



Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture

General Guidelines

The enormous achievements of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan towards agricultural renaissance of India are indeed well known world wide. He has been the main architect of “*Green Revolution*”. A great visionary and crusader, Prof. Swaminathan is currently a staunch advocate of sustainable agriculture as well as “*Ever Green Revolution*”, so essential for ensuring future household food and nutritional security. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, he was awarded the first World Food Prize, the Ramon Magsasay Award and many other national and international honors. He was acclaimed by the Time Magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th Century, one of the three from India – the other two being Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.

The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) thus instituted an Award in the honor of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan in 2004 with an objective to recognize the life time contributions of an eminent persons who have made significant impact in the field of agriculture globally, with specific reference to food security and sustainability of agriculture in India.

Description of the Award

- The Award consists of a plaque of honour and citation in a casket.
- The Award, which is being sponsored by Mahyco Foundation will be given annually.
- The Awardee shall be required to deliver a Special Lecture during the Award Function. The Lecture shall be printed and circulated widely.
- The Trust will meet in country travel expenses and provide local hospitality to the Awardee for receiving the Award.

Eligibility

- The Award is for the lifetime achievements of a person who has made outstanding contributions in the field of agricultural research for development globally and with special reference to India irrespective of his/her nationality.
- A deceased person will not be considered for the Award. However, the Award shall be given posthumously in case if announcement has already been made by TAAS.

Nominations

- Nomination can be made by any eminent person/fellow of scientific academies/ Heads of Institution/University, having full knowledge of the contributions of the nominee.
- Nomination shall be made in the prescribed form, accompanied by curriculum vitae, statement of achievements (2,000 words), statement of impact (500 words) and citation (200 words). Same be sent to the Secretary, TAAS by email at : taasiari@gmail.com or by post at “Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), Avenue II, Publication Unit, IARI Pusa Campus, New Delhi – 110012”.

- The nomination should be accompanied with a letter from the nominator describing the significant impact of work of the nominee and justification for proposing the name.
- Nominations received in a particular year shall remain valid for the next two years for consideration.
- Self nomination shall not be accepted.

Selection Procedure

- Selection of Awardee shall be made by the Board of Trustees of TAAS. TAAS shall constitute a committee of experts to scrutinize the nominations for short listing.
- The committee of experts shall critically examine the information provided by the nominators and may obtain views of referees who are knowledgeable regarding contributions of the nominee under consideration.
- Recommendations of the expert committee shall then be considered by all the Trustees of the Board for selecting an Awardee.

Final Selection

- The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the final selection of Awardee.
- The deliberations relating to final selections shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
- The selection so made by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed final. No representation against any Award shall be entertained by TAAS.