

# WOMEN AWARDS 2021



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### Policy Document for the Venus International Women Awards

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## Policy Document Governing Venus International Women Awards

### 1. PREAMBLE

The Venus International Women Awards (VIWA) scheme was instituted in the year 2016 by the Centre for Advanced Research and Design (CARD) of Venus International Foundation (VIF), are presented yearly during the Annual Women's Meet (AWM).

- **Vision** : We have committed to Celebrating Achievements of Woman Researchers
- **Mission** : To recognize 'Best and Inspirational Woman Researchers' who are demonstrated creativity and excellence in their discipline
- **Objectives** : To cultivate the research spirit in women and inspire the next generation of women.

#### 1.1 The Venus International Award:

The Venus International Award Recognizes Individuals for their Quality, Reliability and Competence to Apply Knowledge and Skills to carry out specific tasks. The Venus International Award is a Certificate. It's a Non-financial Award. It is a Formal Authentication; A Seal of Approval – A Recognition – A Written Assurance to a Person.

The scheme has a Policy, Nomination Application, Expert Committee and Judging Process that are governed by the Board of Trust.

### 2. THE WOMEN AWARDS

The Venus International Women Awards – VIWA is part of the AWM that is celebrate and promote successful and promising 'Women Researchers' who contribute to the discipline and social community. The Meet is convened by the CARD of VIF and conducted in accordance with the VIF BOARD MEETING Resolutions. The VIWA 2021 (F.No.WA21/ANL01/AAP-I) is conducted in accordance with the VIF Board Meeting resolution vide F. No. VIF/MIN/BM-II/2020 held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at VIF Head Quarters.

### 3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

This annual award is open to 'Woman Researchers and Faculty Members' of any nationality, who is in good standing at the time of the nomination, and in the age group of 27 – 65 years and has good academic record.

The nominee must have completed a recognized Doctorate Degree (PhD) or its equivalent.

#### 3.1 Evaluation Criteria

##### 3.1.1 General:

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

##### 3.1.2 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

➤ *Note – 1: Researcher*

An active 'Full-time Regular Researcher' working in Institutions of Academic, Industrial, Government, or Private at the capacity of Associate Scientist / Scientific Officer, Scientist, Principal / Senior Principal Scientist.

➤ *Note – 2 : Faculty Member*

An active 'Full-time Regular Faculty Member' working in a Government or Private Academic Institutions (Autonomous / Affiliated College or University) at the capacity of Lecturer / Senior Lecturer, Assistant/Associate Professor and Professor.

## 4. DISCIPLINES, CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

The VIWA 2021 invites nominations vide F. No. VIF/CFN/WA/2021 opened on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from eligible individuals.

### 4.1 List of Disciplines and Code

4.1.1 Agricultural Sciences	AG
4.1.2 Engineering	EN
4.1.3 Health and Medical Sciences	HM
4.1.4 Humanities and Social Sciences	HS
4.1.5 Management	MG
4.1.6 Science	SC
4.1.7 Veterinary and Animal Sciences	VA

### 4.2 List of Categories and Code

4.2.1 Lifetime Achievement	LA
4.2.2 Distinguished Woman Researcher	DWR
4.2.3 Outstanding Woman Researcher	OWR
4.2.4 Young Woman Researcher	YWR

#### 4.2.1 Lifetime Achievement

Each year since 2016, this award is conferred for a remarkable Woman Researcher/Faculty Member for the exceptional contribution to Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on their own discipline and beyond and cutting-edge achievements – Continued Extraordinary Productivity over the course of career. The nominee must be above 55 years of age and at least have 25 years of service as on 5th July 2020.

#### 4.2.3 Distinguished Researcher

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Woman Researcher/ Faculty Member for the exceptional contribution to Fundamental Discoveries, New Theories, or Insights have had an Impact on the discipline. The nominee must be above 44 years of age and at least have 20 years of service as on 5th July 2020.

#### 4.2.5 Outstanding Researcher

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Woman Researcher/ Faculty Member 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 5th July 2020.

#### 4.2.7 Young Researcher

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred for a remarkable Woman Researcher/ Faculty Member 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 5th July 2020.

### 5. SUBMISSION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIWA 2021. The Nomination Application form can be accessed at:  
<https://venusinfo.org/research/2021/awm.html>

**5.1 Submission:** Following are the list of documents to be submitted for nomination

- 5.1.1 The filled application (PDF/.Doc/.Docx format)
- 5.1.2 Duly completed curriculum vitae (of any format /pages) in a PDF format
- 5.1.3 Passport size photograph (JPEG/PNG format)
- 5.1.4. Copy of degree certificate (PhD or equivalent) in a PDF/JPEG format
- 5.1.5. Copy of work place ID (PDF/JPEG format)

- Submit each nomination electronically to: [viwa2021@venusinfo.org](mailto:viwa2021@venusinfo.org)  
(Or) [directorvifindia@gmail.com](mailto:directorvifindia@gmail.com)
- The VIWA 2021 no longer requires a hardcopy of the application. Non-compliant nominations will not be accepted for process/review.

## 5.2 The VIWA 2021 Process

This section describes the total VIWA 2021 processes in steps.

Step – 1 : Screening process (document review/preliminary assessment) of nomination

Step – 2 : Acknowledgement intimation to the nominee

Step – 3 : VIWA team may ask the proof for the credits mentioned in the CV. (Optional)

Step – 4 : Cross verification of the documents submitted & forwarding it to the Committee

Step – 5 : Selected nominees will be communicated with a formal letter via email

Step – 6 : AWM 2021 Registration

Step – 7 : Release of the winners list in the official webpage

Step – 8 : Award presentation ceremony

Step – 9 : Summary of the AWM 2021 will be floated in official webpage

## 5.3 Judging Criteria

The VIWA 2021 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. The VIF aggregates the scores to determine each category. The panel decision is final and binding. For each category/discipline (Eg. Outstanding Researcher – Science) the expert committee will select 3 nominees. However the Apex Committee reserve the rights to honour less or more than 3 nominees in any category who meet standards set by the expert committee.

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. 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.

## 5.4 Important Dates

- Entries Open : 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Closing date : 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- To submit supporting documents : 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- Announcement of Winners : On or before 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- Award Presentation : 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## 6. AWARD PRESENTATION

The VIWA 2021 will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Green Park Chennai, India. The Awards will be bestowed to the Winners by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Venus International Foundation.

## 7. HEADQUARTERS

The administrative office for servicing the Authority will be the Office of the Chairman, Venus International Foundation, No.1, Ganesh Nagar Main Road, Adambakkam, Chennai – 600088, Tamilnadu, India. Tel: 044 – 22531502, Mobile: +91 9840556456, Email: [contact@venusinfo.org](mailto:contact@venusinfo.org), web: <https://venusinfo.org/>

**6th Annual Women's Meet – AWM 2021 (WM21EN06SN–028)**<https://venusinfo.org/research/2021/awm.html>**A. Basic Information**

Only around 30% of the world's researchers are women and they publish less and paid less. To reduce this gap, we must go beyond and identify the qualitative factors that deter women from advancing in research. Women advocating for women is very much essential in all disciplines. The AWM provides a unique platform to have the voice of women researchers to raise broad awareness to the potential of the female intellectualism. It also promotes integration of women in Science and Technology.

The AWM 2021 (Event Code: WM21EN06SN–028 | Type: Scientific Workshop) invites women researchers and faculty members working in Institutions of Academic (Autonomous / Affiliated College or University), Industrial, Government, or Private and in the frontiers of Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Health and Medical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Science, and Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

➤ **Theme:**

To Engage, Inspire, Energize and Build next generation Women in Science and Technology

**B. Event History**

- Annual Women's Meet
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Meet – AWM 2020: <https://venusinfo.org/research/2020/awm.html>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Meet – AWM 2019: <https://venusinfo.org/research/2019/awm.html>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meet – AWM 2018: <https://venusinfo.org/research/2018/awm.html>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet – AWM 2017: <https://venusinfo.org/research/2017/awm.html>
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meet – AWM 2016: <https://venusinfo.org/research/2016/awm.html>

## AWM 2021 Registration

The AWM is organized every year at Chennai city and it is a self-supporting event. The meet registration fees are major source of revenue for running the event. All the expenses

- Administrative
- Materials and Hall
- Service Tax and Accounting
- Website Design and Maintenance

of the summit are covered by event income (registration fees from participants) and Foundation operating funds.

### A. Registration Fee

The AWM 2021 fee for delegates working in

➤ Foreign Institutions	USD 450
➤ Indian Institutions	USD 200
➤ Accompanying Person	USD 60

The registration includes access to all sessions and invited speakers, participation certificate and one high buffet lunch coupon and breaks.

However, the registration does not include travel and accommodation cost of participants.

### B. AWM Activities Covered

The registration fees collected will also supports the long term development of the summit and to keep the AWM format viable by ensuring that infrastructure and services are in place from year to year.

Following are some of the activities covered

➤ Publications	Summary of the Event AND Winners List in the Official Website
➤ Website	Design AND Maintenance
➤ Taxes	GST, Income Tax AND Auditing

## Entry Conditions - ENTRY BY INVITATION ONLY

For the "Comfort, Safety and Enjoyment" of all delegates attending this event, Please be advised of the following norms. Entry to the venue is subject to complying the conditions and we appreciate your help to make this happen.

### 1. Entry

1.1 The Registered Delegate can collect the VALID ENTRY TICKET from the Registration Desk.

1.2 The Guests/Accompanying Persons must have a VALID ENTRY TICKET to enter the Event Hall. The Delegates can get required number of Entry Ticket at the Registration Desk.

### 2. Refusal of Entry or Ejection

2.1 Failure to produce/show a VALID ENTRY TICKET may result in refusal of entry. Any person found not to be wearing an official event wristband/ID Card will be ejected from the event.

2.2 Any person gaining unauthorized access or causing a disturbance or refusing to comply with requests from Security/Staff will be ejected from the event.

2.3 You will be responsible for your belongings, do not leave them unattended. Possessions may be searched before entering the venue, during the event or when leaving the venue. If you refuse to participate in searches, you may be denied entry or asked to leave the venue.

### 3. Dress Code

Professional appearance is an important aspect and the clothing must conform to a reasonable standard of decency relevant to the event. Hence the Delegates, Guests and Accompanying Persons must be appropriately dressed.

### 4. Code of Conduct

4.1 The behavior can influence the experience for you and others at an event and we expect a high standard of behavior at our venue. Consider other delegates when using mobile devices. During the Technical Sessions and ceremony they should be turned off or on silent.

4.2 At Venus, we are committed to providing a Friendly and Welcoming Environment for all, regardless of gender, ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and religion (or lack thereof).

4.3 Participate in an authentic, active and collaborative way, so as to contribute to the health and longevity of this event. Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions. Refrain from demeaning or discriminatory behavior.

4.4 Kindly mind your surroundings and fellow participants. Alert event organizers if you notice a violations of this code of conduct.

Note:

The entry conditions apply to all. Pass-outs may not be available at all times. Re-entry to an event venue (Hall) will be with a VALID ENTRY TICKET only.