

13 Medals

A. IARI MERIT MEDALS

IARI Merit Medals shall be awarded to 5 M.Sc. and 5 Ph.D. students on the basis of following criteria and procedure :

13.1. Eligibility

- (i) All M.Sc. /Ph.D. students having overall grade point average of 8.00 out of 10.00 or above will be eligible for consideration for the award of IARI Merit Medals. However, only two names (1 Ph.D. and 1 M.Sc.) will be forwarded by each Professor. In case there are more than two students, a divisional level presentation will be arranged and finally two names communicated to Post Graduate School based on their performance.
- (ii) M.Sc. students should have completed a minimum of 45 credits (55 credits for Ag. Stat. and Ag. Economics students) in major, minor and other supporting fields excluding compulsory courses on Introductory Agriculture of 36 credits, meant for non-agricultural graduates, and other compulsory courses.
- (iii) Completed all the prescribed course load requirements within the maximum period of six trimesters (nine trimesters for non-agricultural graduates).
- (iv) Ph.D. students should have completed a minimum prescribed load of 25 credits in one academic year in major, minor(s) and other supportive fields, excluding compulsory courses on Introductory Agriculture meant for non-agricultural students, and other compulsory courses.
- (v) Obtained a minimum OGPA of 8.00 out of 10.00. Those who obtain 'F' or 'I' grade in

any course or have repeated a course are not eligible for consideration for award of Merit Medals.

- (vi) The students taking 'make-up examination' will not be eligible for award of the Merit Medals.
- (vii) Students should not have been awarded disciplinary punishment during studentship at the IARI.
- (viii) The grades earned in respect of the credits added after the first two trimesters after enrolment shall not be counted for the purpose of award of IARI Merit Medals.
- (ix) Candidates dropping any course from the PPW (as originally approved) after completing two trimesters of study will not be eligible for the award of IARI Merit Medals.

13.1.1 Criteria for assessment of comparative merit

- (i) The weightage given to the different aspects for consideration of the award of IARI Merit Medal is given below:

For M.Sc. (100 Marks)

- (a) OGPA : 60 marks (OGPA 10= 60marks)
- (b) Thesis presentation : 20 marks
- (c) Thesis evaluation reports : 10 marks
- (d) Research papers/Patents/ (3 marks for each) Software/Prototypes etc. in : Max. 6 marks thesis
- (e) Patent filed/Software/Prototypes registered (2 marks each)

No. of Papers accepted/published

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| NAAS rating > 5.0 : 2 marks each | } Max. 4 marks |
| NAAS rating ≤ 5.0 : 1 mark each | |

For Ph.D. (100 marks)

- (a) OGPA : 30 marks (OGPA 10=30marks)
- (b) Thesis presentation : 30 marks
- (c) Thesis evaluation report : 20 marks
- (d) Research papers/Patents/:(2 marks for each):
Software/Prototypes etc. Max. 10 marks
in thesis
- (e) Patent filed/Software/Prototypes registered
(2.5 marks each)

No. of Papers accepted/published:

NAAS rating > 5.0 : 2.5 marks each Max.

NAAS rating ≤ 5.0 : 1.5 marks each 10 marks

- (ii) In case there is a tie between two candidates, the one having earned the OGPA with larger number of credits in the discipline and if there is a tie in this respect also, the one having completed the larger course work (i.e. total course load including minors) shall receive the award.
- (iii) The Dean, with the approval of the Chairman, Academic Council shall constitute the Judging Committee. All the eligible candidates will present their thesis work before the Judging Committee during the Convocation Week. The Committee shall award marks which would have 20% and 30% weightage for M.Sc. and Ph.D., respectively, in the final evaluation.
- (iv) The Professor of any of the teaching disciplines shall be nominated as Convenor for this purpose.

13.1.2 Procedure for assessment of comparative merit

- (i) Students who have submitted their thesis on or before the last date prescribed and whose final viva-voce examinations have been completed on or before the last date prescribed every year only will be considered for award.
- (ii) The Professor on the recommendation of the Board of Studies shall forward the names of the students, one each in M.Sc. and Ph.D. for

competing for the IARI Merit Medals from his/her discipline. If there is more than one candidate eligible for the medal, then a presentation at divisional level shall be arranged to choose the best among M.Sc. and Ph.D. students each.

- (iii) Post Graduate School shall scrutinize the academic record of all the students whose names have been sponsored by the Professors and determine marks obtained in OGPA which would have 60% and 30% weightage in the final evaluation for M.Sc. and Ph.D., respectively.
- (iv) The Professor of the concerned discipline will send edited abstract of the students (along with a CD) considered for the medal to the Convenor who will get these published in a booklet form.
- (v) The Convenor with the help of Judging Committee shall award marks obtained in thesis evaluation reports in the Performa provided by the Post Graduate School which would have 10% and 20% weightage in the final evaluation for M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, respectively.
- (vi) Each member of the Judging Committee shall award marks on the sheet/Proforma provided by the Post Graduate School. Convenor shall take average of the marks awarded by the members of the Judging Committee which would have 20% and 30% weightage in the final evaluation of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, respectively.
- (vii) Finally, just after the presentation is over, the Convenor will prepare final merit list with the help of the Judging Committee on the basis of the marks obtained in OGPA, thesis analysis, thesis presentation and thesis evaluation reports of the candidates. Names of candidates selected for the IARI Merit Medal will be announced in the auditorium after presentation.
- (viii) The Dean shall place the results before the Academic Council for information.

Best Student of the Year Award

Two outstanding Post Graduate Students (one M.Sc. and one Ph.D.) are selected for Best Student award for the year

The following guidelines shall govern the said award:

Six students each for Ph.D. and M.Sc. shall be selected by following the same procedure as being followed for finalizing the award of IARI Merit Medals. Out of these six students one student each in Ph.D. and M.Sc. will be selected for the award of BEST STUDENT OF THE YEAR by assigning additional weightage of 10 marks for the following attributes:

Common Criteria for both M.Sc./Ph.D. candidates:

- (i) Overall attendance of the student in classes : 2 marks
- (ii) Attendance in seminars : 2 marks
- (iii) Organization / PGSSU office : 1 mark
- (iv) Extra Curricular Awards: 5 marks

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| Institute level | 1 | 0.5 | 0.25 |
| Inter-Institute | 3 | 2 | 1 |

The criteria for assigning relative weightage to various aspects will be as follows:

- (a) OGPA M.Sc. : 60 marks
Ph.D. : 30 marks
- (b) Thesis presentation (Before the Common Evaluation Committee) : 30 marks
- (c) Thesis evaluation report : 10 marks and 20 marks for M.Sc. and Ph.D., respectively.
- (d) Research papers/patents/software etc: 10 marks and 20 marks for M.Sc. and Ph.D., respectively.

- (e) General Attendance/Attendance in classes/ Attendance in Seminars/Extra curricular activities : 10 marks

After finalising the merit of six students in each for Ph.D. and M.Sc. for award of IARI Merit Medals, the marks awarded for extra-curricular achievements and discipline out of ten will be added in the total marks secured for academic performance and the topper of them will be declared as best student of the year, one for M.Sc. and other Ph.D.

The award will be presented at the Annul Convocation.

The award will carry a sum of ₹10,000/-, a Medal and a citation.

13.2 Other Divisional Level Medals for M.Sc. Students

The following medal is awarded to the M.Sc. students nominated for IARI merit medals in the prescribed discipline.

- (i) *Pradeep Memorial Award*: Donated by Dr. B.L. Aggarwal for best M.Sc. student in the discipline of Environmental Sciences.

13.3 Other Divisional Level Medals for Ph.D. Students

- (i) *Gurprasad Pradhan Medal* : Donated by Dr. S. Pradhan for award in the discipline of Entomology.
- (ii) *Seth Lachhiram Chudiwala Medal* : Donated by M/s Prabhat General Agencies, Bombay, for award to M.Sc./Ph.D., Students for outstanding research on Agricultural Chemicals.
- (iii) *Assam Government Medal* : Donated by the Government of Assam for significant research on rice.