

FACULTY AWARDS 2024

POLICY DOCUMENT



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Policy Document for the Venus International Faculty Awards

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POLICY DOCUMENT GOVERNING
VENUS INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AWARDS

1. PREAMBLE

The Venus International Faculty Awards (VIFA) scheme was instituted in the year 2015 by the Centre for Learning Network (CLN) of Venus International Foundation (VIF), are presented yearly during the Contemporary Academic Meet (CAM).

Vision	To celebrate teaching as the noblest profession in the World
Mission	To recognize extraordinary teachers who have demonstrated excellence in engaging their students in 'Inspiring – Innovative – Path breaking ways to ignite their potential'
Objectives	To honour the individuals for their achievements and contributions in the field of teaching

2. THE VENUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD AND THE PROCESS

(Recognition and Reward are the Greatest Asset)

The Venus International Award Recognizes Individuals for their Quality, Reliability and Competence to Apply Knowledge and Skills to carry out specific tasks.

2.1 The Award

The Venus International Award is a Certificate. It's a Non-financial Award. It is a Formal Authentication; A Seal of Approval; A Recognition.

2.2 The Scheme

The Scheme has a Policy, Nomination Form, Expert Committee and Judging Process that are governed by the Board of Trust.

2.3 The Award Policy Document

The VIF is committed to providing equal opportunity to all with the highest regard to Independence, Credibility, Impartiality, Transparency, Integrity and Confidentiality. The Award Policy document has

a) **Relevance:** The Award Schemes are developed in response to sector needs. They are designed to be fit-for-purpose.

b) **Truthfulness:** The Award Schemes are developed with the aim that the outcomes achieve the intended results and any communication, is a true and fair reflection of outcomes.

c) **Efficiency:** All the components of an Award schemes are structured to deliver measurable, quality outcomes. It contains the necessary requirements to achieve the intended outcomes.

2.4 The Venus Award Process

This section describes the Venus International Award processes in steps.

Step – 1: Nomination Form

Step – 2: Secretariat Review

Step – 3: Document Review

Step – 4: Preliminary Assessment

Step – 5: Verification

Step – 6: Peer Assessment

Step – 7: Committee's Decision

Step – 8: Declaration to the Nominee

Step – 9: Registration to the Meet / Event

Step – 10: Award Presentation

3. THE 10TH VENUS INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AWARDS (VIFA 2024)

The 10th Venus International Faculty Awards – VIFA 2024 (F.No.FA24/SN10/AAP–III) is convened by the CLN of VIF and will be conducted in accordance with the VIF BOARD MEETING resolution vide F. No. VIF/MIN/BM–II/2023 held on 28 August 2023 at VIF Head Quarters.

Following are the list of disciplines to be considered for the VIFA 2024.

S.No.	Disciplines	Code
3.1	Agricultural Sciences	AG
3.2	Engineering	EN
3.3	Health and Medical Sciences	HM
3.4	Humanities and Social Sciences	HS
3.5	Management	MG
3.6	Science	SC
3.7	Veterinary and Animal Sciences	VA

4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

This annual award is open to 'Higher Education Teaching Faculty Member' of any nationality, who is in good standing at the time of the nomination, and in the age group of 27 – 70 years with good academic and service record.

The nominee must have completed a recognized Doctorate Degree (PhD) or its equivalent.

4.1 Evaluation Criteria

4.1.1 General

Extensive Knowledge – Mastery of Subject – Creative Thinking and Dedication to Profession – Significant and Sustained Contributions to Institution and/or Community at large – Quality and Competence evidenced by continuing Intellectual Accomplishments and Pursuits

4.1.2 Teaching

Innovative Teaching Methodology – Development of a New Program/ Course and Curriculum Design – Transform Traditional Classroom Communities into Shared Experiences (New Services, Projects and Activities as a collaborator/consultant) – Research Activity – Publications (Original Research/Review Articles, Short reports/ Letters, Case Studies/Methodologies and Books) – Invited Lectures / Presentations – Membership in Professional Organizations

5. AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

This section describes the categories and criteria of 10th Venus International Faculty Awards (VIFA 2024).

5.1 Award Categories

S.No.	Categories	Code
5.1	Professor of the Year	PY
5.2	Distinguished Faculty	DF
5.3	Outstanding Faculty	OF
5.4	Young Faculty	YF

5.2 Criteria

5.2.1 Professor of the Year (Code: PY)

Each year since 2020, this award is conferred to a remarkable Faculty Member who have track record of Teaching Excellence and Pedagogical Innovation – Leadership in Faculty Governance – Exceptional Contribution to Theoretical or Applied Research – Championship in Service to Students/Faculty/Related communities – Continued Extraordinary Productivity over the course of career.

The nominee must be above 55 years of age and at least have 25 years of service as on 30 June 2023.

5.2.2 Distinguished Faculty (Code: DF)

Each year since 2015, this award is conferred to a remarkable Faculty Member who have track record of Teaching Excellence and Pedagogical Innovation – Exceptional Contribution to Theoretical or Applied Research – Service to Students/Related communities – Continued Productivity over the course of career.

The nominee must be above 44 years of age and at least have 20 years of service as on 30 June 2023.

5.2.3 Outstanding Faculty (Code: OF)

Each year since 2015, this award is conferred to a remarkable Faculty Member who have track record of Teaching Excellence – Contribution to Theoretical or Applied Research – Service to Students/Related communities – Productivity over the course of career.

The nominee must be above 34 years of age and at least have 10 years of service as on 30 June 2023.

5.2.4 Young Faculty (Code: YF)

Each year since 2015, this award is conferred to a remarkable Faculty Member who have track record of Teaching Excellence – Contribution to Theoretical or Applied Research – Service to Students.

The nominee must be above 27 years of age and at least have 5 years of service as on 30 June 2023.

6. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The process for VIFA commences with the release of “Call for Nominations”.

The 10th Venus International Faculty Awards – VIFA 2024 invites nominations vide F. No. VIF/CFN/FA/2024 opened on 20 December 2023 from eligible “Faculty Member” working in the Institutions of Academic (Autonomous/Affiliated College or University) with a recognized qualification.

Further information, “Eligibility”, policy document and formats are available electronically on the official website:

<https://www.venusinfo.org/learning/2024/cam.html>

7. JUDGING

The VIFA 2024 judging is a peer review process. The panel (from diverse backgrounds, working individually) is instructed to score entries from 0 to 100, using the criteria (as mentioned in the section 4 and 5).

7.1 The panel aggregates scores and determine the category. The panel decision is final and binding.

7.2 For the VIFA 2024, for each category/discipline (Eg. Outstanding Faculty – Computer Science) the expert committee will select 2 Nominees. However the Apex Committee reserve the rights to honour less or more than 2 nominees in any category when a nominee meet standards set by the expert committee.

7.3 The committee will use discretion if an individual is nominated for two concurrent awards and will move the nomination to appropriate category based on their judgment.

7.4 In case, if a nominee meets the criteria for an award, other than the one nominated for, the committee will be deciding to move the nomination to a suitable category.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

This section describes VIFA 2024 processes in steps

Step – 1: Screening process (preliminary assessment) of nomination

Step – 2: Acknowledgement intimation to the Nominee

Step – 3: VIFA team may ask proof for credits mentioned in the CV (Optional)

Step – 4: Cross verifying the documents and forwarding it to the committee

Step – 5: Selected nominees will be communicated with an Official Email

Step – 6: CAM 2024 Registration (Refer Annexure – B)

Step – 7: Release of the winners list in the Official webpage

Step – 8: An Official Email will be communicated to the Award Winner

Step – 9: Award Presentation Ceremony

Step – 10: Summary of the CAM 2024 will be floated in official webpage

9. IMPORTANT DATES

9.1	Entries Open	20 December 2023
9.2	Closing date	20 April 2024
9.3	To submit supporting documents	27 April 2024
9.4	Announcement of Winners	On or before 5 May 2024
9.5	Award Presentation	20 July 2024

10. SUBMISSION

A working professional can nominate an 'Eligible Individual' (or Self Nominate) for the VIFA 2024. Following are the documents to be submitted

10.1 List of documents to be submitted for nomination

10.1.1	The filled nomination form in PDF/.Doc/.Docx format
10.1.2	Duly completed curriculum vitae (of any format /pages)
10.1.3	Passport size photograph (JPEG/PNG format)
10.1.4	Copy of degree certificate (PhD or Equivalent)
10.1.5	Copy of workplace ID (PDF/JPEG format)

10.2 Submission

10.2.1 Nominee has to submit the filled form and other documents electronically to:

cam2024@venusinfo.org (AND) directorvifindia@gmail.com

10.2.2 Note:

- a) The VIFA 2024 no longer requires a hardcopy of the Nomination.
- b) Non-compliant nominations will not be accepted for process
- c) Acknowledgment of receipt of Nomination will be sent via email in 2/3 working days

11. AWARD PRESENTATION

The 10th Venus International Faculty Awards – VIFA 2024 will be held on 20 July 2024 at Green Park Chennai, India.

The Awards will be presented to the Winners by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Venus International Foundation.

12. HEADQUARTERS

The administrative office for servicing:

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THE VENUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

(Today, convergence is the new innovation)

Today, convergence is new innovation as meeting new contacts and learning drives professional development. In the Venus meetings, likeminded professionals gathering together with a common interest and specific objectives in one place at one time, with expert thinkers from Government, Industry and Academia. This enhances globalization and emerges as a knowledge and innovation hub. Our meetings serve as an important part of learning and developing new skills (beyond the immediate economic impact).

What a participant will get out of attending a VIF Meeting?

With the aim of leveraging science and technology via generating new knowledge and better understanding, VIF conducts multidisciplinary Annual Meetings (Type: Scientific Conference and Awards) to cultivate the vibrant exchange among communities and to engage delegates in new ways on different levels to connect People to People – People to Ideas – People with Markets – People with Opportunity. Hence the participant will get:

1. Experiential Learning

Opportunities to Hear New Ideas, Information, Tools from Experts – To share experiences with and get feedback from peers in a cordial and collaborative setting – Greater focus

2. Networking

To consult relevant topics face to face with professionals working in same field – Build relationships/partnerships – Win Win for all (Note: Professional Growth and Career Development Interactive Opportunities during Live Meetings can't be duplicated online).

3. Motivation and Celebration

Acknowledgement and Celebration of Achievements – A Recognition and Testimony that will Enhance Credibility, Reputation, Pride and Raise the Visibility of Success – Additional Proof of Hard work – Generates Impulses and Encourage for Better Performance

REGISTRATION FOR VENUS MEETINGS

VIF Meetings are self-supporting event and the event registration fees are the major source of revenue for running the event. Following expenses of the events are covered by event income (registration fees from participants) and Foundation operating funds

1. Office Requirements

- a) Office Rent, Maintenance, HR Compliance and Stationery
- b) Website Design (Domain, Hosting, SSL Certificate, Template/Theme, Content, Integrations & SEO etc)

2. Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure

- a) Hardware (Personal Computers, Routers, Switches, and other equipments)
- b) Networking (Internet connectivity, Network enablement, Firewalls & security, Routers, Switches & Cables)
- c) Software, Modular Office Workstation and Surveillance/Security Cameras

3. Operations

- a) Electricity, Telephone, Internet and Employees Salary/Benefits
- b) Google Workspace, Taxes, Accounting and Auditing fee
- c) Printing and Materials

4. Floor Expenses on the day of Event

- a) Venue Hire/Hall Expenses, Logistics, Additional Staff & Labor
- b) Audio Visual Equipment/Major Rentals & Event Staff
- c) Printing & Signages, Banners and Backdrops
- d) Stage Decoration, Photography, Food & Beverages
- e) Gifts/Premiums, Packing and Postages

5. Website Maintenance

- a) Ensuring proper functioning of Websites
- b) Regular checking for issues and making updates in the Websites
- c) Backing up the Website Data
- d) Renewal of Website Domain, Hosting and SSL Certificate etc

**The 10th Contemporary Academic Meet – CAM 2024
(AM24EN10SN–041)**

<https://www.venusinfo.org/learning/2024/cam.html>

The Contemporary Academic Meet provides a forum for faculty and scholars for exchange of information on the Higher education learning and research. It also support collaborative relationships among academic professionals

- ✓ To create and disseminate new models and trends in higher education practice
- ✓ To exchange views on Tutoring and Mentoring systems, Theoretical, Pedagogical and methodological issues
- ✓ To discuss on policy initiatives and evaluations of research Innovative approaches to enhance learning design and educational outcomes including quantitative, qualitative and hybrid methods.

The CAM 2024 (Event Type: Scientific Conference) invites Faculty Members those are in continuous regular service in Academic Institutions and working in the frontiers of Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Health and Medical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Science, and Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

Theme: “Future shape of Higher Education, Technological Change and Expectations of the Next Generation Students”

Paper Submission and Guidelines: The CAM 2024 seeks original, high-quality proposals describing the study and results that contribute to advancements in their major study areas. Each abstract paper should have at most 2 pages, including figures, tables and references.

Publications: All selected and registered papers will be published in CAM 2024 Conference proceedings with ISBN.

Previous Event: 9th Academic Meet – CAM 2023

<https://www.venusinfo.org/learning/cam/2023.html>

The CAM 2024 REGISTRATION

The CAM is organized every year and it is a self-supporting event. The Meeting registration fees are major source of revenue for running the event. All the expenses (Administrative – Materials and Hall – Service Tax and Accounting – Website Design and Maintenance) of the Meet are covered by event income (registration fees from delegates) and Foundation operating funds. (Refer Annexure – B)

1. Registration Fee

The CAM 2024 fee for delegates working in

‣ Foreign Institutions	USD 590
‣ Indian Institutions	INR 14,900
‣ Additional Banquet	USD 60

The registration includes: access to all sessions and invited speakers; presentation and participation certificate; one high buffet lunch coupon and breaks. The registration does not include travel and accommodation cost of delegates.

2. CAM Activities Covered

The registration fees collected will also supports the long term development of the meet and to keep CAM format viable by ensuring that infrastructure and services are in place from year to year. Following are some of the activities covered:

‣ Publications	Summary of the Meeting in the Official Website
	CAM 2024 Conference proceedings with ISBN
‣ Website	Design AND Maintenance
‣ Taxes	GST, Income Tax AND Auditing

ENTRY CONDITIONS – ENTRY BY INVITATION ONLY

For the "Comfort, Safety and Enjoyment" of all delegates attending this event, Please be advised of the following norms.

Entry to the venue is subject to complying the conditions and we appreciate your help to make this happen.

1. Entry

1.1 The Registered Delegate can collect the VALID ENTRY TICKET from the Registration Desk.

1.2 The Guests/Accompanying Persons must have a VALID ENTRY TICKET to enter the Event Hall. The Delegates can get required number of Entry Ticket at the Registration Desk.

2. Refusal of Entry or Ejection

2.1 Failure to produce/show a VALID ENTRY TICKET may result in refusal of entry.

2.2 Any person found not to be wearing an official event wristband/ID Card will be ejected from the event.

2.3 Any person gaining unauthorized access or causing a disturbance or refusing to comply with requests from Security/Staff will be ejected from the event.

2.4 You will be responsible for your belongings, do not leave them unattended. Possessions may be searched before entering the venue, during the event or when leaving the venue. If you refuse to participate in searches, you may be denied entry or asked to leave the venue.

The entry conditions apply to all. Pass-outs may not be available at all times. Re-entry to an event venue (Hall) will be with a VALID ENTRY TICKET only.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Dress Code

1.1 Professional appearance is an important aspect and the clothing must conform to a reasonable standard of decency relevant to the event.

1.2 The Delegates, Guests and Accompanying Persons must be appropriately dressed.

2. Code of Conduct

2.1 At Venus, we are committed to providing a Friendly and Welcoming Environment for all, regardless of gender, ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and religion (or lack thereof).

2.2 The behavior can influence the experience for you and others at an event and we expect a high standard of behavior at our venue.

2.3 Consider other delegates when using mobile devices. During the Technical Sessions and ceremony the mobile devices should be turned off or on silent.

2.4 Delegates have to participate in an authentic, active and collaborative way, so as to contribute to the health and longevity of this event.

2.5 Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions. Refrain from demeaning or discriminatory behavior.

2.5 Kindly mind your surroundings and fellow participants. Alert event organizers if you notice a violation of this code of conduct.