

Application Form
for
Budding Innovators Award of the Year 2012
[FOR STUDENTS ONLY]

Last date for receipt of complete application: 28 February 2013



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Award Guidelines for Budding Innovators Award of the Year 2012

Introduction

It has been mankind's inherent and unique instinct to imagine that has ably supported it in all its innovative endeavors. There is an Innovisssionary hidden in all of us. National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) on behalf of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) gives an opportunity to young students so as to bring this hidden Innovisssionary to the fore enabling them to give physical form to their imagination and literally create the future for all of us

To promote this innovative scientific endeavor among students NRDC, has instituted Budding Innovator awards with an aim to stimulate the spirit of inventiveness among them leading towards development of new creative ideas for useful applications. The prime objective of the scheme is to recognize the creative talent in innovative young students, which could be harnessed for the benefit of the nation. The Corporation awards excellence in innovative work carried out by students of Indian universities by presenting annually maximum up to five awards. Each award carries a trophy, certificate and tax-free cash award.

Selection Procedure

The Budding Innovators Award(s) is/are given annually as per the recommendations of the Prize Award Committee comprising eminent scientists, technologists and specialists in diverse areas of science and technology. The applications received by the Corporation would be referred to a panel of experts comprising of eminent scientists, technologists and specialists working in Government organizations, research organizations, educational institutions and corporates for evaluation. The name(s) and opinion of these experts are kept strictly confidential.

Eligibility Criteria

- The innovation should either be an original or an improvement on existing product/process so as to increase its utility by enhancing advantages and improvement in performance.
- Mere theoretical hypotheses or concepts still in an idea stage, and perceptions like that of perpetual motion machines are not eligible for consideration.

Who can apply

- Student(s) registered for Bachelors or Masters in academic or research institutions, universities or affiliated colleges at the time of applying for the award are eligible. Proof in support of the same shall have to be submitted.
- Student(s) not exceeding age limit of 28 years as on 31st of December in the calendar year previous to the year of the award are eligible for this award. Proof of age shall have to be submitted.
- The awards will be given only to the individual/team who contribute to the innovation, and not to the organization.
- Only Indian nationals can apply.
- If the number of applicants in a single prize award application exceeds five, the application will not be considered.
- NRDC employees, Prize Award Committee members and their families are not eligible.

Last Date – Complete application in all respect should reach NRDC by 28 February 2013

Award Money - Rs. One lakh each.

Number of Awards – Five (maximum)

General Conditions

- The student(s) should provide the name of the Head of the Department or Institution; name and complete address of the institution and two referees along with their telephone numbers and STD code, cell phone number, email address and fax numbers.
- An application is liable to be rejected if it is not forwarded through proper channel or if any information therein is found to be incorrect.
- Applications not revealing adequate details required for evaluation of the proposal are liable to be rejected.
- The student(s) may submit published scientific papers /patents (if any) and any other relevant information in support of their innovation
- If the innovation has been recognised/awarded by any other Institution, details of the same should be furnished.
- The student(s) may be required to send the working model to NRDC for demonstration, if necessary.
- The prize award amount is normally distributed equally among the applicants. However, if unequal sharing of the award amount is desired, the percentage should be clearly indicated in the application form.
- If during consideration of the applications received, no one deemed suitable, it would not be given that year.
- Application(s) will not be returned to the applicant(s).
- The decision of the Corporation shall be intimated to the applicants by post. Contacting NRDC officials or Prize Award Committee members in this regard may lead to disqualification of the application.

Rights and Obligations

- The decision of the Corporation on the applications submitted for the award will be final and no further correspondence shall be entertained.
- NRDC retains the right to promote and seek publicity for all Award Winners.
- NRDC has the right to disqualify any applicant who does not comply with any of the terms and conditions under award guidelines.
- Award Winners are expected to comply with all reasonable requests for media articles, interviews, radio and television appearances as part of Award promotional activities.
- With NRDC's permission, winners may use images, photographs, media articles, DVDs and publicity material featuring their innovations, which have been produced by NRDC.

APPLICATION FOR BUDDING INNOVATORS AWARD - 2012

(To be submitted in six sets)

1. TITLE OF THE INNOVATION

2. PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT (S)

(i) Details of the innovator (s) and co-innovator (s)

Phone:

Mobile:

E-mail:

Sr. No.	Name	Date of birth	Academic qualification	Permanent residential address	Sharing % of award amount*

*For unequal sharing of award amount, please indicate the percentage of amount against the name of the applicants.

3. **NEW KNOWLEDGE GENERATED:** Contribution of the applicant/s in detail

4. **COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL OF THE NEW KNOWLEDGE:**

5. **DETAILS OF INNOVATION:**

6. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if any):**

(a) **Number of publications:**

- i) In national journals
- i) In international journals
- iii) In conference proceedings

(b) **Awards / Recognition / Achievements (if any):**

(c) **National / International Conferences attended (if any):**

NOTE - Instructions for filling application:

- (i) Please read Award Guidelines carefully before filling the application form
- (ii) Incomplete applications are liable to be rejected
- (iii) Separate sheets may be enclosed wherever necessary
- (iv) Soft copy of the Details in CD may also be provided

(d) Support obtained from scientific agencies (India/abroad):

(e) Patent filed (if any):

(f) Any other relevant information which the applicant(s) would like to indicate:

7. Details of the Educational Institution:

Name(s) of Head of the Department/ Institution	Name and complete address of the Institute / University	Phone number, email and fax no.

8. Details of References:

Name(s) of referees from the Institution	Name and complete address of the Institute / University	Phone number, email and fax no.

9. APPLICANT(S) DECLARATION: (strike off whichever is not applicable)

I/we certify that all particulars furnished above are correct and complete to best of my/our knowledge and I/we agree to abide by all terms and conditions stipulated under Award Guidelines.

S.No.	Name (s)	Signature (s)

PLACE _____

DATE: _____

10. ENDORSEMENT OF THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTION

The innovation is the work of the applicant(s) registered as student(s) in our Department/ Institution and is recommended for consideration for NRDC Budding Innovators Award.

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Signature of the Head of the Department

DATE: _____

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Enclosures: Please check before sending the application form, whether you have enclosed the following:

- i) Detailed description
- ii) Photographs of the innovation
- iii) Reprints/clippings of your innovation, if published in technical or scientific journals
- iv) Soft copy of complete application form in MS Word
- v) Document in support of proof of age