

## SKUAST-JAMMU BEST SCIENTIST AWARD

### Guidelines for SKUAST-Jammu Best Scientist Award

1. **Name of the Award:** SKUAST-Jammu Best Scientist Award in ..... (Name of Faculty/ Research Station)
2. **Sponsor of the award:** Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (J&K)
3. **Objective of the award:**
  - i. To provide recognition to outstanding scientists
  - ii. To promote excellence in research
4. **Nature of award:** These awards are meant for individual scientists who have shown outstanding performance as a researcher by managing funds through internal or external resources and publishing the work in high impact factor journals or patenting the innovations. An individual award will consist of prize of Rs.20,000 (Rs. Twenty thousand) along with a citation for promoting innovation in research.
5. **Frequency & no. of awards:** Every Year (If no qualifying application is received, no award shall be given for that year). The number of awards shall be one in each of the following Faculties/Directorate:

1.	Faculty of Agriculture	01
2.	Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry	01
3.	Faculty of Basic Sciences	01
4.	Faculty of Agricultural Engineering	01
5.	Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry	01
6.	Faculty of Dairy Technology	01
7.	Advanced Centers/ Research Stations/Sub-Stations (Directorate of Research)	01
	Total	07

### 6. Eligibility criteria:

- a. The applicant must be regular faculty member of the University who has handled at least one externally funded project during the evaluation period with minimum of 05 years of continuous experience.
- b. To be eligible for award a scientist should obtain a minimum score of 60% as per the prescribed score card.

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**Other criteria:**

- c. Only faculty members (Professor/ Associate Professor/Assistant Professor/equivalents) are eligible. Deans/ Directors are not eligible for the award.
  - d. Scientists who are recipient of SKUAST-Jammu Best Scientist Award in the past are also not eligible for the award.
  - e. The research work undertaken during the five years, preceding the year of the award, shall be considered for award.
  - f. The applicant must have at least satisfactory annual performance report.
  - g. The applicant is expected to be a role model researcher and must not have been penalized or there should not be any enquiry pending against him/her.
7. **Administration of the award:** The award will be administered by the SKUAST-Jammu through Directorate of Research.
8. **Procedure:** Deans of the faculties/ Director Research shall call for applications for the award on the prescribed application form (Annexure-I) at the end of each academic session. Application must be routed through proper channel. The applications received by the Dean of respective faculty/Director Research shall be scrutinized by the Faculty Level Evaluation & Judging Committee.

9. **Composition of Research Evaluation & Judging Committee:**

1.	Director Research	Chairman
2.	One senior faculty member from each Faculty (To be nominated by respective Dean)	Members
3.	One senior most scientist from Research Station/ Sub-station (To be nominated by Director Research)	One Member
4.	(To be nominated by the Director Research)	Member secretary

**Note:** Nominated members of the committee should not be the applicant for the award.

- After completion of evaluation process, the Research Evaluation & Judging Committee shall make its recommendations, and the same shall be submitted by the concerned Dean to the Director Research, under sealed cover (by or before 31<sup>st</sup> August of the year of award), for further processing and acceptance by the Competent Authority. The decision of the committee with approval of Vice Chancellor shall be final without provision of any appeal.
  - If no outstanding scientist for a particular year is identified from a particular Faculty/ Research station, no award shall be given. Further, in the event of a tie in total score, the applicant with more experience shall be placed at higher rank.
11. **Presentation:** The declaration and presentation of award along with citation will be made on the Foundation Day (20<sup>th</sup> September) of SKUAST-Jammu.





**Application Form**  
**SKUAST-Jammu Best Scientist Award**

**Annexure-I**

(To be filled by the applicant with supporting documents)

**Part - I**

1. Name of the Faculty/Research Station : .....
2. Name of the Division/Unit : .....
3. Academic Year : .....
4. Name of the scientist : .....
5. Designation of the scientist : .....
6. Academic Qualification: (starting with Graduate level)

Degree	Subject	University	Year	Division/Grade

7. Experience (for the last five years):

Position	University	Period	Years/months

Mobile No. : ..... E-mail: .....

8. Total length of research experience (years & months): (Applicant with at least 5 years of research experience shall be eligible for the award)
9. When the last Best Scientist Award received (if any): .....

**PART-I**

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

(Marks shall be always allotted by the Faculty Level Evaluation & Judging Committee)

1. Projects handled during the preceding 5 years:

a. Externally funded projects:

Year	Research Project(s) handled	Budget and Funding Agency	Co-PIs	Outcome of the work

External projects handled/being handled  
Up to Rs 5.00 lakhs (1.0 point per year per project)  
Rs 5.0-30.00 lakhs (3 point per year per project)  
>Rs.30.00 lakhs (5.0 point per year per project)

Full points for PI and 50% points for Co-PI/co-PIs/ collaborator for each project

b. AICRPs/Network projects (1 point per year per trial)

Full points for PI and 50% points for Co-PI/ collaborator for each project

