

## **Eligibility for Selection**

The target groups are Individuals, Schools, Community Groups, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises using some form of innovative technique or procedure in conducting operations in any of the following categories at a national level are eligible for entry. The categories in which nominations will be accepted are:

1. Agriculture and Food
2. Education
3. Energy
4. Engineering
5. Entertainment Products
6. Environmental Sustainability
7. Health and Safety
8. ICT and Electronics
9. Manufacturing
10. Popularization of Science and Technology

## **Conditions for Entry**

The innovation or invention should:

- Be in use for at least 12 months prior to submission
- Solve or significantly reduce a problem of national, regional or international importance
- Be the creation of an original, or a unique adaptation of an existing; concept, process, equipment or programme with long term social or economic benefit
- Be the development and implementation of an innovative idea, resulting in quantifiable increased productivity, efficiency or financial benefits
- Be the development of an innovative and technological product that has been successfully commercialized
- Perform a practical function that makes life easier
- Display creativity and demonstrate the economic use of material(s) available locally or indigenous to Jamaica
- Be economically feasible, safe and environmentally friendly

All submissions to the Innovation Awards Committee will be judged according to the conditions of entry and the specific criteria for each category. The judges' decisions are final.