



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Guidelines for Submitting Entries for
'Student Innovation Award-2020'

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship among its students. In view of the announcement of the *Atmanirbhar Bharat* mission by the Govt. Of India, it becomes more important to identify, recognise and support such innovator and entrepreneur students. In this context, for the last two years, IGNOU has been awarding its innovator students with the Student Innovation Award on the Foundation day of the university. Under this scheme, entries are invited from IGNOU students for **Student Innovation Award-2020**.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Any *bonafide* and registered students of IGNOU who has developed and implemented an innovative product, process or services as a solution to the problem/challenge being faced by individuals or society in any area, preferably from the given theme areas, is eligible to submit application for the 'Student Innovation Award-2020' in the prescribed format.

Why Should You Participate?

If you have done any innovation in any field, it will be recognized nationally. In addition to it, the selected best three innovators:

- Will get Student Innovation Award 2020 with Certificates and Trophies.
- Will get cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively.
- May be invited to get the award at IGNOU Headquarters at Delhi, if the Covid-19 situation permits.
- Will be provided travelling expenses and stay at IGNOU, in case they come to receive the award.
- Will get opportunity to interact with other innovators and learn from their experience.

What are the Theme Areas?

- 1) Health Care and Biomedical Devices
- 2) Agriculture and Rural Development
- 3) Food Processing and Packaging
- 4) Smart Transport and Traffic Management
- 5) Renewable & Affordable Energy and Alternate Fuel
- 6) Clean & Potable Water and Water Management
- 7) Waste Management and Disposal

- 8) Technology Based Innovation (i.e. ICT and IoT based Technologies, Security & Surveillance systems, cyber-physical systems, Blockchain, Cognitive computing, Cloud computing, etc.)
- 9) Robotics and Drones including AI & ML.
- 10) Social and Environmental Issues
- 11) Smart City and Urban Development
- 12) Technology based Education System
- 13) Other emerging areas of Innovation and Startup opportunity

How to Apply?

1. Those who are interested in applying may submit the filled-in Proforma dully typed in MS Word along with the supporting documents through e-mail at ncide@ignou.ac.in by **October 20, 2020.**
2. You should enclose a 5-10 minutes video clip on development and working of your innovation.
3. Also enclose the relevant photographs pertaining to your innovation.
4. The Application Form can be downloaded from the NVRIETI portal at <https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/navrieti/sia-2020>. You can also access this portal from the IGNOU Website www.ignou.ac.in by clicking the link 'Student Innovation Award-2020' under Announcement and Notifications on Home Page of the IGNOU Website.

Important to Note

1. Applications will be received only through email. No hard copy and handwritten or scanned copy will be entertained.
2. University's decision will be final and binding regarding the selection of the Student Innovation Award-2020.
3. Simple submission of application for the award will not entitle the candidates for any kind of certificate or other document from the university.



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