

CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards 2025

'Recognising Pioneers of Industry Academia Partnership'

SECOND EDITION

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OBJECTIVE:

- I. Enhance Investment in R&D from 0.7% of GDP (present) to 4% of GDP in 2047. Interim: 2.5% of GDP by 2030.
- II. Enable a stronger 'National Research Quad': Industry-Academia-Research labs-Startups.
- III. Recognize industry and academia leaders undertaking industry-academia partnership for R&D and innovation. Foster innovation through market relevant research and right skilling as a university culture while addressing the need of Industry for cutting-edge research capability as a moat.

SCOPE:

The award celebrates and recognizes Industry, Academic institute, and Faculty promoting industry-academia partnership for R&D and innovation.

SCHEDULE AND TIMELINES:

Application Form opens	February 2025
Application Form closes along with application fee	31 May 2025
Period for Assessors' Interaction	June 2025
Grand Jury Meeting	August 2025
Announcement of Awards	Nov-Dec 2025

** The awards ceremony date is subject to change and will be informed one month prior to the ceremony.*

WHO CAN APPLY?

Industry Category

1. Large – Annual turnover above INR 100 Cr
2. MSME – Recognised by GoI as a 'MSME'
3. Startup

Academia Category

1. Engineering like IITs, NITs
2. Private Engineering
3. Research Institutes
4. Private Research Institutes
5. Medical Institutes
6. MBA Institutes
7. Centre of Excellences
8. Pioneering Faculty

HOW TO APPLY

Sign in ID Creation

Applicant must create a login ID by providing a few basic information. The login credentials will be sent to the applicant's email ID.

Online Application Submission

With the given login credentials, applicant must fill up the Application Form.

Screening of Application Forms

First level screening of applications will be done by the assessors. Shortlisted companies and institutions will be called for final round of assessment.

Final Jury Assessment

- Selected companies, Academic & Research Institutions will be called for final jury assessment.
- Jury will declare companies and institutions to be recognized. Category awards will be awarded accordingly.

Awards Ceremony

Awards Ceremony to felicitate the Winners with a trophy and a certificate

APPLICATION FEES

Industry Segment

1. Large – Rs 1,00,000 + 18% GST
2. MSME – Rs 45,000 + 18% GST

Academia Segment

1. Private / Public – Rs 45,000 + 18% GST
2. Pioneering Faculty – Rs 35,000 + 18% GST

* Application fee includes the cost of online facilitation and management by CII, delegate fees for the Award Ceremony, citations, trophy etc.

AWARD ASSESSMENT PROCESS

STAGE 1

1. Confirmation of receipt of application by CII Team
2. Evaluation of applications and supporting documents by CII Team.
3. Preliminary selection of applicants. To be informed via email.

STAGE 2

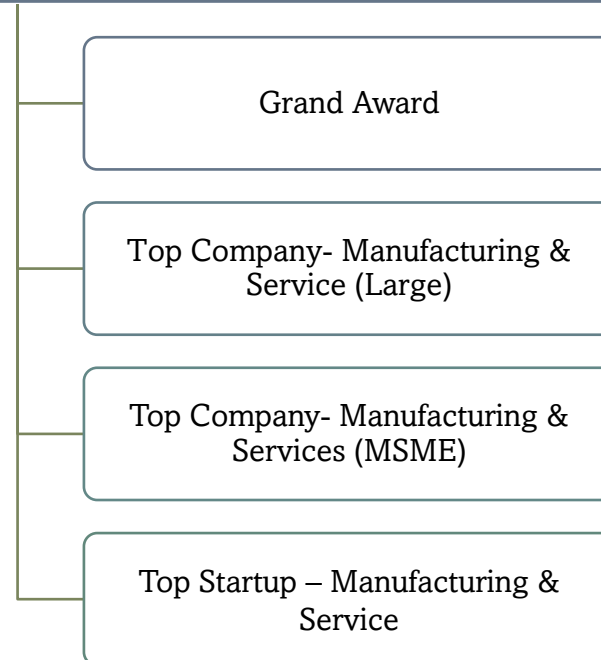
1. Presentation by shortlisted applicants before Jury
2. Validation of information by Jury
3. Final shortlisting by Jury

STAGE 3

1. Award distribution at annual conference cum exhibition

AWARD CATEGORIES (1/2)

Pioneering Companies



Pioneering Institutions



AWARDS CATEGORIES (2/2)

Award for Outstanding achievement for highest number of Intellectual Property grants through Industry-Academia Partnerships

Award for Outstanding Product Commercialization through Industry-Academia Partnership

Industry-Academia Partnership Impact Award

Lifetime Achievement Award for Contributions to Industry-Academia Partnerships

Women Leaders of Industry Academia Partnership

CHAIRMAN INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2025



Mr Vipin Sondhi

Chairman – CII Industry Academia Partnership Awards 2025
Independent Director & Chairman National Board For Quality Promotion
Former, MD & CEO Ashok Leyland & JCB India.

ESTEEMED JURY

INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2025



Prof Rajendra Srivastava

Novartis Professor of
Marketing Strategy and
Innovation, ISB



Prof Y S Rajan

Chairman, Board of Governing
Council, National Institute of
Technology, Manipur



Mr Rohit Bansal

Group head of corporate
communications at RIL.
Mentor at JioGenNext.

ESTEEMED JURY

INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2025



Mr James Tan
MD, Quest Venture



Ms Gitta Perez
Director, Middle East & India
(Region Head)
Business Finland



Dr Geetha Manjunath
CEO & Founder - Niramai.

ESTEEMED JURY

INDUSTRY ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2025



Mr Ninad Karpe
Founder & Partner
100X.VC



Mr Ajit Pai
Strategy Lead Partner at
EY GPS.

TERMS AND CONDITION

- I. The fee is non-refundable and non-adjustable and is only one time payment. After payment, receipt of payment to be submitted along with dully filled application form. There is no separate evaluation fee for different stages of evaluation.
- II. The CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards reserve the right to refuse/reject entry to any applicant which does not fulfill the eligibility criteria at any stage of award.
- III. This decision is at the sole discretion of the CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards and no correspondence will be entered into in this regard.
- IV. The applicant may withdraw its application at any point during the award process, but the participation fees will not be refunded
- V. Claims made by the applicant such as "unique", "world first", "one of a kind" or "owned by" must be substantiated. The CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards reserves the right to request further evidence.
- VI. The title conferred by the CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards may be withdrawn, after being granted, if it is found that the information supplied was incorrect.
- VII. The decision of the jury will be final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into.
- VIII. The submitted inputs in the initial / main application forms must be made available for use by the CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards for usage in CII Industry-Academia Excellence Book.
- IX. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to the above-mentioned terms and conditions of entry.

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