

THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

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ANNOUNCEMENT

SOCIETY AWARDS FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, 2019 AND 2020

(Last date for receipt of application/nominations is July 31, 2021)

The Indian Society of Agronomy has instituted various awards for recognizing significant contributions of senior, middle level and young scientists to promote agricultural research in general and agronomic research in particular. These awards are being presented biennially at the time of National/International Symposium/Seminar/Congress organised by the Society. Applications/Nominations from the eligible members of the Indian Society of Agronomy are invited for the under mentioned categories of awards for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

- i. ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award
- ii. ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award
- iii. ISA Dr. P.S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award
- iv. ISA Associate
- v. ISA Fellow
- vi. ISA Gold Medal
- vii. ISA Life Time Achievement Award

In addition to this, the Society award ISA Best Poster Presentation and ISA Best Research Paper Awards (From the research papers published in the Indian Journal of Agronomy). For these two awards applications are not required from individuals.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ISA AWARDS

1. The awards are open to all the Indian Scientists who have worked/working, in India or abroad, in the field of Agronomy subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria laid down for the respective award.
2. The candidate must be Annual or Life Member of the Indian Society of Agronomy.
3. No member of the Executive Council (EC) of the Society shall be a member of the Judging Committee/ Evaluation Committee.
4. No member from the Executive Council (EC) of the Society, particularly President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer can apply for any of the Award during their tenure.
5. It may not be necessary to have a Separate Judging Committee/ Evaluation Committee for each ISA Award. The EC may constitute one, two or more Judging Committees/ Evaluation Committees for recommending names for ISA Awards.
6. The recommendations of the Evaluation/Search Committee shall be final and the recommendations shall be placed to the EC for final approval. The awards will be confined to the numbers given in the advertisement. In no case, the number of Awards will be increased.
7. Evaluation for all the ISA Awards shall be made based on score system developed for each award. The awards shall be given strictly on merit. However, minimum qualifying marks shall be 60 per cent in each case.
8. The number of Awards shall be as under:-
 - i. ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award - One in each zone*
 - ii. ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award - One in each zone*
 - iii. ISA Dr. P.S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award - Two Annual
 - iv. ISA Associate - Up to Four per year
 - v. ISA Fellows - Up to Eight per year
 - vi. ISA Gold Medals - Up to Four per year
 - vii. ISA Life Time Achievement Award - Up to Two in two years

9. ***The Zone wise list of different state are here as under:**

- North Zone: J&K, Himchal Pardesh, Uttarkahand, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi
- South Zone: Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pundichery, Kerala, A&N Island
- East Zone: Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Sikkim, NE States
- West Zone: Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa
- Central Zone: Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh

10. The award is given in the biennial meeting of the Society.
11. The Society will provide single III AC railway fare to the recipient from the place of his/her residence to the place of biennial meeting and back, in case the recipient fails to get the same from his/her organization.
12. If the applicant desires, he/she may send an advance copy, but the action will be taken only when the application is received, duly sponsored by the University/Institution concerned.
13. One copy of the applications/nominations for Award in the prescribed Proforma, duly completed in all respects and supported with one copy of documentary proof for eligibility, one copy of reprint of publications and testimonial in support of the information in the application may be routed through proper channel to the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi 110 012. Last date of receipt of application/nominations is **July 31, 2021**. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

I. ISA BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Posters presented during the different sessions of International Agronomy Congress (IAC) organized by the Society are judged by a Committee and the first, second and third prizes carrying a citation and cash awards of ₹ **5000, 3000 and 2000**, respectively are awarded during the concluding session of the different sessions of IAC.

II. ISA BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

This award is presented for the best research papers (Two, first and second) amongst the papers published in the four volumes of *Indian Journal of Agronomy* during a calendar year. The award carries a citation and cash prize of ₹ **8000/- and ₹ 5000/-**, respectively for the first and second Best Paper Award. The Executive Council appoints a committee for this purpose and the award shall be presented during the IAC.

III. ISA BEST M.Sc. THESIS AWARD

This award was instituted to motivate high quality fundamental and applied research amongst M.Sc. scholars in India in the field of Agronomy. This is an annual award open to all Indian students in the field of Agronomy. Only those theses are considered for this Award for which the final *viva-voce* is completed by **31st December of the year (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)** for which the award is applied. The award carries a citation and cash prize of ₹ **5,000/-**.

Students/researchers in the field of Agronomy interested to apply for this Award are required to send their **one copy of application through ISA Chapter/Head of the Department. Only two proposal will be considered from each ISA Chapter/University/Institution.** Proposal together with **one copy of synopsis**, highlighting the significance of research and copy of thesis of M.Sc. degree in Agronomy need to be submitted to **Secretary, ISA through the ISA Chapter/Head of the Department.** The application/nomination should be accompanied by a certificate from the concerned Head of the Department that the research work of the candidate has been a significant factor in obtaining the data presented in the thesis leading to the conferment of M.Sc. degree in Agronomy and that the work has not been submitted for any other award. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

Application for the award together with supporting documents and a copy of thesis should be sent to **the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy** through the concerned Head of Department/ISA Chapter by **July 31, 2021**.

IV. ISA BEST Ph.D. THESIS AWARD

[\(Download application form\)](#)

This award was instituted to motivate high quality fundamental and applied research amongst Ph.D. scholars in India in the field of Agronomy. This is an annual award open to all Indian students in the field of Agronomy. Only those theses are considered for this Award for which the **final viva-voce is completed by 31st December of the year (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)** for which the award is applied. The award carries a citation and cash prize of ₹10,000/-.

Students/Researchers in the field of Agronomy interested to apply for this Award are required to send their one **copy of applications** through proper channel along with a copy of thesis submitted by them for their Ph.D. degree in Agronomy, together with **one copy of synopsis**, highlighting the significance of research. The application/nomination should be accompanied by a certificate from the concerned Head of the Department that the research work of the candidate is original and has been a significant factor in obtaining the data presented in the thesis leading to the conferment of Ph.D. degree in Agronomy and that the work has not been submitted for any other award. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

Application for the award together with supporting documents and a copy of thesis should be sent to **The Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy** through the concerned Head of Department by **July 31, 2021**.

V. ISA Dr P.S. DESHMUKH YOUNG AGRONOMIST AWARD

[\(Download application form\)](#)

This award was instituted in the memory of **Dr P.S. Deshmukh**, the first President of the Indian Society of Agronomy from 1955 to 1965 to encourage and motivate young Indian agronomists for high quality fundamental or applied research in the field of Agronomy. The award is open to all scientists in the field of Agronomy and is awarded once in a calendar year.

Eligibility

- **M.Sc. (Agronomy)/ Ph.D. (Agronomy) from any recognized University/Institute in India/abroad.**
- At least five years research experience in the field of Agronomy as on **31st December (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)** of the year of award
- **Age not more than 40 years as on 31st December (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020) of the year of award.**
- The applicant must be a member of ISA at least for two years as on **31st December (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)** of the year of award
- Achievements till **31st December (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)** of the year of award shall be evaluated

The candidate(s) selected for the award are awarded a Gold Medal and a **cash prize of ₹21,000/-** during the IAC. The recipient of the award is expected to deliver a talk based on his contributions submitted for the award. A panel of judges nominated by the Executive Council of the Society from time to time examines all applications/nominations as per score system.

Scientists interested to apply for the award should send their application through proper channel (through the University/Institute concerned) along with **one copy of the publications and synopsis (about 500 words)** precisely enumerating the work done and its relevance to the objectives of the award. The application/nominations in the prescribed application form must reach to the **Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy by July 31, 2021**. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

VI. ISA ASSOCIATES

[\(Download application form\)](#)

The scheme of ISA Associates was introduced for promising young agronomists to encourage them to be associated with the Society activities. The Associates will get '**ISA Associate Certificate**' from the Society and has privileges to actively participate in the Society activities.

Eligibility

1. Applicant should be life member of ISA at least with five years standing
2. Ph.D. (Agronomy) from any recognized university/institute from India or abroad
3. At least 10 years research experience
4. Age not more than 40 years as on 31st December of the year for which the applications are invited

Mode of Selection

Scientists interested to apply for the ISA Associateship should send their applications in the prescribed proformas through proper channel (through the University/Institute concerned) along with **one copy of the publications and synopsis (about 500 words)** precisely enumerating the work done and future research programme. The applications in the prescribed application form must reach to the **Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy by July 31, 2021**. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

A panel of judges nominated by the Executive Council of the Society from time to time examines all applications as per score system for NAAS Associateship for each contribution. Complete application/nomination along with enclosures shall also be submitted in soft copy on or before the stipulated date in PDF format.

The ISA Fellow and Medals were instituted in recognition of professional leadership, outstanding contributions and services to the Indian Society of Agronomy, rendered by the life members of the Society.

VII. ISA FELLOW

[\(Download application form\)](#)

Eligibility

1. The award is open to all Indian Scientists, who have worked /working, in India/ Abroad, in the field of Agronomy.
2. The candidate(s) must be a Life Member(s) of the ISA for at least 10 years as on **31st December** of the year for which the applications are invited
3. The contributions of the candidate should have National/International impact.
4. The candidates should have 15 years experience in research, teaching and extension.

Mode of Selection

1. The Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Evaluation Committee of 3-5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The society will invite application from Life members of the Society, which will be routed through proper channel to the Society office.
3. The recommendations of the Evaluation Committee shall be discussed in the EC meeting for approval.

VIII. ISA GOLD MEDAL

[\(Download application form\)](#)

Eligibility

1. The award is open to ISA Fellows only.
2. The candidate(s) must be ISA Fellow(s) for at least three years as on **31st December** of the year for which the applications are invited.
3. The contributions of the candidate should have national/international impact.

Mode of Selection

1. The Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Evaluation Committee of 3-5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The society will invite applications from Life members of the Society, which will be routed through proper channel to the Society office.
3. The recommendations of the Evaluation Committee shall be discussed in the EC meeting for approval.
4. The recipients will be conferred the award with citation and Gold Medal of ISA at the biennial meeting of the society.

IX. ISA LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award was instituted to honour Agronomists who have made outstanding professional contributions at the national/international level as evident from technologies developed, peer recognition and promoting

discipline of Agronomy.

Eligibility

1. The person must have a minimum of **30 years service experience** or retired from the active service before **31st December** of the year of the award.
2. The contributions of the candidate should have national/international impact.
3. Besides, ISA gold Medal holders, the award is also open to those Eminent Agronomists of National/International repute who have not got the ISA Gold Medal.

Mode of Selection

1. The Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Search Committee of 3–5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The search committee will invite nominations from ISA life members and ISA local Chapters. One Chapter can nominate only one person for a year, who fulfil the eligibility criteria.
3. The recommendations of the Search Committee shall be final and discussed in the EC meeting for approval.
4. The recipient will be conferred the award with citation, memento and shawl at the biennial meeting of the society. The nominations from the life members and ISA local chapters for the ISA Life Time Achievement Award must reach to the Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy by **July 31, 2021**.

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA FELLOW/GOLD MEDAL

1.	Item				Marks	
	Div.	B.Sc.	M.Sc.	Ph.D.	ISA Fellow	ISA Gold Medal
	I	2	2	2	06	
	II	1	1	1		-
	Ph.D. Without course work-1					
2.	Outstanding professional contribution (in about 500) words in Teaching/Research/Extension				25	25
3	Position held/contributions in National/ International Societies-Office bearers; Councillors, Editors, Reviewers, Members, Professional/ISA/ Other Societies/Organization)				06	10
4	Professional Recognition, Awards, Fellowship, Medals, etc. (one marks each)				10	15
5	Publication (Marks as per ranking of Journals) given By NAAS (w.e.f. January 1, 2021)				25	15
6	Service render in various positions in research/ teaching organizations-Scientist/Teacher, Head, Dean, Director, VC etc.				15	20
7	Organized/contributed in organization of Seminars/ Symposium /Workshop (Director/Coordinator, Organizing Secretary; Co-Director/Co-Coordinator, Convener and members of various committees)				5	8
8	Resources generation (Externally funded projects as P.I. 2 marks, Co. P.I.- 1 mark each)				5	4
9	Any other information in support of nominations				3	3
	Total				100	100

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA DR. P.S. DESHMUKH YOUNG AGRONOMIST AWARD

Educational qualifications			Marks
Division	M.Sc. (Ag.)	Ph.D.	
I	5	5	10
II	3	3	
Ph.D. Without course work - 3			
1.	Employment experience (Experience more than 5 years – 1 mark for each additional year)		5
2.	Professional Recognition, Awards, Fellowships , etc. (one mark for each)		10
3.	Publications (As per NAAS ranking w.e.f. January 1, 2021)		20
4.	Synopsis of Significant contributions in Teaching/Research/Extension Education (500 words) Five marks for each significant contribution, packages, etc.		45
5.	Externally funded projects handled P.I. 5 marks, Co-PI 3 marks for each project		10
Total marks			100

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA BEST Ph.D./M.Sc. THESIS AWARD

Particulars	Marks	
	M.Sc.	Ph.D.
1. Importance of the problem and originality of the work	20	20
2. Research Work full or partial requirement	5	5
i. With Course work		
1. First Division	5	
2. Second Division	3	
ii. Without course work	2	
3. Quality of presentation - All chapters, tables, graphs, photos, charts, language, Recommendations, errors, etc	30	30
4. Practical utility of the findings (Ecologically, Economically, Socially, etc.)	40	35
5. Publications from the study if any (Accepted/Published with proof)	5	10
Total Marks	100	100

EVALUATION PROFORMA FOR ASSOCIATESHIP OF ISA AWARD

Particulars	Marks
Education record	10
Publications	30
(i) Research publications will be given marks according to the NAAS score of Journals (w.e.f. January 1, 2021)	
(a) Twenty most important publications:	
(b) Next 20 publications (other than above 20 publications).	
Research, Teaching & Extension	45
Synopsis of Significant contributions in Teaching/Research/Extension Education (500 words) Five marks for each significant contribution, packages, etc.	
Concepts, Processes, Products, Technologies, Patents & Books	
Others	15
Awards, Honors & Scientific Leadership/International Exposure/Service to professional society/Institutional building etc.	
Total marks	100