



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education**  
**Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068**

**Guidelines for Submitting Entries for**  
**'Student Innovation Award-2020'**

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship among its students. In view of the announcement of the *Atmanirbhar Bharat* mission by the Govt. Of India, it becomes more important to identify, recognise and support such innovator and entrepreneur students. In this context, for the last two years, IGNOU has been awarding its innovator students with the Student Innovation Award on the Foundation day of the university. Under this scheme, entries are invited from IGNOU students for **Student Innovation Award-2020**.

**Who is Eligible to Participate?**

Any *bonafide* and registered students of IGNOU who has developed and implemented an innovative product, process or services as a solution to the problem/challenge being faced by individuals or society in any area, preferably from the given theme areas, is eligible to submit application for the 'Student Innovation Award-2020' in the prescribed format.

**Why Should You Participate?**

If you have done any innovation in any field, it will be recognized nationally. In addition to it, the selected best three innovators:

- Will get Student Innovation Award 2020 with Certificates and Trophies.
- Will get cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively.
- May be invited to get the award at IGNOU Headquarters at Delhi, if the Covid-19 situation permits.
- Will be provided travelling expenses and stay at IGNOU, in case they come to receive the award.
- Will get opportunity to interact with other innovators and learn from their experience.

**What are the Theme Areas?**

- 1) Health Care and Biomedical Devices
- 2) Agriculture and Rural Development
- 3) Food Processing and Packaging
- 4) Smart Transport and Traffic Management
- 5) Renewable & Affordable Energy and Alternate Fuel
- 6) Clean & Potable Water and Water Management
- 7) Waste Management and Disposal

- 8) Technology Based Innovation (i.e. ICT and IoT based Technologies, Security & Surveillance systems, cyber-physical systems, Blockchain, Cognitive computing, Cloud computing, etc.)
- 9) Robotics and Drones including AI & ML.
- 10) Social and Environmental Issues
- 11) Smart City and Urban Development
- 12) Technology based Education System
- 13) Other emerging areas of Innovation and Startup opportunity

### **How to Apply?**

1. Those who are interested in applying may submit the filled-in Proforma dully typed in MS Word along with the supporting documents through e-mail at [ncide@ignou.ac.in](mailto:ncide@ignou.ac.in) by **October 20, 2020**.
2. You should enclose a 5-10 minutes video clip on development and working of your innovation.
3. Also enclose the relevant photographs pertaining to your innovation.
4. The Application Form can be downloaded from the NVRIETI portal at <https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/navrieti/sia-2020>. You can also access this portal from the IGNOU Website [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) by clicking the link 'Student Innovation Award-2020' under Announcement and Notifications on Home Page of the IGNOU Website.

### **Important to Note**

1. Applications will be received only through email. No hard copy and handwritten or scanned copy will be entertained.
2. University's decision will be final and binding regarding the selection of the Student Innovation Award-2020.
3. Simple submission of application for the award will not entitle the candidates for any kind of certificate or other document from the university.



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**Application Proforma for**  
**"Student Innovation Award 2020"**  
(Encouraging Students Towards *Atmanirbhar Bharat*)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enrolment No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Programme Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regional Centre:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

If working in a Team, mention the following

a. Team Leader's Name:

A. Details of Team Members mentioning their Name, Gender, Email, Phone and whether student of IGNOU or not.

*(If there are more than one member, add details of each member of the team as above. But it should be noted that the award will be given only to the individual applicant who is the IGNOU Student)*

**1. Title of Innovation :** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Is your innovation a Prototype/Operational/Full Commercial Application:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Innovation:** (You may select more than one option, Tick the appropriate ones)

- a. Introduction of new or improved services
- b. Development of new or improvised product
- c. Introduction of new method of production/ process
- d. Opening of new market
- e. Exploration of a new source and supply
- f. Reengineering/ organization of business management process
- g. Any other

**4. Select the Theme of your Innovation :**

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**5. State the problem that you want to solve by your innovation (Max 100 words)**

**6. Brief Summary of the Innovation** (Highlighting its Need, Salient Features and Utility, etc. in about 200 words)

**7. Innovative Features/Uniqueness of your Innovation** (Write point-wise in about 200 Words)

**8. How is your innovation different/ better from a similar, if any, in the market?**(Write in about 50 words)

**9. Who are the beneficiaries and target customers of your innovation?**

**10. Give details of development and implementation process of your innovation** (Write in about 500 Words)

**11. What is the relevance and usability of your innovation in today's market/society/industry?** (Write in about 100 words)

**12. How will your innovation/ prototype be scaled up at market level?**

**13. Is your innovation in use? If so, please mention where it is being used?** (Enclose evidentiary proof for the same)

**14. What steps will you take to convert your innovation prototype into a market ready innovation?**(Write in about 50 words)

**15. Define the potential market size (in terms of Indian Rupees).**

16. Explain the potential of innovation/ prototype to become profitable.
17. How can your innovation be commercialized?
18. How is your innovation environment friendly? (Write in about 50 words)
19. Is there any Intellectual Property (IP) component associated with innovation? If yes, explain.

### **Declaration by the Applicant**

I hereby confirm that I am a *bonafide* student of IGNOU and the information presented in this Application Form is **not confidential in nature and the innovation submitted is my original work.**

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and Signature of the Applicant)

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- (1) Enclose a 5-10 minutes video clip of your innovation or provide Video URL related to your innovation.
- (2) Enclose Photographs related to your innovation.
- (3) The last date for submitting the entries of innovation is October 20, 2020.
- (4) For more details, visit IGNOU website at [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or <https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/navreti/sia-2020>
- (5) In case of any doubt/query, you can contact through email [directornside@ignou.ac.in](mailto:directornside@ignou.ac.in).