

Dr. Manju Gerard

She is a seasoned researcher and science manager serving as Principal Scientist at NASF, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. With a career spanning more than two decades, she began as a Research Associate at the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi in 1997.

In 2000 she moved to academia as an Associate Professor of Chemistry at the then Allahabad Agricultural Institute (now Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences), Allahabad. Later she served in government research administration — joining the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) (Ministry of Science & Technology) in 2007, and in 2012 moving to the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

On 14 October 2016, Dr. Gerard joined NASF as Principal Scientist. In this role she has been actively involved in planning, monitoring, and coordination of science & technology research projects — especially in the realms of research systems management, innovation, and techno-entrepreneurship.

Her scholarly output includes over 20 publications, and she has guided 22 Master's students and one Ph.D. student as major advisor. Her work has been presented at various national and international forums.

Dr. Gerard's research interests and professional focus lie in innovation management, research & technology management, and supporting agricultural research initiatives through NASF funding and oversight. Through her role, she contributes to the strategic allocation of resources, fosters scientific entrepreneurship, and helps strengthen the capacity of Indian agricultural research systems