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With a view to promote and encourage research and developmental activities in the areas of Industry, Energy, Environment, Biotechnology and Information Technology and thereby accelerate the process of sustainable growth and development of the State, Gujarat Council on Science & Technology (GUJCOST), working under the aegis of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat has instituted the prestigious "Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Award" for eminent scientists in above five fields in 1995-96.

Every year, scientists from the Industry, Energy, Environment, Biotechnology and Information Technology field are awarded Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Award. The award carries Rs. 1.00 lakh cash prize, a memento and a citation for each of the above fields.

A scientist or a group of scientists who have developed a new product, processes, technology or devices for practical use through their original or innovative research work or invention will be considered for the award.

GUIDELINES

1. The Vikram Sarabhai Award is the first award of its kind instituted by the Government of Gujarat in the Department of Science & Technology. The award is named as Vikram Sarabhai Award after the famous scientist of eminence of the State and will be given each year for outstanding research contribution in Science & Technology, during the five years proceeding the year of award.
2. Five awards each of the value of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only), one in each of the following branches of science and technology, namely, Industry, Energy, Environment, Biotechnology and Information Technology, may be made every year with appropriate citations for notable and outstanding research contributions, provided the work has been done within the State of Gujarat.
3. There is no age limit for applying for this award. However, the nationality of the candidate should be Indian and he / she should be residing and working in Gujarat.
4. GUJCOST will invite nominations for the awards through notifications in newspapers, websites and from the following:
 - a. Heads of Research Institutions/Laboratories/Universities inside/outside the State, in public or private sector.
 - b. Heads of concerned P.G. Departments in the Universities and Colleges inside/ outside the State.
 - c. Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai Award Winners.
 - d. Nomination by other responsible citizens/Government Departments may also be taken into consideration, provided they are accepted by the Executive Council of Gujarat Vigyan Academy.

5. Nominations shall be invited in the approved format every year. It shall inter alia include a critical assessment report, not exceeding 500 words, reflecting the important research contributions to Science/Technology made by the nominee during five years proceeding the year of award.
6. A core committee comprising of related subject experts and other members from advisory committee would evaluate the work of applicant.
7. No person can get more than one Dr Vikram Sarabhai Award in ten years.
8. The presentation of the awards to the recipients will be made on a day to be decided by the Executive Council of the Academy every year.
9. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Award winners shall be requested to deliver a lecture based on their contributions to Science & Technology, preferably at institutions(s) other than their place of work, inside the State, under the auspices of GUJCOST.
10. Chairman/Advisor/Principal Scientific Officer/ and members of the Executive Council of the GUJCOST shall not be eligible for nomination to Dr Vikram Sarabhai Award during their tenure as Executives/Members of the Executive Council.
11. The decision of the Government will be final.

Scientist should submit their proposal in the prescribed format in 20 copies. The person associated with any institute should apply through head of the institute and those who are not associated with any institute should submit their proposals along with recommendation letter from two eminent scientists working in the field.