptual clarity and originality of the research work
- Scientific, technological and socio-economic relevance
- Significant Advancement in Science/Technology generated/varieties developed/ Patents obtained, etc.
- Quality of research publication, Research papers published in journals with NAAS Rating of ≥ 6
- Citation as seen in ISI Citation Index best research publications
- Impact of Research work done
- Potential of research findings for increasing agricultural production, productivity, profitability and sustainability in the relevant agricultural system

9. Procedure:

Nominations/Application for the award will be invited during September/October of the year of the award. Nominations/Application are to be made in the prescribed form obtainable from the Award Cell, Nominations will be accepted up to the end of November/December of the year of the award. The Judging Committee will screen the nominations, identify outstanding entries, and make recommendations to the Council along with the draft citations. If no outstanding entries have been identified, no award will be awarded.

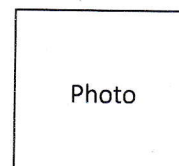
Nominations could be made by academicians of eminence in Science & Agriculture but applications are to be submitted through proper channel

10. Presentation

The presentation of award will be made on the Foundation Day of the ICAR i.e. 16th July of the year. The awardee would give a presentation on achievements of his work to an audience consisting of eminent agricultural & non agricultural scientists.

Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award: Application/ Nomination Form

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. Father's / Husband's Name
6. Date and place of birth
7. Marital status
8. Complete postal address
9. Mobile No./email
10. Educational qualifications beginning with the first-degree or equivalent (in a tabular form)



S.No.	Degree	Institution	Year

11. Employment record (in tabular form)
12. Training undergone
13. Foreign visits (period and purpose)
14. When, where and how the research work was conceptualized?
15. Significant Research work carried out (Advancement in Science/technology generated, varieties developed/new concepts developed and accepted) (not more than 5 pages)
16. What were the socio-economic, technological and scientific relevance of this work?
17. List the Principal associate scientists at various stages of the research work?
18. What is the potential value of the research results in increasing production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of agricultural enterprises in the relevant field (with clear evidence)? Or significant advancement in science
19. Impact of the results obtained in quantifiable and verifiable terms
20. Research publications: List Research papers in bibliographic format with NAAS rating (Include publication having NAAS Rating of ≥ 6.0 only)
21. Citation for twenty most important publications based on ISI Science Citation Index
22. Patent obtained, if any.
23. Whether this research work has been submitted for any other award/recognition? If so, what was the outcome?
24. A concise statement (about 150 words) highlighting the most significant aspect of the research work done that you would like to see in your citation, if chosen

Place

Date

Signature of applicant/nominee

25. Copy of the Annual Immovable Property Return (year of the award) if the person is employed in ICAR and any other Government Organization.
26. Certificate and Forwarding note by the Head of the Institution at which the research work being presented for the award was carried out or of Nominator

Signature and seal

Note:

- *The nomination form may include only the essentially required facts and figures and should not contain unnecessary details about the individual achievements etc. The nomination/application form must also contain a summary statement which should be quantifiable and in perfect sync with the criteria laid out for the award.*
- *Also enclose two passport size photos and a copy of cancelled Bank Cheque clearly showing the Name of applicant, Name of Bank/ Branch of Bank, Bank Account No., IFSC code, MICR code.*