An annual Cotton Genetics Research Award was established in 1961 by the commercial cotton breeders of the United States to recognize and encourage basic research in cotton genetics, cytogenetics and breeding. It is administered by the Joint Cotton Breeding Policy Committee consisting of representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state experiment stations, commercial breeders, and the National Cotton Council.

NATURE OF AWARD. The award consists of $250 in cash and a specially designed plaque. When feasible, the award will be presented at a function in connection with the Annual Beltwide Cotton Production-Mechanization Conference which is usually held in January.

ELIGIBILITY. Any person who has accomplished outstanding basic research in cotton genetics, cytogenetics or breeding at public or other non-profit research institutions in the United States is eligible to be nominated for the award. The award will be made generally to individuals, but in special cases, it may be shared by two or more co-workers.

NOMINATIONS. Any person may make nominations for the award. A nominee shall be automatically eligible for consideration in two successive award years, without a new nomination being submitted. However, additional or new information on a nominee may be provided the second year.

Nominations must be in writing and should be accompanied by the following supporting data and information:
1. Name, address and age of nominee.
2. Present title or position.
3. Education, academic degrees.
4. Other honors, awards, or recognitions received.
5. Brief history of employment, including special assignments.
6. Membership in scientific and professional societies.
7. Major publications.
8. Presentation and evaluation of the research accomplishment for which the award is proposed.
9. A seconding letter to the nomination.

Five copies of the nomination and supporting material, along with one recent photograph (glossy print suitable for newspaper reproduction) of the nominee, should be submitted on or before October 1 to Secretary, Joint Cotton Breeding Policy Committee, P.O. Box 9905, Memphis 12, Tennessee.

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