



TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FOR THE PRIZE¹

GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2016

The Prize aims to encourage the global development of the mission of higher education institutions in education, research and innovation in the agricultural and life sciences by recognizing the distinguished contribution of an individual to this mission.

The Prize was proposed by Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) on October 20, 2012 on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the University, and was established by the GCHERA Board on 28 October 2012. The Education Development Foundation of Nanjing Agricultural University generously sponsors the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize. The Prize will be 50,000 USD.

The Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for the Agricultural and Life Sciences ([GCHERA](#)) has the mission to encourage mutual understanding and global co-operation among higher education associations and their constituent member institutions in supporting innovation, and to provide within the global context, leadership in education, research and outreach in the agricultural and life sciences.

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¹ GCHERA in developing the terms and conditions for nominations for the World Agriculture Prize, gratefully acknowledges the guidance of those formulated for nominations for the World Food Prize.

Scope of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize

Higher education institutions² have the mission to:

- deliver degree programmes to provide their graduates with the competences, creativity, entrepreneurship, and the values to be responsible citizens and agents of positive change to enable them to succeed in their chosen careers,
- to conduct research for the benefit of society, and
- to engage with government, enterprises and non-government organisations in knowledge transfer and innovation ventures which will lead to the enhancement of society's well being.

The World Agriculture Prize will be awarded to an academic/faculty member from a higher education institution working in the disciplines relating to the agricultural and life sciences – including but not limited to agriculture, forestry, natural resources, food, bio based products, bioenergy, rural development and the environment. Such disciplines are inclusive of both the natural and social sciences. **The World Agriculture Prize will be awarded in recognition of the academic/faculty member's life time achievements.**

The nominee will demonstrate exceptional and significant achievement in his or her engagement in the mission of higher education institutions relating to the agricultural and life sciences - in education, research and innovation. This impact will most likely be demonstrated in the work of the nominee in the development of the institution(s) in which the nominee has served, and in the local and wider geographical region of those institution(s), but not necessarily globally. This engagement in the mission of higher education institutions will most likely have changed in emphasis, scope and the level of achievement as the nominee's career has progressed.

To be more specific, the nomination will demonstrate the extent to which the nominee has

- provided innovation and leadership in the education programmes of students at all levels,
- engaged in research for the advancement of science for the benefit of society,
- engaged with the higher education institutions' stakeholders, enterprises, government and NGOs in the immediate locality and internationally, and
- been an inspiration to students, to colleagues at all levels and to leaders in the wider regional international community.

It must be clearly shown that the achievements of the nominee have been the direct result of the specific actions and activities of the nominee (i.e., without his or her specific accomplishment, the change would unlikely have occurred).

- The impact of these achievements must be measurable, quantifiable, or otherwise demonstrated
- The number of people affected as well as the extent and benefit of the change they experienced will be a substantial factor in evaluating the relative significance of the various individual achievements being considered.
- Substantial weight will also be given to the complexity of the activities and the degree of difficulty involved in achieving success. Similarly, consideration will be

² By definition a higher education institution is a university, college or some other designation which has a mission to deliver education and awards at least MSc degrees, and to conduct research.

given to the vision, ingenuity and determination involved in attaining the changes and or advancements.

- A nominee must be living and in sufficiently good health to attend The World Agriculture Prize Award Ceremony to be held in Stellenbosch on Tuesday 20 September 2016. The nominee must be able to give an acceptance speech and agree to participate in selected media events.
- The Prize will be awarded to one person.

Eligibility Period

A nominee must be an academic/faculty member of a higher education institution. All submissions must include the date of the nomination and are eligible only for consideration in that year.

Individuals who do not receive an award in a given year are eligible for re-nomination. However, a new nomination package must be submitted. Nomination files are not retained by the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize Secretariat for reconsideration in a following year.

A World Agriculture Prize Laureate is not eligible for re-nomination.

Submitting a Nomination

Any higher education institution, private or public organization, or governmental unit may submit a nomination for the World Agriculture Prize. Any such entity may submit as many nominations as it sees fit. All nominations are confidential, and the identities of the nominators and the nominating organization are kept in strict confidence. Individuals may generate nominations, but the nomination must be endorsed by, and submitted through, an academic institution, private or public organization.

Please register your intention to submit a nomination at www.gchera-wap.org . On this website you will be able to access the online nomination form to enter the basic data about your nomination and upload the supporting documents as outlined below. You can view all your uploaded files from the "Uploaded Files Tab" once you have saved the nomination form with the most recently uploaded files. **Please note** that this application is compatible with Internet Explorer version 9 or later, Firefox version 5 or later, Chrome and Safari.

You can edit your nomination up to the deadline for nominations, and you can upload the supporting documents as they become available. Please do not leave uploading your nomination until the last hour as the website may be exceptionally busy. The deadline for submission **online** to the GCHERA Secretariat is 17.00 GMT on **25 April 2016**.

All statements, letters of support and supporting documents must be submitted in English. If the original language of the additional documents is not English they should be translated into English.

The following list outlines the information that will be required.

- Nominating Organization: Name(s) of the person(s) submitting the nomination, the name of the nominating organization, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. The nomination must be endorsed by a senior official of the nominating organization, certifying the accuracy of the information.

- Nominee Name: Nominee's name, current position, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number.
- An official endorsement of the nomination on behalf of the nominating organisation. This must **not** be made by the person making the nomination, but by a person in a position senior to the nominator.
- Biographical Information: Date and place of birth, education, and a resume or CV detailing the nominee's positions held, professional affiliations, honours, and awards.
- Photograph: Photo of the nominee.
- Synopsis: Synopsis of the nominee's achievement, in 1000 characters or less.
- Statement of Achievement: In no more than two pages (Calibri font 11), describe the nominee's achievements, which have significantly enhanced the mission of higher education institutions relating to the agricultural and life sciences. In concluding, list the nominee's most **outstanding and significant achievements** in order of your assessment of their impact.
- Statement of Impact: In no more than two pages (Calibri font 11), describe the impact of up to three of the nominee's most **outstanding and specific achievements** in terms of: the number of people affected; the directness of the impact; the geographical boundaries of the impact; and their effects over time on the fulfilment of the mission of higher education institutions relating to the agricultural and life sciences. The most compelling nominations will demonstrate quantitatively the change or changes that occurred as a direct result of these **outstanding and specific achievements**.
- A letter nominating the nominee must be provided by an individual or organisation familiar with the nominee's work
- Seconding Nominations: A letter seconding the nomination must be provided from at least two individuals who are familiar with the nominee's work, but who are not directly associated with the nominating organisation. Letters seconding the nomination should ideally provide additional or supplemental data regarding the nominee's **outstanding and specific achievements** and their impact on the people affected.
- Supporting Documents: Documents should be provided that support the nomination including, but not limited to, articles describing the nominee's achievements and the impact of his or her work; and publications by or about the nominee that directly relate to the nomination. These documents should be uploaded from the online nomination form.
- You are asked to inform us whether the nominee has been informed of his/her nomination. If the nominee has not been informed no communication will be made directly with the nominee after the judging has been concluded, when other nominees will be informed of the outcome.
- If a nominee becomes the World Agriculture Prize Laureate, the information contained in the nomination and the supporting documents may be used to prepare press materials about the winner.
- Please note that all text documents must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc, .docx) or as a pdf.

Selection Procedure

To be considered, nominations and all seconding and supporting documents must be delivered **online** to the GCHERA Secretariat by 17.00 GMT on 25 April 2016. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

The selection of the World Agriculture Prize Laureate will be made by an International Jury.

The Jury is composed of a panel of distinguished individuals who are knowledgeable about various aspects relating to the agricultural and life sciences – including but not limited to agriculture, forestry, natural resources, food, bio-based products, bioenergy, rural development and the environment. Members of the Jury remain anonymous except for the Chairman. The minutes of the Committee's meetings and the views expressed by its members are confidential to the Jury.

The President of GCHERA serves as an ex-officio, non-voting advisor to the Jury, but does not participate in nor influence the deliberations regarding the selection of the World Agriculture Prize Laureate.

World Agriculture Prize Secretariat assists the Jury by reviewing all nominations for appropriateness and completeness and then forwarding them to the Jury.

The Jury then reviews the nominations and recommends the recipient and first alternate it deems most worthy for the award based on the Prize's criteria. Recommendations are forwarded through the President of GCHERA to the GCHERA Steering Committee for final approval.

Selection Criteria

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The four bullet points above will act as prompts to assist the nominator completing the online nomination form for the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize. The table below will be used by the Jury in assessing the statements of achievement and the impact of those achievements.

	Criteria	Weight
1	Statement of Achievement <u>in the higher education institution(s)</u> in which the nominee has worked in education, research and in the leadership of the institution(s)	25 %
2	Statement of Achievement in the <u>immediate locality</u> of the institutions(s) in which the nominee has worked	10 %
3	Statement of Achievement in <u>the wider geographical region</u> of his/her workplace	10 %
4	Statement of the Impact of the Achievements in educational programmes beyond the institutions in which the nominee has worked	10 %
5	Statement of the international Impact of the Achievements in research and innovation for the benefit of society in the geographical region of his/her workplace(s)	20 %
6	Statement of the international Impact of the Achievements through leadership in the wider geographical region of his/her workplace(s)	20 %
7	Statement of the global Impact of the Achievements through leadership globally	5 %
	Total	100 %

GCHERA World Agriculture Prize International Committee

The role of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize International Committee is to oversee the process for the award of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize (WAP). However, it is the Jury who make the proposal for the nomination of the GCHERA WAP Laureate to the GCHERA Steering Committee. The GCHERA WAP International Committee has no role in the selection of the nomination for the GCHERA WAP Laureate. The GCHERA WAP International Committee comprises:

John KENNELLY – Chair and President of GCHERA & the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta, Canada
Guanghong (Joseph) ZHOU –Vice President of GCHERA & President of Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) and Chairman of the Education Professional Committee (EPC) of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS), China
Simon HEATH – GCHERA WAP Coordinator (Secretary General GCHERA & Secretary General of the Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA), Belgium)
Zhimin (Jimmy) LIU – Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) WAP Coordinator (Director Higher Education Institute, Nanjing Agricultural University)
Ian MAW – Vice President of the GCHERA Board & Vice President for Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), US
José ZAGLUL – President of the Earth University, Costa Rica, and former President of GCHERA

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