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# POLICY DOCUMENT GOVERNING VENUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

## 1. PREAMBLE

The Venus International Research Awards (VIRA) scheme was instituted in the year 2016 by the Centre for Research and Innovation (CRI) of Venus International Foundation (VIF), are presented yearly during the Annual Research Meet (ARM).

Vision	We have committed to Celebrating Research Minds of World
Mission	To recognize 'Expertly Qualified Researchers' who are committed to finding solutions to the daunting challenges
Objectives	To honour the Researchers for their significant contributions

## 2. THE VENUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD AND THE PROCESS

The award recognizes individuals for their “Quality, Reliability and Competence to Apply Knowledge and Skills” to carry out specific tasks.

**2.1 The Award:** The Award is a Certificate. It is a Formal Authentication; A Seal of Approval; A Recognition.

**2.2 The Scheme:** The Scheme has a Policy, Nomination Form, Expert Committee and Judging Process that are governed by the Board of Trust.

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**2.3 The Process:** This section describes the Venus International Award processes in steps.

Step	Process
2.3.1	Nomination Form
2.3.2	Secretariat Review
2.3.3	Document Review
2.3.4	Preliminary Assessment
2.3.5	Verification
2.3.6	Peer Assessment
2.3.7	Committee's Decision
2.3.8	Declaration to the Nominee
2.3.9	Registration to the Event
2.3.10	Award Presentation

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### 3. THE 10TH RESEARCH AWARDS

The 10th Venus International Research Awards – VIRA 2024 (F.No.RA24/SN10/AAP–IV) is convened by the CRI of VIF and will be conducted in accordance with the VIF BOARD MEETING resolution vide F. No. VIF/MIN/BM–I/2024 held on 19 February 2024 at VIF Head Quarters. Following are the list of disciplines to be considered for the VIRA 2024.

S.No.	Disciplines	Code
3.1	Agricultural Sciences	AG
3.2	Engineering	EN
3.3	Health and Medical Sciences	HM
3.4	Humanities and Social Sciences	HS
3.5	Management	MG
3.6	Science	SC
3.7	Veterinary and Animal Sciences	VA

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## **4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

This annual award is open to 'Researcher' of any nationality, who is in good standing at the time of nomination, and in the age group of 27 – 70 years with good academic and service record. The nominee must have completed a recognized Doctorate Degree (PhD) or its equivalent.

### **4.1 Evaluation Criteria**

#### **4.1.1 General:**

Extensive Knowledge – Mastery of Subject – Creative Thinking and Dedication to Profession – Significant and Sustained Contributions to Institution and/or Community at large – Quality and Competence evidenced by continuing Intellectual Accomplishments and Pursuits

#### **4.1.2 Research:**

Grants – Patents – Collaboration with Industries and Institutions – Contracts – Publications (Original Research Articles, Review Articles, Short reports or Letters, Case Studies, Methodologies and Books) – Invited Lectures and Presentations – Membership in Professional Organizations

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## **5. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA**

### **5.1 Award for Excellence (Code: AE)**

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Researcher for the meritorious efforts or exceptional contribution like: groundbreaking investigation or empirical research that advances practices, or generates new knowledge, fundamental discoveries, new theories, creative activity or insights have had an impact on their own discipline and beyond and cutting-edge achievements.

The nominee must be above 55 years of age and at least have 25 years of service as on 30 November 2024.

### **5.2 Distinguished Researcher (Code: DR)**

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Researcher for the exceptional contribution to Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an impact on the discipline and beyond and cutting-edge achievements.

The nominee must be above 44 years of age and at least have 20 years of service as on 30 November 2024.

### **5.3 Outstanding Researcher (Code: OR)**

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Researcher for the exceptional contribution to Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights.

The nominee must be above 34 years of age and at least have 10 years of service as on 30 November 2024.

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## **5.4 Young Researcher (Code: YR)**

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Researcher for the contribution to New Theories, or Insights on the discipline.

The nominee must be above 27 years of age and at least have 5 years of service as on 30 November 2024.

## **6. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The process for VIRA commences with the release of “Call for Nominations”.

The 10th Venus International Research Awards – VIRA 2024 invites nominations vide F. No. VIF/CFN/RA/2024 opened on 18 March 2024 from Researchers working at Institutions of Academic, Industrial, Government, or Private with a recognized qualification.

Further information, “ELIGIBILITY”, policy document and formats are available electronically on the official website:

<https://www.venusinfo.org/research/2024/arm.html>

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## 7. JUDGING

The VIRA 2024 judging is a peer review process. The panel (from diverse backgrounds, working individually) is instructed to score entries from 0 to 100, using the criteria (as mentioned in the section 4 and 5).

7.1 The panel aggregates scores and determine the category. The panel decision is final and binding.

7.2 For each category/discipline (Eg. Outstanding Researcher – Computer Science) the expert committee will select 2 Nominees. However the Apex Committee reserve the rights to honour less or more than 2 nominees in any category who meet standards set by the expert committee.

7.3 The committee will use discretion if an individual is nominated for two concurrent awards and will move the nomination to appropriate category based on their judgment.

7.4 In case, if a nominee meets the criteria for an award, other than the one nominated for, the committee will be deciding to move the nomination to a suitable category.

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## 8. SELECTION PROCESS

This section describes the total VIRA 2024 processes in steps

Step	Process
8.1	Screening process (preliminary assessment) of nomination
8.2	Acknowledgement intimation to the Nominee
8.3	VIRA team may ask proof for credits mentioned in the CV(Optional)
8.4	Cross verifying the documents and forwarding it to the committee
8.5	Selected nominees will be communicated with an Official Email
8.6	ARM 2024 Registration (Refer Annexure – B)
8.7	Release of the winners list in the Official webpage
8.8	An official email will be communicated to the Award Winner
8.9	Award Presentation Ceremony
8.10	Summary of ARM 2024 will be floated in official webpage

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## 9. IMPORTANT DATES

9.1	Entries Open	18 March 2024
9.2	Closing date	21 October 2024 (Revised)
9.3	To submit supporting documents	25 October 2024
9.4	Announcement of Winners	On or before 29 October 2024
9.5	Award Presentation	7 December 2024

## 10. SUBMISSION

A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for VIRA 2024.

Following are the list of documents to be submitted for nomination.

10.1	The filled nomination form in PDF/.Doc/.Docx format
10.2	Duly completed curriculum vitae (of any format /pages)
10.3	Passport size photograph
10.4	Copy of degree certificate (PhD or Equivalent)
10.5	Copy of workplace ID

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Nominee has to submit the filled form and other documents electronically to:

[vira2024@venusinfo.org](mailto:vira2024@venusinfo.org) (AND) [directorvifindia@gmail.com](mailto:directorvifindia@gmail.com)

Note: The VIRA 2024 no longer requires a hardcopy of the Nomination files. Non-compliant nominations will not be accepted for process. Acknowledgment of receipt of Nomination will be sent via email in 2/3 working days

## **11. AWARD PRESENTATION**

The 10th Venus International Research Awards – VIRA 2024 will be held on 7 December 2024 at Green Park Chennai, India. The Awards will be presented to the winners by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Venus International Foundation.

## **12. HEADQUARTERS**

The administrative office for servicing:

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## THE 10TH ANNUAL RESEARCH MEET – ARM 2024

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The Science and Technology is undergoing dynamic change and applications to the issues are difficult to solve by a single institution. The ARM serves as a catalyst and a driving force to enable the global flow of knowledge by connecting institutes and researchers to increase the probability of innovation. To strengthen universities, research institutes and industry to ensure the sustainable development of the society, ARM provides an opportunity to network, share ideas and present their work to a global community.

The 10th Annual Research Meet – ARM 2024 (Event Code: RM24EN10SN–043 | Event Type: Scientific Conference) invites Researchers working in the frontiers of Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Health and Medical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Science, and Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

- **Theme:** *"Diverse approach to address societal challenges and deliver novel solutions"*

**Paper Submission and Guidelines:** The ARM 2024 seeks original, high-quality proposals describing the research and results that contribute to advancements in their major research areas. Each abstract paper should have at most 2 pages, including figures, tables and references.

**Publications:** All selected and registered research papers will be published in ARM 2024 Conference proceedings with ISBN.

**Previous Event:** 9th Annual Research Meet – ARM 2023:

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## **The ARM 2024 REGISTRATION**

### **1. Registration Fee for delegates working in Foreign Institutions**

- a) High Income Countries: USD 590
- b) Middle Income Countries: USD 350

### **2. Registration Fee for delegates working in Indian Institutions: INR 14,900**

### **3. Registration Fee for Accompanying Person: USD 60**

Note: The registration includes:

- Access to all sessions and invited speakers
- Paper Presentation and participation certificate
- One high buffet lunch and breaks.

The registration does not include travel and accommodation cost of delegates.

## **2. Activities Covered**

The registration fees collected will also supports the long term development of the conference and to keep ARM format viable by ensuring that infrastructure and services are in place from year to year. Following are some of the activities covered:

### **2.1 Publications**

- ✓ Summary of the Meeting in the Official Website
- ✓ ARM 2024 Conference Proceedings with ISBN

### **2.2 Website**

Design AND Maintenance

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