

# RESEARCH AWARDS 2023

## POLICY DOCUMENT



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## Policy Document for the Venus International Research Awards

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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 2015 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

**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. (Refer Annexure – D)

The scheme has a Policy, Nomination Form, Expert Committee and Judging Process that are GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUST.

## 2. THE 9TH VENUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

The 8th Venus International Research Awards – VIRA 2023 (F.No.RA23/SN09/AAP–II) 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/2022 held on 4th July 2022 at VIF Head Quarters.

Following are the list of disciplines to be considered for the VIRA 2023.

S.No.	Disciplines	Code
2.1	Agricultural Sciences	AG
2.2	Engineering	EN
2.3	Health and Medical Sciences	HM
2.4	Humanities and Social Sciences	HS
2.5	Management	MG
2.6	Science	SC
2.7	Veterinary and Animal Sciences	VA

### **3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY**

This annual award is open to 'Researcher' of any nationality, who is in good standing at the time of the nomination, and in the age group of 27 – 70 years and has a 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

## 4. THE VENUS AWARD PROCESS

This section describes the Venus International Award processes in steps.

Step – 1: Nomination Form

Step – 2: Secretariat Review

Step – 3: Document Review

Step – 4: Preliminary Assessment

Step – 5: Verification

Step – 6: Peer Assessment

Step – 7: Committee's Decision

Step – 8: Declaration to the Nominee

Step – 9: Registration to the Workshop/Meet

Step – 10: Award Presentation

## 5. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CODE

This section describes the categories and criteria of 9th Venus International Research Awards (VIRA 2023).

S.No.	Categories	Code
5.1	Award for Excellence	AE
5.2	Distinguished Researcher	DR
5.3	Outstanding Researcher	OR
5.4	Young Researcher	YR



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

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred to a remarkable 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. The nominee must be above 55 years of age and at least have 25 years of service as on 30 June 2022.

### 5.2 Distinguished Researcher (Code: DR)

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred to a remarkable 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 30 June 2022.

### 5.3 Outstanding Researcher (Code: OR)

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred to a remarkable 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 30 June 2022.

### 5.4 Young Researcher (Code: YR)

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred to a remarkable 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 30 June 2022.

## 6. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

The 9th Research Awards – VIRA 2023 invites nominations vide F. No. VIF/CFN/RA/2023 opened on 7 July 2022 from “Researchers” working in the Institutions of Scientific, Academic or Industries with a recognized qualification.

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

<https://www.venusinfo.org/research/2023/arm.html>

## 7. JUDGING

The VIRA 2023 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 3 and 5).

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

7.2 For the VIRA 2023, 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.

## 8. SELECTION PROCESS

This section describes the VIRA 2023 processes in steps

Step – 1 Screening process (preliminary assessment) of nomination

Step – 2 Acknowledgement intimation to the Nominee

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

Step – 4 Cross verifying the documents and forwarding it to the committee

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

Step – 6 ARM 2023 Registration (Refer Annexure – B)

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

Step – 8 Official Invitation Letter will be sent to the Award Winner

Step – 9 Award Presentation Ceremony

Step – 10 Summary of the ARM 2023 will be floated in official webpage

## 9. IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open	: 7 July 2022
Closing date	: 27 October 2022
To submit supporting documents	: 31 October 2022
Announcement of Winners	: On or before 7 November 2022
Award Presentation	: 7 January 2023

## 10. SUBMISSION

A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIRA 2023.

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 (JPEG/PNG format)

10.4 Copy of degree certificate (PhD or equivalent)

10.5 Copy of workplace ID (PDF/JPEG format)

- **Note: 1**

Submit each nomination electronically to:

- ▶ [vira2023@venusinfo.org](mailto:vira2023@venusinfo.org)

And

- ▶ [directorvifindia@gmail.com](mailto:directorvifindia@gmail.com)

- **Note: 2**

The VIRA 2023 no longer requires a hardcopy of the Nomination.

- **Note: 3**

Non-compliant nominations will not be accepted for process.

## 11. AWARD PRESENTATION

The 9th Venus International Research Awards – VIRA 2023 will be celebrated on 7 January 2023 at Green Park Chennai, India. The Awards will be bestowed to the Winners by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Venus International Foundation.

## 12. HEADQUARTERS

The administrative office for servicing the authority will be the

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**THE 9TH ANNUAL RESEARCH MEET – ARM 2023 (RM23EN09SN-035)**

<https://www.venusinfo.org/research/2023/arm.html>

## **1. Basic Information**

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 9th Annual Research Meet (ARM 2023, convened by the CRI of VIF and conducted in accordance with the VIF BOARD MEETING resolution), invites Researchers and Faculty Members those are in continuous regular service and working at Research/Academic Institution and Industry.

Theme: To Create Opportunities to Develop a New Culture to Drive Research and Innovation

## **2. Previous Research Meet**

- 8th Annual Research Meet – ARM 2022:  
<https://www.venusinfo.org/research/2022/astm.html>



**ARM 2023 REGISTRATION**

The ARM is organized every year at Chennai city and it is a self-supporting event. The Meeting 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 meet are covered by event income (registration fees from delegates) and Foundation operating funds. (Refer Annexure – C)

**1. Registration Fee**

The ARM 2023 fee for delegates working in

▶ Foreign Institutions	USD 610
▶ Indian Institutions	USD 210
▶ Additional Banquet	USD 100

The registration includes access to all sessions and invited speakers, participation certificate and one high buffet lunch and breaks. The registration does not include travel and accommodation cost of delegates.

**2. ARM Activities Covered**

The registration fees collected will also supports the long term development of the meet and to keep the ARM 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 Meeting in the Official Website
▶ Website	Design and Maintenance
▶ Taxes	Income Tax and Auditing

## **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE**

VIF Scientific Workshops are self-supporting event and the event registration fees are the major source of revenue for running the event. Following expenses of the events are covered by the event income (registration fees from the participants) and Foundation operating funds

### **1. Office Requirements**

- a) Office Rent, Maintenance, HR Compliance and Stationery
- b) Website Design (Domain, Hosting, SSL Certificate, Template/Theme, Content, Integrations & SEO etc)

### **2. Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure**

- a) Hardware (Personal Computers, Routers, Switches, and other equipments)
- b) Networking (Internet connectivity, Network enablement, Firewalls & security, Routers, Switches & Cables)
- c) Software, Modular Office Workstation and Surveillance/Security Cameras

### **3. Operations**

- a) Electricity, Telephone, Internet and Employees Salary and Benefits
- b) Google Workspace, Accounting, Taxes and Auditing fee
- c) Printing and Materials

### **4. Floor Expenses on the day of Event**

- a) Venue Hire/Hall Expenses, Logistics, Additional Staff & Labor
- b) Audio Visual Equipment/Major Rentals & Event Staff Salary
- c) Printing & Signage, Banners and Backdrops
- d) Stage Decoration, Photography, Food & Beverage
- e) Gifts/Premiums, Packing and Postage

### **5. Website Maintenance**

- a) Ensuring the proper functioning of Website
- b) Regular checking for issues and making updates in the Website
- c) Backing up the Website Data
- d) Renewal of Website Domain, Hosting and SSL Certificate etc

## **THE VENUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

(Recognition and Reward are the Greatest Asset)

The Venus International Award Recognizes Individuals for their Quality, Reliability and Competence to Apply Knowledge and Skills to carry out specific tasks.

### **1. The Award**

The Venus International Award is a Certificate. It's a Non-financial Award. It is a Formal Authentication; A Seal of Approval; A Recognition.

### **2. The Scheme**

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

### **3. The Award Policy Document**

The Venus International Foundation (VIF) is committed to providing equal opportunity to all with the highest regard to Independence, Credibility, Impartiality, Transparency, Integrity and Confidentiality. The Award Policy document has

**3.1 Relevance:** The Award Schemes are developed in response to sector needs. They are designed to be fit-for-purpose.

**3.2 Truthfulness:** The Award Schemes are developed with the aim that the outcomes achieve the intended results and any communication, is a true and fair reflection of outcomes.

**3.3 Efficiency:** All the components of an Award schemes are structured to deliver measurable, quality outcomes. It contains the necessary requirements to achieve the intended outcomes.

## **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.

2.2 Any person found not to be wearing an official event wristband/ID Card will be ejected from the event.

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

2.4 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.

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.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1. Dress Code**

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

### **2. Code of Conduct**

2.1 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).

2.2 The behavior can influence the experience for you and others at an event and we expect a high standard of behavior at our venue.

2.3 Consider other delegates when using mobile devices. During the Technical Sessions and ceremony the mobile devices should be turned off or on silent.

2.4 Delegates have to participate in an authentic, active and collaborative way, so as to contribute to the health and longevity of this event.

2.5 Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions. Refrain from demeaning or discriminatory behavior.

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