

# **Karnataka Science and Technology Academy,**

## **Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka**

### **Guidelines for KSTA Awards**

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, a Unit of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, has been functioning since 2005, with the objectives of inculcating scientific temper across civil society through science communication, technology dissemination, fostering innovations and entrepreneurship for societal benefits, recognising talents and organising outreach programmes, capacity building and acting as STI Policy Advisory Body for the State.

In order to recognise outstanding contributions in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture & Medicine (STEAM) and excellence in STEAM Communication as an outreach to benefit the society, the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy has instituted awards in the following categories:

- 1.0 Prof. C. N. R. Rao - KSTA Lifetime Achievement Award in STEAM
- 2.0 Lifetime Achievement Award for STEAM Communication in Kannada

#### **1. Prof. C. N. R. Rao - KSTA Lifetime Achievement Award in STEAM**

An accomplished senior scientist/technologist of Karnataka origin will be honoured in the Annual KSTA Conference in recognition of her/his outstanding contributions to the field of STEAM. The selected scientist/technologist will be honoured with a gold medal worth Rs. 2.0 lakh, Rs 1.0 lakh cash and a citation along with felicitation.

##### **1.1 Eligibility**

- 1.1.1 Nominee shall be a senior scientist/technocrat who has attained the age of 60 years and beyond, and has made significant original contributions in the area of STEAM throughout her/his career and service, spanning for a period of at least 20 years.
- 1.1.2 Nominee will be of Karnataka origin, by birth or domicile or service. She or he may be residing anywhere else in India or abroad at the time of nomination for the said award.

##### **1.2 Criteria for Nomination/Award**

- 1.2.1 Nominee should have made significant and consistent contributions to her/his area of specialization under STEAM (basic and/or applied fields), as evidenced by

scholarly research publications in peer-reviewed journals, review articles, written and/or edited books printed and published by reputed organizations, and/or has received patent licensure from recognised authorities

- 1.2.2 Additionally, the Nominee should have made significant contribution/s to the development and/or understanding of issues under STEAM, including imparting training and mentoring of younger scholars, and reaching out need-based and innovative solutions, for the benefit of the Society
- 1.2.3 The number of such awards shall be restricted to One per year. However, under exceptional situations, where two nominees in the same domain of STEAM and or specialization within a subject have comparable credentials qualifying for the award, as determined by the Awards and Fellowships Selection Committee and the EC of KSTA, the number of awards for that particular year may be increased to TWO, and the monetary value of the award may be disbursed equally between the two awardees
- 1.2.4 The award shall be conferred only once to a person and no posthumous awards are to be considered
- 1.2.5 The award shall not normally be conferred on those who have already received a similar lifetime award as instituted by the Karnataka Government or another organization with similar objectives as KSTA, and funded by the Government of Karnataka
- 1.2.6 The announcement of awards shall be placed on the KSTA website and as a news item in leading newspapers.

## **2. Lifetime Achievement Award in STEAM Communication in Kannada**

An accomplished senior Science communicator in Kannada will be honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award in STEAM in Kannada at the KSTA Kannada Science and Technology Conference for her/his outstanding contribution in popularising STEAM in Kannada. The selected Awardee will be honoured with a gold medal worth Rs 1.00 lakh, a cash prize of Rs. 75.0 thousand and a citation along with felicitation in the inaugural function of the KSTA Conference.

### **2.1 Eligibility**

- 2.1.1 Nominee shall be a senior communicator/journalist/editor/scientist/technocrat who has attained the age of 60 years and beyond, and has made significant contributions in the area of STEAM communications in Kannada, throughout her/his career and/or service/life time, spanning for a period of at least 20 years.

- 2.1.2 Nominee will be of Karnataka origin, by birth or domicile or service. She or he may be residing anywhere else in India or abroad at the time of nomination for the said award.

## **2.2 Criteria for Nomination/Award**

- 2.1.1 Nominee must have demonstrated a consistent track record of significant and original Science/technology communication in Kannada, in the area of STEAM, as evidenced by published works and/or translated publications related to any branch of STEAM from other languages to Kannada, to promote Scientific temperament/understanding/ training and applications to societal issues
- 2.1.2 Deserving communications in Kannada through digital/audio-visual and non-formal media will also be recognised and encouraged for the award
- 2.1.3 The number of such awards shall be restricted to One per year. However, under exceptional situations, where two nominees in the same domain of STEAM communication and or specialization within a subject have comparable credentials qualifying for the award, as determined by the Awards and Fellowships Selection Committee and the EC of KSTA, the number of awards for that particular year may be increased to Two, and the monetary value of the award may be disbursed equally between the two awardees
- 2.1.4 The award shall be conferred only once to a person and no posthumous awards are to be considered
- 2.1.5 The award shall not normally be conferred on those who have already received a similar lifetime award as instituted by the Government of Karnataka or another organization with similar objectives as KSTA, and funded by the Government of Karnataka
- 2.1.6 The announcement of awards shall be placed on the KSTA website and as a news item in leading newspaper in the month of June every year. Nominations/ applications should be made in one month's time from the date of announcement