

PRESS RELEASE

IIT Alumni Council invites nominations for Awards in three categories – Nation & brand building, Scientists & technocrats and Management & entrepreneurship.

- Lifetime Achievement Awards for those IIT Alumni who have contributed to development of Brand India, Brand IIT or the IIT Alumni movement.
- Distinguished Fellow Awards to eminent researchers, academicians and technocrats who have displayed outstanding potential for global leadership in their chosen domains.
- Life Fellow Awards to outstanding industry entrepreneurs and executives who have achieved leadership positions in their respective sectors.

New Delhi, May 18th, 2022: IIT Alumni Council invites nominations for Bi-annual Awards (for the period 16.8.20 to 15.8.22) in three categories – Nation & brand building, Scientists & technocrats and Management & entrepreneurship. Nominations may be sent to awards.jury@iitalumnicouncil.org.

“Alumni awards and recognition are central to the core objectives of the IIT Alumni Council. Recognition to outstanding contributors and achievers motivates younger alumni to aspire for global leadership themselves. Through the nomination process, we also hope to identify future leaders and achievers in each of these areas. That is why, we have a large panel of senior alumni who hope to reach out to and connect with hundreds of nominees including those who may not be ready for awards this year, but have the potential to be future alumni leaders, Noble prize winners and industry stalwarts. We do hope we will be able to spot and support future Noble prize winners through these awards” said Ravi Sharma, President and Chief Volunteer of the IIT Alumni Council.

The jury for the Distinguished Fellow Awards which aspires to identify future Noble laureates will be led by Dr Arindam Bose, who received the Distinguished Fellow award himself for his stellar contribution to the field of Biologics globally, led the technology team that developed the Pfizer biosimilars business and helped build relationships with the leading contract development and manufacturing (CDMO) units of the world. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus award by Purdue University in 2017. More recently, Dr. Bose has played a key role in helping conceptualise the therapeutic and vaccine initiatives under the Megalab umbrella. He is on the selection committee of the Draper Prize, the highest honor for engineering accomplishments awarded by the US National Academy of Engineering. Many Draper recipients have subsequently received Nobel prizes. “I can actually see a clear path towards India evolving as a nodal centre for biologics over the next decade by building on its success in the field of generic pharmaceuticals. But more importantly, I can also foresee a situation where a number of Draper or Noble prize winners in several foundational, frontier and exponential technologies such as artificial intelligence will come from India” added Dr. Arindam Bose.

About IIT Alumni Council

IIT Alumni Council is the largest global body of alumni, students and academicians across all the twenty-three IITs and partnering Universities. The IIT Alumni Council aspires to catalyse India’s technological renaissance. The Council is continuing to rally the considerable resources – both

financial and technological - of the global IIT alumni ecosystem to catalyse global scale interventions in the social sector in India. Through such initiatives, IIT Alumni Council intends to act as a network and as a bridge between various providers of knowledge, wealth, information, wisdom, ideas, expertise and entrepreneurship to promote appropriate technological solutions to known social challenges at the national level. These solutions are then taken to market through the startup and venture capital framework. The long term objective is to spawn a robust deep science ecosystem that is self-sustaining, fuelled by risk capital and sustained by capital markets. For more information on IIT Alumni Council, please visit: www.iitalumniCouncil.org

About IIT Alumni Council Awards

IIT Alumni Council awards will be given annually on Independence Day in three categories – Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Alumni and Life Fellows. Lifetime Achievement Awards are given to Alumni who have contributed to the development of Brand India, Brand IIT or the IIT Alumni movement. Distinguished Fellowships are awarded to eminent researchers, academicians and technocrats who have displayed outstanding potential for global leadership in their chosen domains. A PhD degree and research or academic experience of at least twenty years along with a degree from one of the IITs is required to be eligible to for the Distinguished Fellow Award. Life Fellows are outstanding entrepreneurs and executives who have achieved leadership positions in their respective sectors. Awards are also conferred posthumously in exceptional cases. Honorary Fellowships are awarded to eminent individuals (who are not alumni of the IITs) for their contribution to missions of the IIT Alumni Council.

Alumni are shortlisted for the awards on the basis of invitation, nomination or application. Nominations may be sent to awards.jury@iitalumniCouncil.org and should include a detailed CV of the alumnus nominated along with the contact details of the person nominating as well as the alumnus nominated. Any member of the IIT Alumni Council can nominate a alumnus for an award. Alumni are also invited to be part of the process based on secondary research done by the MegaScope team.

