WOMEN IN STEM FORUM, KUK
KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA
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Guidelines, criteria and rules for Women in Stem Forum Awards,

In the document:

WIS means Women in **STEM**

STEM means all Departments/Institutes of Physical Sciences: Life Sciences & Pharmaceutical Science; Technology & Engineering and Mathematics.

WIS Faculty members mean all the female faculty members of STEM (Regular and Contractual) of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra Campus.

WIS members mean WIS Faculty members and all the female research scholars under STEM streams of university, two male faculty members nominated one each form Faculty of Science and Life Science by WIS Forum Coordinator as per the constitution of WIS Forum, KUK.

University means **Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra**

Impact factor means "Journal Impact Factor' as prescribed by Clarivate/Thompson Reuter for that the applicant has to provide the proof of the impact factor of that journal for that particular category of award (wherever required)

Research Publication means Scopus/Web of Science indexed/SCIE journals/Patent Published or granted.

Application form for *Women in STEM Form Award, KUK* will be submitted online only.

The Awards are under six different categories as follows.

i. **Category I: WIS Form Award, KUK for Highest Impact Research Paper for WIS faculty members (Based on Highest impact factor)**

ii. **Category II: WIS Form Award, KUK for Maximum number of Citations for WIS Faculty members (Based on total citations asper Google Scholar in the particular year)**

iii. **Category III: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Research Grant for WIS faculty members**

iv. **Category IV: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Granted Patents for WIS faculty members**

v. **Category V: WIS Form Award, KUK for Best Female Research Scholars (Based on highest impact Factor after Joining Ph.D till date of Application).**

vi. **Category VI: WIS Form Award, KUK for Best Female Post-Doctoral fellow (Based on highest impact Factor after completing Ph.D on regular basis and after Joining KUK)**

Category I: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Highest Impact Research Paper

Eligibility:

1. All the WIS Faculty members are eligible to apply for the award.
2. The award is based on the highest impact factor in awarding calendar year
3. One award will be given in this category.

Terms and conditions:

1. Applicant must be either first /corresponding /supervisor/Mentor author of the research paper.
2. Paper submitted for Award must have Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra as Researchers' affiliation in Publications
3. The publication should have been published in the awarding year (Online date of publication will be considered as date of publication)
4. In case of joint or shared publications, only one author can claim the research paper for the application. The applicant will have to submit NOC from co-authors of this university (if any)
5. Online date of publication will be considered as date of publication.
6. Journal Impact Factor described by the Clarivate/Thomson Reuters for that journal for that issue of publication of that research paper will be considered.
7. DOI No. & Link of the paper has to be provided with application form.
8. The Google Scholar account of the applicant must be public and the link of the same has to be provided with application form.
9. In case of a tie the researcher with cumulative higher impact factor of all her publications in the awarding year will be adjudged as winner
10. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to submit hard copy of the document/paper if asked for.

Note : Here **Supervisor means: Ph.D guide and Mentor means PDF guide**

Category II: WIS Forum Award, KUK for maximum number of citations
Eligibility:

1. All the WIS Faculty members are eligible to apply for the award.
2. The award will be given on the basis of total citations of an applicant in the awarding year.
3. The applicant having minimum 50 citations in the awarding year are eligible to apply
4. One award will be given in this category.

Terms and conditions:

1. The Citations as per record of the Google Scholar account of the applicant will be taken into consideration.
2. The Google Scholar account of the applicant must be public.
3. The Google Scholar link must be shared with application form.
4. The sum of citations of the candidate in the awarding year will be considered for this purpose.
5. The applicant has to submit an undertaking that her Google Scholar account contains only the papers where she is an author or co-author.

Category III: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Research Grant

Eligibility:

1. All the WIS faculty members of KUK are eligible for the award.
2. The award will be decided on the basis of amount of Research Grant of the project sanctioned to faculty member from External Organizations during the awarding year.
3. One award will be given in this category.

Terms and Conditions :

1. The applicant should be Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator or equivalent partner.
2. In the case when both PI and Co-PI are from KUK then PI will be considered for the award unless and until PI issues a No Objection Certificate in favor of Co-PI.
3. In case of multi-institutional project, applicant from the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra should be Co-PI/partner.
4. Project Grant must have been sanctioned in the awarding year and at least one installment of the project should have been received in the university in that year. Further provided that in case the first installment of the research grant in not received in the awarding year by the PI/Co-PI, then the year of receiving first installment of grant will be treated as the awarding year.
5. Applicant will be considered only once for one particular project in the entire duration of the project.
6. Seed money from Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra will not be considered for this award.
7. The award will be based on the amount of the grant money from external agency only. The sanctioned project grant should not be less than Rs. 10 lakhs.
8. In case of joint research projects the research Grant allocated to the concerned PI or Co-PI or partner of multi-institutional project will be taken as the grant money for the award for that purpose. Letter in this regard, will have to be produced by concerned PI/CO PI

Category IV: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Granted Patents for WIS faculty Members

Eligibility:

1. All the WIS faculty members of KUK are eligible for the award
2. This award will be decided on the basis of number of patents granted to the applicant in the awarding Year
3. One award will be given in this category.

Terms and Conditions:

1. This award will be given to WIS members who have maximum number of granted patents in that awarding calendar year.

2. The granted patents with KUK as Patentee and the WIS Faculty member (applicant for award) as inventor or one of inventors will be considered.

3. In case of multiple teachers as inventors, only one teacher/inventor can claim the patent for the purpose of award.

4. The claimant/applicant will have to submit NOC from other teachers/inventors from KUK along with his/her application.

5. In case of a tie the inventor with more number of granted patents during last two years including the year of award will be adjudged as the winner.

Category V : WIS Forum Award, KUK for Best Female Research Scholar

Eligibility :

1. A female research scholar pursuing research in STEM departments/ Institutes of Kurukshetra University is eligible to apply.
2. Four awards will be given in this category, one each in the Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Life Sciences including Pharmaceutical Sciences, Subject of mathematics and Faculty of Engineering & Technology.
3. The award will be decided on the basis of Highest Impact factor of a research paper published by a research scholar after joining the Ph.D till the date of application.
4. In case of Tie, two or more number of awards will be given in this category.
5. The supervisor of the research scholar will also be honored with letter of appreciation.

Terms & Conditions:

1. The applicant should be a registered female research scholar who has completed course work and has not been awarded Ph.D. Degree.
2. Those Research Papers, which have been published in Scopus and Web of Science indexed journals, will be considered for this purpose.
3. The applicant has to submit a certificate issued by her supervisor to the effect that the paper submitted by the applicant for the awards are the part of her thesis work. In case when two or more than two female research scholars of Kurukshetra University are co-authors of a research paper then the research scholar who is either first author or corresponding author will be considered for this award. Further, in case the female research scholar is not first author or the corresponding author then NOC from other Co-authors of Kurukshetra University is to be submitted by the applicant.
4. In case of any dispute, the certificate issued by the supervisor where in the extent of contribution in terms of percentage is mentioned, will be considered as the deciding document.
5. The certificate(s\ issued by the supervisor is to be countersigned by the concerned Chairperson/Director/Principal
6. Date of completion of Ph.D. Course work is to mentioned.
7. The Google Scholar account of the applicant should be public.
8. Copy of Publications along with the list certified by the supervisor needs to be submitted along with the application form.
9. DOI and Link of the papers of Journal needs to be provided with application.
10. Online Date of publication/acceptance will be considered.
11. The publication should only be from the Ph.D. Research work of the applicant, duly verified by the supervisor.

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Category VI : WIS Forum Award, KUK for Best Post-Doctoral fellow (PDF)

Eligibility :

1. A female Ph.D degree holder pursuing research in STEM departments/ Institutes of Kurukshetra University with a Mentor is eligible to apply.
2. Two awards will be given in this category one in Sciences and one in Life sciences
3. The award will be decided on the basis of Highest Impact factor of research papers published by **Post-Doctoral fellow** after Ph.D and after joining KUK.
4. In case of a tie the researcher with cumulative higher impact factor till date of her publications in the awarding year will be adjudged as winner

Terms & Conditions:

1. The applicant should be a female Post doctoral fellow who has been working in any of the Department of STEM of KUK and having a regular faculty as mentor
2. Those Research Papers, which have been published in Scopus and Web of Science indexed journals, will be considered for this purpose.
3. The applicant has to submit a certificate issued by her mentor to the effect that the paper submitted by the applicant for the awards are the part of her Post Doctoral research work. In case when two or more than two female Post doctoral fellows of Kurukshetra University are co-authors of a research paper then the Post doctoral fellows who is either first author or corresponding author will be considered for this award. Further, in case the female research scholar is not first author or the corresponding author then NOC from other Co-authors of Kurukshetra University is to be submitted by the applicant.
4. In case of any dispute, the certificate issued by the mentor where in the extent of contribution in terms of percentage is mentioned, will be considered as the deciding document.
5. The certificate(s\ issued by the mentor is to be countersigned by the concerned Chairperson/Director/Principal
6. A certificate that the paper applied for the award is not the part of research of Ph.D/ M.Sc. degree
7. The Google Scholar account of the applicant should be public.
8. Copy of Publications along with the list certified by the mentor needs to be submitted along with the application form.
9. DOI and Link of the papers of Journal needs to be provided with application.
10. Online Date of publication/acceptance will be considered.
11. The publication should only be from the Post-doctoral Research work of the applicant at KUK, duly verified by the supervisor.

Notes applicable to all categories of Award:

1. All publications/projects to be considered for the Awards must have Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra as Researchers' affiliation in publications/projects.
2. The order of preference of Award would be:

    i. Category I: WIS Form Award, KUK for Highest Impact Research Paper for WIS faculty members (Based on Highest impact factor)

    ii. Category II: WIS Form Award, KUK for Maximum number of Citations for WIS Faculty members (Based on total citations asper Google Scholar in the particular year)

    iii. Category III: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Research Grant for WIS faculty members

    iv. Category IV: WIS Forum Award, KUK for Maximum Granted Patents for WIS faculty members

3. A WIS member selected for an Award of higher preference (form 2(i) to 2(iv)) would not be considered for a second Award of lower preference in a given calendar year.

4. In case of tie or any other dispute the decision of the committee will be final.

5. If at any stage, plagiarism (as defined by University Policy/acceptable norms) is detected/found in a paper or research project, the Award will be revoked by the University and appropriate action may be initiated against the Awardee.

6. It was further resolved that the said Awards shall be announced in the month of September, subsequent to the distribution of Awards on Teachers' Day, in order to avoid repetition. Further, the teachers who have already been conferred an Award on Teachers' Day shall not be eligible for consideration in the same category