Canadian Society of Agronomy
La Société Canadienne d'Agronomie

Nomination Form
CSA Early Career Award

Description of Award

The Early Career Agronomist Award is presented annually to members of the Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to agronomy. The Early Career Agronomist Award will be presented at the AGM/Conference of the CSA and the recipient will be given a suitably inscribed plaque. CSA will cover conference registration.

Eligibility of Nominees

Nominees must:

1. be active members of CSA
2. have had continuing (not necessarily successive years) active membership in CSA for at least five years
3. have been actively engaged in research, teaching, extension, or administration or some combination thereof, in Canada. The nominee's total contributions need not have been made in Canada. Research, teaching, extension, and/or administrative contributions from other geographic location(s) will be considered.
4. have made an outstanding contribution to Agronomy since the beginning of his/her career.
5. be within 10 years of the start of his/her career, or within 10 years of earning his/her last degree

Service to CSA is an important consideration but is not a primary selection criterion. A member can only receive a given Award once, but, in a career, a member may qualify for all three awards (Early-Career Agronomist, Fellowship and Distinguished Agronomist). Current members of the Awards Committee are ineligible for nomination.

Eligibility of Nominators

Nominations may be made by any active member of CSA who has had continuous active membership in CSA for at least five years. A member may nominate only one person for each award in a given year.

Nomination Procedure

Download the form on AgronomyCanada.com. The nomination and letters of recommendation should be sent by email in a standard electronic format to the Chair of the Awards committee or the CSA Executive Director.

Each application must contain:

1. the nomination and
2. two supporting letters. Each supporting letter should be sent directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee or CSA Executive Director.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 30 of the nominating year unless there is a general notification of an alternate deadline.

Preparation of the best nomination possible for an exceptional colleague is a compliment to both the nominee and the nominator and it provides the maximum possibility that the nominee will be selected to receive the award.

Obtaining the assistance of the nominee in supplying information is permissible and should improve the accuracy and completeness of the documentation. Clearly identifying and evaluating the nominee's contributions are the most important parts of the nomination because the nominees will be ranked primarily on this basis.

The Awards Committee may contact the Nominator or the authors of the letter or reference for clarification or elaboration of the information provided.

Selections made by the Awards Committee are final and are not appealable.

FORMAT - NOMINATION FOR EARLY CAREER AGRONOMIST AWARD

TITLE: Entitle the document, "Nomination of _____ for the Early Career Agronomist Award" *inserting in the blank, the name of the nominee*.

NOMINEE: Include the formal full name of candidate, mailing address (with postal code), telephone number (with area code), and Email.

NOMINATOR: Include name of nominator, signature, mailing address (with postal code), telephone number (with area code), and Email.

BASIS OF NOMINATION:

1. *Personal achievements, recognitions, and service*
    a. *Degrees received.* Give field, date, and institution for each degree.
    b. *Professional positions held.* Give years, organizations, and locations.
    c. *Membership in honorary academic societies.*
    d. *Membership in professional societies.*
    e. *Honors and awards received since baccalaureate degrees.* (Do not include service functions in honorary organizations.)
2. *Service to CSA.*
    a. Appointed positions
    b. Elected positions
    c. Other service. (Significant committee work or service in other societies.)
3. *Professional achievements in agronomy (This section should be <3 pages.)* Describe achievements, only in the areas listed below, in which the nominee has made significant contributions. Be sure to indicate which of these activities you consider to be the most outstanding.
    a. Teaching/Extension/Industrial Education Achievements in (1) communicating ideas clearly, (2) influencing attitudes or motivating favourable action, to a significant degree, with students or clients. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of publications supporting the nominee's performance.
    b. Investigative Competence, noting significance and originality of basic and applied research contributions and evidence of creative reasoning and skill in obtaining significant data. Evaluate quality and effectiveness of research publications.
    c. Service (Significant service to the profession in universities, foundations, associations, communities, commercial organizations, etc. DO NOT repeat information listed in 1 H).
    d. Development or improvement of significant program practices or products in agronomy. Significance, originality, and acceptance by the public. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of publications to support the significance of the program practices or products.
    e. Leadership, with evidence of creativeness and effectiveness of scientific or administrative activities within or outside Canada.

4. *Summary*

    a. *Nominator's submittal letter.* Summarize in a half page or less, the most significant personal and professional achievements which you believe qualify the nominee to be an Early career Agronomist in the Society. Critically evaluate the impact of the nominee's contributions to science, the agricultural community, and the general public.

    b. *Supporting letters.* A maximum of two (2) supporting letters, of about one printed page each in length, will be considered. It is important to keep letters concise. Supporting letters should be sent electronically directly to the Chair of the Awards Committee or CSA Executive Director. Members of the Awards Committee and members of the CSA Executive Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters.

    c. *Professional publications.* On one sheet, give the total number (not the titles) of professional publications in each of the following categories: (a) books written; (b) books or other publications edited; (c) chapters of books; (d) technical papers; (e) non-technical papers; (f) patents; (g) invited lectures and (h) other related oral, written, visual presentations, or products. On a second sheet, list only the six (6) most significant publications, patents, and presentations or products in literature citation form. Do not include reprints.

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