

Candidates Eligible for the Award of the National Medal

The Award

The award of the National Medal for Science and Technology is intended to highlight the importance of the application of science and technology to promote national development. The Award may be made posthumously or during the lifetime of persons who are judged to be deserving of special recognition on the basis of their outstanding contribution to the nation.

The Candidate

The person(s) who will receive this special honour must be an individual who:

- Has made significant advances in knowledge in the field of science and technology in Jamaica; and
- Has undertaken work that has been of significant benefit to the economic, cultural and social development of Jamaica since the country's Independence in 1962, through the application of Natural and Applied Sciences, including Engineering.

The Selection Criteria

- The candidate should be a technological and/or scientific innovator whose discoveries have resulted in lasting contributions to the enhancement of Jamaica's competitiveness, standard of living and store of scientific knowledge.
- The total impact of the candidate's contribution to the economic, cultural and social development of Jamaica is to be the principal criteria.
- The candidate should be Jamaican. Only in very exceptional circumstances can the award be made to an individual other than a citizen of Jamaica.

The award will be made by the Prime Minister, on the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Board.

Fact Sheet – Award of the National Medal for Science and Technology

Background: This Medal is a special honour conceived as part of Jamaica's Millennium Commemoration Activities.

Designation: The Medal is to be designated and styled "The National Medal for Science and Technology".

Award: The award of the medal is intended to highlight the importance of fostering applications of science and technology in order to promote national development. The Award may be made posthumously or during the lifetime of persons who are judged to be deserving of special recognition on the basis of their outstanding contribution in natural and applied sciences, including engineering.

Form of the Award: The award will consist of a specially struck medal, to be engraved with the recipient's name and the year of the award.

Citation: In addition to the Medal itself, a Citation will be presented to the recipient.

Initial Award: November 2003 (Science and Technology Month) and every two (2) years subsequently.

Style: The Medal will be suspended by a ribbon, fitted to be worn around the neck.

Ribbon: The ribbon will depict the colours of the National Flag of Jamaica.

Design: Each Medal will be circular in shape, nickel plated in 24 ct gold, with a raised edging on each side.

Dress: The Medal is to be worn around the neck and should be worn on all occasions when full medals are worn.

Presentation: This Medal will be bestowed by the Prime Minister of Jamaica at a duly arranged Award Ceremony.

Administrative Arrangements: The Medal is administered by the specially designated Advisory Board which works alongside the National Commission on Science and Technology (NCST) Secretariat, in collaboration with the Chancellor of the Orders for National Honours and Awards.

Transfer: The Medal is not to be worn by any person other than the person to whom it is awarded. Upon the death of any recipient, the Medal may be retained by his/her family.

Register: The name of every person to whom a Medal is awarded will be published in the Jamaica Gazette and a Register of such names will be kept.

Award Criteria: The nomination process and the award criteria are available from the NCST Secretariat, located at the Office of the Prime Minister, 1 Devon Road, Kingston 6, Jamaica.

Closing Date for Nominations: To be determined by the Award Committee.

Advisory Board – Award of the National Medal for Science and Technology

The Board, designated the Advisory Board on the Award of the National Medal of Science and Technology, is appointed by the Prime Minister of Jamaica. The Advisory Board will consist of representatives from the academic, technological and scientific communities in Jamaica, including:

- The Scientific Research Council;
- The National Commission on Science and Technology;
- The University of the West Indies;
- The University of Technology;
- The Jamaica Agricultural Society;
- The Jamaica Institution of Engineers;
- The Ministry of Education and Culture;
- A respected Member of the Scientific Community;
- The Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology; and
- Two (2) representatives from the private sector.