

Announcement (I)

PLANTICA – Association of Plant Science Researchers (APSR)
Dehradun, Uttarakhand
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Invites Nominations for “Young Scientist Award”, “Excellence Research Fellow Award” and “Best Thesis Award (M.Sc. and Ph.D.)” in the field of Agriculture, Applied and Life Sciences for the year 2026

(Last date for receipt of Nominations is June 20, 2026)

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The PLANTICA- Association of Plant Science Researchers (APSR) invites nominations for Young Scientist Awards, Excellence Research Fellow Awards and Best Thesis Award (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) in the field of Agriculture, Applied and Life Sciences for the year 2026. **Nominations may be submitted to the Association with the recommendation of any one from the following officials:**

1. Previous Fellow Awardees of APSR
2. DG/DDGs/ ADGs/ Principal Scientist of ICAR
3. Secretaries of Scientific Departments
4. Presidents of Science Academies
5. Directors/Joint Directors of ICAR Research Institutes/NRCs/Project Directorates
6. Directors of Institutions of CSIR
7. Vice Chancellors/ Directors/ Director Research/ Deans/HOD of SAUs/CAU
8. Vice Chancellors/ Directors/ Director Research/ Deans/ HOD of State or Central Government Universities
9. Vice Chancellors/ Directors/ Director Research/ Deans/ HOD of Deemed or Privet Universities
10. Principal of Government College or Privet College
11. Principal Scientific Advisors
12. Heads of Research Centre
13. Chairman of NGOs engaged in R & D in Agriculture, Applied and Life Sciences

SELF NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

PLANTICA awards were instituted in 2018 to motivate high quality fundamental and applied research amongst researchers in India in the field of Agriculture, Applied and Life Sciences. This is an annual award open to all Indian Researchers in the field of Agriculture, Applied and Life Sciences under following subject categories:

1. Botany
2. Zoology
3. Chemistry
4. Environmental Science
5. Plant Protection (Pathology/ Nematology / Entomology)
6. Soil Science
7. Food Science
8. Social Sciences (Agricultural Economics/ Extension Education)
9. Horticulture (Fruit Science/ Vegetable Science/Floriculture/ Plantation Spices/ Post Harvest)
10. Plant Breeding and Genetics
11. Seed Science and Technology
12. Medicinal & Aromatic Plants
13. Forestry (Forest Production & Utilization/ Silviculture & Agro-forestry/ Tree Physiology & Breeding/ Tree Improvement/ Wood Science)
14. Plant Biotechnology
15. Microbiology
16. Molecular Biology
17. Agri Business Management
18. Agronomy
19. Agro-Meteorology
20. Plant Biochemistry and Plant Physiology and
21. Agri Engineering

(No. of Awards – Top 03 in each Subject Category)

Note-1: Each award will consist of a "**Certificate of Award, one Medal and Life Member Certificate** of the Association

Note-2: Age Limit – Up to 35 Years for Young Scientist Award
Up to 55 Years for Excellence Research Fellow Award

Note-3: Eligibility:

For Young Scientist Award - Scholars/ Researchers/Faculty/Scientist

For Best Thesis Award (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) - M. Sc. Students/ Ph.D. Scholars /Researchers/ Faculty / Scientist, who have submitted M.Sc. / Ph.D. Thesis Year of Thesis Submission, should be: 2023, 2024, 2025 or April, 2026 (Not before 2023)

For Excellence Research Fellow Award - All Researchers/ Faculty/ Scientist who have Ph.D. with minimum 03 years of post Ph.D. experience.

Procedure of Selection

Step-1: Submit Application Online – Visit website www.pgrindias.in fill the award application form and submit

Step-2: Screening/ Short listing of Applications –

On the Basis of API Score of the applicant:

For Young Scientist Award Required - 50%

For Excellence Research Fellow Award Required - 60%

Step-3: Call for Presentation

Qualified applicants will be called for "**Online Presentation**"

Step-4: Final Selection - On the basis of presentation, the board will finalize the name of the awardees

Step-5: Result Declaration - After presentation the final result will be displayed on the official website of the PLANTICA-APSR (www.pgrindias.in) with score card and informed to all applicants by E-mail also.

Step-6: SWDF - The finally Selected Awardees shall have to submit a Society Welfare and Development Fund (SWDF) to the PLANTICA-APSR:

Award Category	For New Applicant (Rs.)	If Already a member of PLANTICA-APSR (Rs.)
Young Scientist Award	3000/-	2000/-
Excellence Research Fellow Award	4000/-	3000/-
Best M.Sc. Thesis Award	2500/-	1500/-
Ph.D. Thesis Award	3500/-	2500/-

Benefits of SWDF –

- **Life Membership** of Association of Plant Science Researchers (APSR) to the Young Scientist Awardees and Best Thesis Awardees. The entire awardees can write the “MAPSR” (Life Member of Association of Plant Science Researchers) with their degrees for example Mr. A. B. Pant, M.Sc., MAPSR or Dr. C. K. Srivastava, Ph.D. MAPSR
- **Fellow Membership** of Association of Plant Science Researchers (FAPSR) to the Excellence Research Fellow Award. The entire awardees can write the “FAPSR” (Fellow Member of Association of Plant Science Researchers) with their degrees for example Dr. S. C. Pant, M.Sc., Ph.D., FAPSR
- Will be the Reviewer or Editorial Board Member of the PLANTA-RBS
- Will be the Member of Organizing Committee of the National / International Conference/ Seminar to be organized by PLANTICA-APSR
- 25% discount on registration fee of all the events of PLANTICA-APSR
- The certificate of all above mentioned responsibilities will be issued separately

Step-7: Certificate of Award, Medal, Life Membership Certificate and All other SWDF benefits will be dispatched to the Awardees.

Online Nomination Form will be available in the Association’s website www.pgrindias.in from May 18, 2026 onwards. The duly completed Form in all respect may be submitted on or before **20th June 2026**.

Documents required (to be submitted) for Young Scientist Award and Best Thesis Award

- High School (10th) certificate for Age Proof
- M. Sc. Marks sheet and Certificate

- If Ph.D. Completed – Certificate of Ph.D. Awarded/ Certificate from Supervisor (Any One)
- If Ph.D. Pursuing – Ph.D. Registration Certificate/ Thesis Submission Certificate/ Certificate from Supervisor (Any One)
- If Not Registered in Ph.D. – Certificate from PI/ Certificate from HOD (Any One)
- If NET qualified – Certificate of NET
- List of Publication with NAAS rating (include only the publications which published during the period of January 2020 to May 2025)
- Abstract or Summary of the Thesis for Best Thesis Award

Documents required (to be submitted) for Excellence Research Fellow Award

- High School (10th) certificate for Age Proof
- M. Sc. Marks sheet and Certificate
- Certificate of Ph.D. Awarded
- If NET qualified – Certificate of NET
- Certificate of Post Doctoral Fellowship if any
- Certificate of Award received if any (include only top three latest awards)
- List of Publication with NAAS rating (include only the publications which published during the period of January, 2019 to December 2024)
- Externally Funded Project handled if any (Submit Proof)
- International Exposure if any (Submit Proof)
- Conference/ Seminar etc. Organized (Submit Proof)
- Post Ph.D. Experience Certificate

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