



GCHERA WORLD AGRICULTURE PRIZE 2021

Terms & Conditions for submitting a nomination for the prize¹

The World Agriculture Prize is offered by the Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA) with the support of Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) to academicians for outstanding lifetime achievement. 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 individuals to this mission.

The Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for the Agricultural and Life Sciences (www.gchera.com) 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.

The prize was first proposed by both Prof. ZHAI Huqu, the former Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAASS) and Prof. ZHOU Guanghong, the President of Nanjing Agriculture University (NAU) and Chairman of the Education Professional Committee (EPC) of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS) on October 20, 2012 in the occasion of NAU's 110th anniversary. The prize was approved in Uruguay at the GCHERA General Assembly on 29 October 2012. It is generously sponsored by the **Education Development Foundation of Nanjing Agricultural University** and the **Da Bei Nong Group**.

To submit a nomination, please complete the online nomination form at www.gchera.com/world-agriculture-prize/, see below for more information. Nominations must be submitted **online** to the GCHERA Secretariat by **17.00 GMT/UTC on 31 May 2021**.

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I. Introduction

The 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 GCHERA 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 GCHERA World Agriculture Prize will be awarded in recognition of the academic/faculty member's life time achievements.**

In 2021 there will be two Prizes awarded each of 100,000 USD³.

At least one of the two prizes will be awarded to a person coming from a developing country (classified as any country not on the list in the Annex of countries considered to have developed economies). A nominee from a country classified as having a developing economy should have been employed by a university or a research institute in one or more developing countries for at least two thirds of their professional careers.

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

³ The recipient will be responsible for any taxes assessed on the award by the Chinese government.

The second GCHERA prize can be awarded to an individual whose career has been in either a developed or developing economy, or both, based solely on merit.

Nominations are invited for these two prizes. A 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 the Bachelor and Master levels, and in the delivery of lifelong learning,
- engaged in research for the advancement of science for the benefit of society, working with colleagues, and mentoring PhD Students and Post Doctorate staff,
- provided leadership in the strategic development of the institution(s) in which the nominee has worked, not necessarily only in his/her home institution but in other institutions regionally or internationally,
- engaged with the higher education institutions' stakeholders, enterprises, government, NGOs and civil society in the immediate locality, regionally and internationally to strengthen knowledge transfer, innovation initiatives, and outreach ventures which have led to the enhancement of society's well-being.
- been an inspiration to students, to colleagues at all levels and to leaders in the wider regional and 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 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 GCHERA World Agriculture Prize Award Ceremony to be held at Nanjing Agricultural University on 28 October 2021. The nominee must be able to give an acceptance speech, a presentation and agree to participate in selected media events.
- The two prizes will be awarded to a single person in each case.

II. 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 to be nominated again. 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 to be nominated for a second time.

III. 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 present a nomination, 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.com/world-agriculture-prize/. 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/UTC on 31 May 2021**.

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 nominating letter** must be provided by an individual or organisation familiar with the nominee's work
- **Seconding Nominations:** Separate letters 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 until after the judging has been concluded, and only if awarded, 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**.

IV. Selection Procedure

To be considered, nominations and all seconding and supporting documents must be delivered **online** to the GCHERA Secretariat by 17.00 GMT/UTC on 31 May 2021. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

The selection of the GCHERA 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. The GCHERA International Jury Pool is listed on the GCHERA website. However, the Jury members selected from the International Jury Pool each year remain anonymous except for the Chair. The Jury members sign a confidentiality agreement that precludes them from sharing any information with a third party. Additionally, Jury members cannot delegate their responsibility. 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 adviser to the Jury, but does not participate in nor influences the deliberations regarding the selection of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize Laureate.

The GCHERA 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 for each of the two prizes it deems most worthy for the award based on the Prize's selection criteria. Recommendations are forwarded through the President of GCHERA to the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize International Committee for final approval.

V. Selection Criteria

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. This impact will most likely be demonstrated in the work of the nominee in the development of higher education in the institution(s) in which the nominee has served, and in the wider geographical region of the institution(s). 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, as indicated in the Introduction above, the nomination will demonstrate the extent to which the nominee has:

- provided innovation and leadership in the education programmes of students at the Bachelor and Master levels, and in the delivery of lifelong learning,

- engaged in research for the advancement of science for the benefit of society, working with colleagues, and mentoring PhD Students and Post Doctorate staff
- provided leadership in the strategic development of the institution(s) in which the nominee has worked, not necessarily only his/her home institution but other institutions regionally or internationally
- engaged with the higher education institutions' stakeholders, enterprises, government, NGOs and civil society in the immediate locality, regionally and internationally to strengthen knowledge transfer, innovation initiatives, and outreach ventures which have led to the enhancement of society's well being
- been an inspiration to students, to colleagues at all levels and to leaders in the wider regional and international community.

The five 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 in the higher education institution(s) in which the nominee has worked in the development of the Bachelor and Master degree programmes and their delivery, and in the delivery of lifelong learning.	20 %
2	Statement of Achievement in research through working with colleagues, and mentoring PhD students and Post Doctorate staff.	20 %
3	Statement of Achievement in the leadership provided in the strategic development of the institutions in which the nominee has worked, in the home institution and at other institutions.	20 %
4	Statement of the Impact of the Achievements in the development of the educational programmes beyond the institutions in which the nominee has worked.	13 %
5	Statement of the Impact of the Achievements in his or her research through innovative ventures for the benefit of society in the geographical region of his workplace(s), and internationally through engagement with stakeholders, enterprises, government, NGOs and civil society.	13 %
6	Statement of the impact of his/her international leadership in the wider geographical region of his/her workplace(s), and globally in the application of the agricultural and life sciences for the benefit to society	14 %

	Total	100 %
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I. 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 makes the proposal for the nomination of the GCHERA WAP Laureate to the GCHERA International Committee. The GCHERA WAP International Committee comprises:

José ZAGLUL – Chair and President of GCHERA, President Emeritus of EARTH University, Costa Rica

CHEN Fadi –Vice President of GCHERA & President of Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU)

LIU Zhimin (Jimmy), Educational Professional Committee (EPC) of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS)_(Director Higher Education Institute, Nanjing Agricultural University)

Doug STEELE, Vice President of GCHERA & Vice-President for Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU)

John KENNELLY, Past President GCHERA

James FRENCH, GCHERA-WAP Coordinator, Secretary-General of GCHERA. Serves as non-voting member.

CHEN Rong, secretary of China Coordinating Office for GCHERA WAP of Nanjing Agricultural University, China. Serves as non-voting member.

To manage any conflict of interest in the selection of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize winner, the nominator will be asked on the nomination form to declare any professional or social connections of his or of his nominee with any member of the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize International Committee. Where there is the potential for a significant conflict of interest appropriate action will be taken by the GCHERA Secretariat to exclude that International Committee member from the final selection process for the Prize winner. In addition, the Jury are also asked to declare any conflict of interest at the time of Jury voting and again appropriate action will be taken by the GCHERA Secretariat.

GCHERA WAP Secretariat

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List of countries classified as having a developed economy

Australia
Austria
Belgium
Canada
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Japan
South Korea
Luxembourg
The Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States of America