



Dear Prof Vijikumar,

Thank you so much for your support of the Infosys Prize in this past year. I hope you had a chance to attend the prize ceremony on January 10, 2018 in Bangalore, India. This year Nobel Laureate Prof. Kip Thorne said during his [address](#) "Your prize is an inspiration for young scientists and for the general public. It calls attention not only to your own work, but also to the beauty of science, and the power of science for making life better. Better culturally, and better materially."

Prof. Thorne's patient work and his words have exhorted us to continue our own work in seeking and recognizing good science and research. This wouldn't be possible without the nominations we receive that are invaluable to building a pool of talent for our world class [jury](#) to evaluate.

The nomination cycle for the Infosys Prize is now open and will close on May 31, 2018 at 11.59 PM IST. You may refer to the [statutes](#) while submitting a nomination for the Infosys Prize 2018. Ideally, we would like to receive your nominations [online](#) or you could download the nomination form and email it to us with relevant documents.

Having seen the caliber of winners over the past years, you already know that Infosys Prize recognizes only stellar research across six categories - Engineering & Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences. More information on sub-categories can be found on our website. You can submit one or more nominations under any of these categories. If you have made a nomination in the past, now is the time to update it and submit it again or prepare a fresh one for a worthy candidate.

The potential gains from science and research are too important to go unnoticed and unrecognized. We hope you will continue to be a part of this very important endeavor to promote good research through the Infosys Prize. I look forward to receiving a nomination from you.

Best regards,

K. Dinesh

President, Board of Trustees - Infosys Science Foundation
Co-founder, Infosys:



INFOSYS PRIZE 2018

About the prize

The Infosys Prize endeavors to elevate the prestige of science and research in India and inspire young Indians to choose a vocation in research.

The award is given annually to honor outstanding achievements of contemporary researchers and scientists across six categories: Engineering and Computer Sciences, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences, each carrying a prize of a gold medal, a citation and a purse of Rupees 65 Lakh. The award intends to celebrate success in research and stand as a marker of excellence in these fields. A jury, comprising eminent leaders in each of these fields, evaluates the achievements of the nominees against the standards of international research, placing the winners on par with the finest researchers in the world.

The Infosys Prize in Mathematics was first given in 2008. Following the establishment of the Infosys Science Foundation, the Infosys Prize was given in 4 other categories. The ISF announced a sixth category – the Infosys Prize in Humanities – in January 2012.

Statutes

- The Infosys Prize in each of the six categories shall be awarded to a person who, in the opinion of the jury, has made outstanding contributions - fundamental or applied - in any field of Engineering and Computer Sciences, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences. The Prize intends to recognize contributions of extraordinary depth and influence in these sciences.
- The Prize can be given for an outstanding invention or discovery or for a cumulative body of work.
- Preference will be given to recent work (over the last 5 - 10 years), to encourage active researchers conducting contemporary research.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Applications received in a particular year will be valid for three cumulative years, including the year of submission. Nominators can update their nomination from one year to the next by reviewing their nomination online.

- Prize winners will be selected by the respective jury, and the decision of the jury shall be final.
- The trustees of the Infosys Science Foundation shall invite a person of repute in the relevant field to chair the jury for that particular category. The jury chair shall choose other jurors to complete the jury for that specific category. The tenure of the chair shall be five years, and each individual juror shall serve for one year, but can be invited back in a subsequent year by the Chair.
- If the jury does not find suitable candidates, the Prize will not be awarded in that year.
- The Prize shall consist of a cash award of 65 lakh (Indian Rupees Sixty Five Lakh), a citation certificate and a medallion. The prize money may be subject to taxes as imposed by the Government of India. If a team is selected to win the award, the prize money shall be equally shared by the team members and each individual member of the team shall be awarded a separate citation and medal.
- There will be a single winner in a category in all categories unless the Prize is awarded to a group of individuals for joint / shared work. The eligibility criteria of residence and age applicable to individual winners shall apply to each individual in the group.
- In cases a team wins the award, the prize money will be equally shared by the joint winners.
- The Prize will be awarded once a year.

Nominees should fit the following criteria:

- They should be Indian residents (Indian citizens and non-Indians who have been residing in India for at least three years at the time of nomination) who have done world-class work in India.
- They should be 50 years of age or less as on October 31, 2018 (born on or after November 1, 1968). However, in exceptional cases, especially for women who have taken a break in their career, the jury may consider candidates up to the age of 55 (born on or after November 1, 1963).

In case no suitable candidate is found from among the nominations, the Jury may nominate a candidate from the following groups of people, in the following order of preference:

- The candidate could be a Person of Indian Origin* (not necessarily born in India) who has done world-class work.
- The candidate could be of any nationality or origin, resident and working anywhere, who has done world class work in their field.

*For the purpose of this award, a Person of Indian Origin (PIO) is defined as follows: He/she or either of his/her parents or grandparents or great grandparents, was born in and permanently resident in India.

Please send your details to our **email id: tnsroindia@gmail.com**

For more details visit : **<http://www.infosys-science-foundation.com/prize/index.asp>**

