



# **The National Innovator Hall of Fame**

## **Guidelines to Applicants**

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

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Note: Applications not meeting eligibility criteria which are listed and explained in this solicitation will not be considered.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The **Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC)** formerly known as the Mauritius Research Council, is a corporate body set up on the 1st of September 2019 through the proclamation of the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council Act 2019. The activities of the Council are focused on the main objective of promoting, coordinating and exploiting research with a view to sharpening the competitive edge of industries for sustainable economic and social growth. To that end, the Council operates a number of Research and Innovation Grant Schemes.

Under this Call for participation, the MRIC, under the aegis of the **Ministry of Information Technology, Communication, and Innovation**, is inviting for participation to the National Innovator Hall of Fame competition.

## 2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The National Innovator Hall of Fame has been developed to recognise and reward the contribution of local innovators in sprouting development. The importance of rewarding innovation has been recognised internationally through the inception of various innovation awards. It is widely agreed that innovation and intrinsic human motivation for creation go hand in hand. Thus, the objectives of the National Innovator Hall of Fame are to:

- Recognise and reward local outstanding innovators
- Fuel innovation and creativity among the local people
- Gauge the level of innovation and creativity in Republic of Mauritius
- Catalyse the innovation culture in the younger generation

This competition will reward completed invention/innovation.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for each category are as follows:

- a. Best Innovator Award – Corporate – be a mid-market enterprise or large company (annual turnover of more than MUR 100 million) registered in the Republic of Mauritius for at least one year from the date of the launch of the present competition. This includes state owned companies.
- b. Best Innovator Award – SME – be either a small or medium company registered in the Republic of Mauritius for at least one year from the date of the launch of the present competition.
- c. Best Innovator - Individual – open to all citizens of the Republic of Mauritius who hold a valid National Identity Card/Passport of the Republic of Mauritius. The person must have been residing in Rodrigues or Agalega for a minimum period of one year.
- d. Best Innovator – Public Organisations – open to all Government/Parastatal bodies in the Republic of Mauritius.
- e. Best Innovator Award – NGO – should be registered with the Registrar of Associations or MACOSS.
- f. The Innovation should have been directly related to the Republic of Mauritius.
- g. Please note that applications should not be submitted in more than one category.
- h. Special Innovator Award – Rodrigues and Agalega (Special prize to an Individual/Company from Rodrigues or Agalega who will be chosen amongst those who have participated in (a)-(e) provided there is no one from Rodrigues or Agalega who has been a winner in (a)-(e))

### How to participate?

Prospective participants should fill the application form online on the following link:

[https://mric.formstack.com/forms/national\\_innovator](https://mric.formstack.com/forms/national_innovator)

#### 4. EVALUATION

The criteria for evaluation of the application will include:

- Innovation Output(s)
- Leadership
- Contribution to Research/Innovation
- Impact of Innovation(s)
- Ingenuity
- Commercial Impact (If Any)

#### 5. PROCESS

##### Stage 1 – Application

Prospective participants will be allocated 1 month for submission of their online application. No application will be accepted past the deadline.

##### Stage 2 – Administrative Screening

Administrative screening will be conducted to assess completeness of applications. Candidates whose ideas satisfy the specified criteria will proceed to the Pre-selection stage.

##### Stage 3 – Pre-selection

In this stage, applications having met all specified criteria will be screened for their merit. The pre-selected candidates would then proceed to the Presentation and Interview phase.

##### Stage 4 – Presentation and Interview Phase

Pre-selected applicants will be given the opportunity to present their achievements to the jury panel. It is free to the participants to choose their preferred mode for presenting their achievements (This can be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, oral presentation, demonstration, etc.)

Their presentations will be followed by an interview.

##### Stage 5 – Selection

After stage 4, the Jury will proceed towards selecting a winner for each category. This will be announced during an award ceremony.

#### 6. PRIZE

The prize structure is as follows:

- a. Best National Innovator – Corporate  
A cash prize of MUR 50,000 for the winning team and MUR 25,000 for the runner-up team, a trophy, and a certificate.
- b. Best National Innovator – SME  
A cash prize of MUR 50,000 for the winner and MUR 25,000 for the runner-up, a trophy, and a certificate.
- c. Best National Innovator – Individual  
A cash prize of MUR 50,000 for the winner and MUR 25,000 for the runner-up, a trophy, and a certificate.
- d. Best National Innovator – Public Organisations  
A cash prize of MUR 50,000 for the winner and MUR 25,000 for the runner-up, a trophy, and a certificate.
- e. Best National Innovator – NGO  
A cash prize of MUR 50,000 for the winner and MUR 25,000 for the runner-up, a trophy, and a certificate.
- f. Special Innovator - Rodrigues and Agalega  
A cash prize of MUR 30,000 for the winner and MUR 20,000 for the runner-up, a trophy, and a certificate.

All participants will obtain a certificate.

#### 7. DISCLAIMER

- The MRIC reserves the right to seek further information and/or clarifications from the proposer(s) of an innovation/invention before reaching a final decision.
- The MRIC will inform all proposers of the outcome of their application. A decision will normally be made within one month of the date limit for submission of applications. However, there may be cases where, because of the complexity of a proposal, more time may be required for processing of the application.

## **8. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

The Call for Participation to the National Innovator Hall of Fame is open until the **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 at 15hrs at latest**. All applications will be treated on merit.

## **9. CONTACT US**

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in this solicitation as and whenever necessary.**

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