



# ASEAN-US SCIENCE PRIZE FOR WOMEN

# BACKGROUND

- The United States Government, in partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), aim to strengthen ASEAN science and technology capacity and gender equality and improvement through an annual ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women (“Prize”).
- The 2018 Prize will emphasize the role of female scientists who use their work to better society in sustainable ways and act as role models for other women working in and pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

# BACKGROUND (CONT'D)

- 2018 Prize's Theme: precision agriculture
- Potential awardees should be working at the intersection of agriculture, digital tools, technology, and data to help smallholder farmers:
  - ❖ Improve and economize farming practices
  - ❖ Increase agricultural outputs and livelihoods
  - ❖ Create sustainability and improve environmental standards
  - ❖ Adapt to shocks and stressors related to farming in volatile climates

# PRIZE

First place: Cash awards of USD 20,000

Honourable mention: Cash awards of USD 5,000

And separate provisions for travel and lodging to attend a pitch competition and awards ceremony in October of 2018 at an ASEAN ministerial meeting hosted in the Philippines.

# TIMELINE OF NOMINATION & SELECTION

**MOSTI circulate the invitation to nominate to all agencies/departments/institution**

**6 April 2018**

**Deadline for submission to ASM**

**25 April 2018**

**Deadline for submission to organiser**

**6 May 2018**

**Notification of Finalists**

**August 2018**

**Notification of winner and Awards Ceremony**

**October 2018**

# ELIGIBILITY

- Female professional working in applied science
- Citizen and resident of an ASEAN member state
  - ❖ ASEAN member states include: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.
- Holder of a PhD or equivalent degree
- 40 years of age or younger at the time of submission
- Expert / practitioner in this year's theme of precision agriculture

# NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Applicants should submit a **completed application form together with a curriculum vitae** online at: <http://ow.ly/2nW130jiADe>
- **Candidates must also have two letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf.** The prize administrators recommend:
  - ❖ A letter of recommendation submitted by an academic or professional contact
  - ❖ A letter of support submitted by a mentee or other women who have been impacted by the applicant
- **Letters of recommendation must be sent directly by the referee to [scienceprizeforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:scienceprizeforwomen@gmail.com) with the candidate's name in the subject line before 6 May 2018**
- **Applications will not be considered without any of these three components.**

# NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- For submission through ASM, applicants must submit the completed nomination forms (attached as Attachment 2) together with their curriculum vitae **before 25 April 2018** for the ASM Science Awards Steering Committee deliberation.
- The letters of recommendation should be sent by the referees directly to the Prize administrator.