



## GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2026 — Terms & Conditions

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### 1. About the Prize

The **GCHERA World Agriculture Prize** recognizes **outstanding lifetime achievement** by academic/faculty members who have advanced the mission of higher education in the **agricultural and life sciences**. The Prize is awarded by the **Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA)** with the support of **Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU)**.

**Purpose:** To encourage outstanding achievement in global education, research, innovation, and societal engagement by honoring individuals whose work has delivered demonstrable and enduring impact.

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### 2. How and Where to Submit a Nomination

- **Nomination portal:** <https://gchera.com/world-agriculture-prize.html>
- **Submission method:** **Online only** via the GCHERA nomination system
- **Deadline:** **15 July 2026 at 17:00 (GMT/UTC)**

Please register your intention to submit a nomination at the Nomination portal. On this website you will be able to access the online nomination form to enter the basic data about your nomination and upload the supporting documents as outlined below. You can view all your uploaded files from the “Uploaded Files Tab” once you have saved the nomination form with the most recently uploaded files. Your nominations may be edited and supporting documents uploaded until the submission deadline. Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.

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### 3. Key Dates

- **The Nomination Portal will be open beginning** on April 15, 2026.
  - **Nomination deadline:** 15 July 2026, 17:00 GMT/UTC
  - **Award ceremony:** 28 October 2026
  - **Location:** Nanjing Agricultural University, China
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### 4. Prize Details (2026)

- **Two Prizes**, each valued at **USD 100,000**.
  - **At least one Prize** will be awarded by merit to a nominee from a **developing economy** (as defined in the Annex).
  - The **second Prize** may be awarded to a nominee from **any economy**, based solely on merit.
  - Each Laureate receives **one Prize**.
  - **Tax responsibility:** Any taxes assessed by the Chinese government are the responsibility of the recipient.
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### 5. Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must be a **living academic/faculty member** of or have a continuing association with a **qualified higher education institution** (master's degree-granting and research-active) 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. Such disciplines are inclusive of both the natural and social sciences.
  - Nominees from developing economies must have spent **at least two-thirds of their professional career** employed by institutions in one or more developing countries.
  - A **World Agriculture Prize Laureate** is **not eligible for future nomination**.
  - Unsuccessful nominees **may be nominated again**, but a **new nomination package** must be submitted each year.
  - Nominees must be able to **attend the award ceremony**, deliver an acceptance speech and presentation, and participate in selected media activities.
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### 6. Who May Nominate

- **Eligible nominators:**

- Higher education institutions
  - Public or private organizations
  - Governmental entities
  - Individuals may initiate a nomination **only if it is endorsed and submitted** by an eligible organization.
  - There is **no limit** to the number of nominations an organization may submit.
  - All nominations are handled **confidentially**; the identities of nominators and nominating organizations are not disclosed.
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## 7. What the Prize Recognizes

Nominations must demonstrate **exceptional and sustained achievement** in advancing the mission of higher education in the agricultural and life sciences. Contributions may span education, research, innovation, and societal engagement.

The nomination will demonstrate the contributions and extent to which the nominee has

- Delivered innovation and leadership in undergraduate and postgraduate education as well as lifelong learning, and inspired and mentored students, colleagues at all levels, and leaders across regional and international communities;
- Conducted impactful research in collaboration with peers, supervised PhD students and postdoctoral researchers, and produced world-changing research outcomes;
- Provided leadership in the strategic development of the institutions where the nominee has served, including regional and international institutions, benefiting the world and advancing sustainable agricultural development;
- Collaborated with local, regional and international higher education stakeholders, enterprises, governments, NGOs and civil society to enhance knowledge transfer, innovation initiatives and social services for societal well-being.

Achievements are assessed across the following dimensions:

1. **Educational Innovation & Leadership** (undergraduate, postgraduate, and lifelong learning)
2. **Inspiration & Mentorship** of students, colleagues, and leaders
3. **Research Impact**, including collaborative and world-changing outcomes
4. **Strategic Leadership** in institutional development (local, regional, international)
5. **Contribution to Sustainable Agriculture** and global well-being
6. **Stakeholder Engagement & Societal Impact**, including knowledge transfer and innovation

**Evidence standard:** Impact must be **measurable, quantifiable, or otherwise clearly demonstrated**, with significant weight given to scale, complexity, difficulty, and durability of outcomes.

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## 8. Required Nomination Materials (All in English)

All materials must be submitted through the online nomination portal. Text documents must be in **.doc, .docx, or PDF** format.

1. **Nominating Organization Information**
    - Organization details, nominator(s), and contact information
    - **Formal endorsement by a senior official**, certifying accuracy
  2. **Nominee Information**
    - Name, current position, and full contact details
  3. **Official Organizational Endorsement**
    - Signed by a senior authority (not the nominator)
  4. **Biographical Information**
    - Date and place of birth, education, and CV
  5. **Photograph**
    - Recent photograph of the nominee
  6. **Synopsis (maximum 1,000 characters)**
    - Concise overview of the nominee's principal achievements
  7. **Statement of Achievement** (maximum 2 pages, Calibri 11)
    - Ranked description of the nominee's **most significant achievements**
  8. **Statement of Impact** (maximum 2 pages, Calibri 11)
    - Impact of up to **three outstanding achievements**, including scale, geography, duration, and quantitative evidence
  9. **Primary Nomination Letter**
    - From an individual or organization familiar with the nominee's work
  10. **Seconding Letters**
    - At least **two letters**, from individuals not affiliated with the nominating organization
  11. **Supporting Documentation**
    - Publications, articles, or other materials evidencing achievement and impact
  12. **Nominee Awareness Statement**
    - Indication of whether the nominee has been informed of the nomination
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## 9. Selection Process

1. **Administrative review** by the GCHERA Secretariat for eligibility and completeness
2. **Evaluation by an anonymous International Jury** (Chair disclosed)
3. **Jury recommendations** submitted to the GCHERA International Committee
4. **Final validation** by the **GCHERA World Agriculture Prize International Committee**, ensuring integrity and ethical compliance

**Conflict of interest:** All nominators, jury members, and committee members must declare potential conflicts. Where necessary, individuals are excluded from deliberations.

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## 10. Assessment Framework

The Jury evaluates nominations using the following weighted criteria:

No.	Assessment Dimension	Weight	Assessment Criteria
1	Educational Innovation & Leadership	20%	Delivered innovation and leadership in undergraduate, postgraduate and lifelong learning programmes; formed replicable models or distinctive features.
2	Inspiration & Mentorship	15%	Inspired and mentored students, colleagues at all levels, and leaders across regional and international communities.
3	Research Impact	20%	Conducted high-impact research with peers; achieved world-changing research outcomes.
4	Strategic Leadership in Institutions	15%	Provided leadership in the strategic development of home, regional and international institutions.
5	Contribution to Global Sustainable Agriculture	10%	Benefited the world and advanced sustainable agricultural development.

6	Stakeholder Engagement & Societal Well-being	20%	Collaborated with stakeholders to enhance knowledge transfer, innovation initiatives and social services for improving societal well-being.
–	Total	100%	–

## 11. Governance

The **World Agriculture Prize International Committee** oversees the award process. The International Jury is responsible for evaluating nominations and proposing Laureates. Non-voting Secretariat members support administration and compliance.

## 12. Annex — Developed Economies (for Eligibility Purposes)

Australia; Austria; Belgium; Canada; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Japan; South Korea; Luxembourg; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom; United States of America.

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