

Guidelines for Election of Foreign Fellows

Duly completed online Nomination Form should be submitted by the Proposer or the Secunder on the Academy's nomination portal latest by **April 15, 2026 before 5.00 p.m.**

- (a) The online nomination paper, complete in all respects, should be submitted on or before the prescribed date. The nomination shall be valid for three years, but a person can be re-nominated after a gap of one year.
- (b) The nominee should be a foreign citizen. NRI/PIO/OCI will not be considered for the Foreign Fellowship.
- (c) The nominee should be an internationally recognized leader in the area of his specialization.
- (d) He/she should be a Fellow/Member of the National Academy of own country. Alternatively he or she should be a Foreign Fellow / Associate of a foreign country academy. Further, NAAS may consider nominees who are of eminent standing.
- (e) The nominee should have close connection with Indian scientists and should be aware of the progress of Indian science, its accomplishments and aspirations. The advantages and gains to the Academy and to the scientists of India by the election of a Foreign Fellow may also be kept in view.
- (f) A maximum of two nominees may be identified by the Executive Council for election as Foreign Fellow.
- (g) The names of the candidates so selected shall be circulated to all the Fellows for election as for the other Fellows of the Academy.

Nominations may be made in any of the following 8 sections based on the nominee's specialization:

- I. **Crop Sciences**, covering Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources, Plant Biotechnology, Plant Physiology & Biochemistry, Seed Technology, Post-Harvest Technologies, and Bioinformatics for all field crops
- II. **Horticultural Sciences**, covering Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources, Plant Biotechnology, Plant Physiology & Biochemistry, Seed Technology, Post-Harvest Technologies, and Bioinformatics for all horticultural crops
- III. **Animal Sciences**, covering Animal Genetics & Breeding, Animal Nutrition, Animal Physiology, Animal Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Animal Production, Animal Reproduction, Animal Health, Animal Products Technology, Dairy Sciences, Poultry Sciences, and Bioinformatics
- IV. **Fisheries Sciences**, covering Fish Genetics & Breeding, Fish Nutrition, Fish Pathology, Fish Biotechnology, Fish Biosystematics, Fish Processing & Technology, Fisheries Resource Management, Aquaculture, and Bioinformatics
- V. **Natural Resource Management Sciences**, covering Agricultural Meteorology, Agronomy, Environmental Science, Forestry, Agroforestry, Soil Science including Soil Microbiology, Water Management (other than Soil and Water Engineering), Agricultural Physics, and Bioinformatics
- VI. **Plant Protection Sciences**, covering Agricultural Chemicals, Agricultural Entomology, Plant Pathology, Nematology, Microbiology, Organic Chemistry, and Bioinformatics
- VII. **Agricultural Engineering and Technology**, Farm Machinery & Power, Soil and Water Engineering, Agricultural Process Engineering, Value addition and Post-Harvest Technology, Food Technology, Textile Technology and Computer Application including Bioinformatics in Agriculture
- VIII. **Social Sciences**, covering Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Statistics, Extension Education, and Community Science