



GCHERA World Agriculture Prize

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 both Professor Zhai Huqu, the former-president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and Professor Zhou Guanghong, the President of [Nanjing Agricultural University \(NAU\)](#) and Chairman of Education Professional Committee (EPC) of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS) on October 20, 2012 in the occasion of the 110th anniversary of Nanjing Agricultural University . 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.

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FOR THE PRIZE¹

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To submit a nomination, please complete the online nomination form, see below.

Nominations must be submitted **online** to the GCHERA Secretariat by 17.00 on July 31 2013, Central European Time (CET summer time, GMT+2hours).

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.

Higher education institutions should make a special effort to provide the youth of the most economically disadvantaged families access to their education programmes as we seek to develop a more prosperous and just society. The academics, in their values, ethics and their commitment to life long learning, will be role models for their students and the wider community.

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.

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, in the wider geographical region of those institution(s) and/or 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,
- focused his/her effort in supporting students' learning, understanding that students learn at different speeds and in different ways, and motivates students to learn in a positive and participatory way.
- 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 local region and internationally, and
- 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).

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.

- 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 World Agriculture Prize Award Ceremony to be held at Nanjing Agricultural University on Sunday 20 October 2013. 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 for reconsideration in future years.

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. You can edit your nomination up to the deadline for nominations. 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 on July 31 2013, Central European Time (CET summer time, GMT+2hours).

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.
- 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.
- 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 on 15 July 2013 Central European Time (CET summer time, GMT+2hours). 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 who is President Per Holten-Andersen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, previously Rector of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The minutes of the Committee's meetings and the views expressed by its members are confidential to the Jury.

The Chair of the 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 Chair of GCHERA to the GCHERA Steering Committee for final approval.

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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 General Achievement in the higher education institution(s)	20 %
2	Statement of General Achievement in the region(s)	15 %
3	Statement of General Achievement globally	10 %
4	Statement of the Impact of the General Achievements in higher education	20 %
5	Statement of the Impact of the General Achievements in research and innovation for the benefit of society	20 %
6	Statement of the Impact of the General Achievements in the regions and internationally	10 %
7	Added value of seconding nomination endorsements	5 %
	Total	100 %

World Agriculture Prize International Committee

Philippe CHOQUET (Committee Chair) – Chair of GCHERA Board and Director General of the Institut Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais, France

Zhou GUANGHONG –President of Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) and Chairman of the Education Professional Committee (EPC) of the Chinese Association of Agricultural Science Societies (CAASS), China

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