

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY AWARDS
NOMINATION FOR
PEST MANAGEMENT AWARD

The Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) is offering a Graduate Student Award of \$1,500 to recognize excellence in scholarship in pest management research. The award is made available annually to qualified graduate students enrolled in any aspect of pest management at Canadian universities. The award winner will be selected by the CSA Awards Committee on the following basis:

- Academic performance in relevant course work (30%)
- Novelty and feasibility of the research proposal with respect to pest management (50%)
- University assessment of candidate's potential (20%)

The award consists of a cash award of \$500 (from CSA) plus a travel award of up to \$1,000 (from a commercial sponsor, pending their approval) to allow the recipient to attend the Annual Meeting of the CSA. The recipient will be invited to present a paper in at the Society's Annual Meeting.

Interested students should apply to CSA on the supplied application form. **Completed applications must be received by CSA no later than April 15 in the year of application unless there is a general notification of an alternated deadline.** The applicants will be formally notified by email in early June.

Instructions for Completing an Application

PART I – Application [*To be completed by the applicant*]

The application must be accompanied by a list of all courses taken to date in the graduate program and the final marks obtained. By endorsing the application, the candidate's Department Head and the faculty member completing Part II of the application confirm the accuracy of this information.

When Part I has been completed, the application and transcript(s) should be passed to the Head of the Department, who is asked to take responsibility for the completion of Parts II and III.

Candidates who have recently moved from one university to another may find it to their advantage to have Parts II and III completed by members of the faculty of the university previously attended. In such cases, supporting letters may be forwarded by faculty members of either university.

PART II – Faculty Rating *[To be completed by the faculty member (selected by the Head of the Department) who is most familiar with the work of the applicant]*

The ratings should be based on the level of accomplishment usually expected of candidates at the same level of training and expertise. The CSA awards Committee will interpret the ratings as follows:

“Outstanding” – the top 10%

“Above Average” – not exceptional but in the top 30%

“Average” – not in the top 30% but above 50%

It is important that the responding faculty member amplify the ratings assessment in the comments section. Comments should stress any significant accomplishments or qualities, and are particularly important if the information contained in the box scores differ radically from the transcript of the candidate’s record.

PART III – Departmental Rating *[To be completed by the Head of the Department]*

The Head of the Department should forward the completed application, together with the transcript(s) and all other supporting documentation to:

Nancy Zubriski
Canadian Society of Agronomy
Box 637
Pinawa, MB R0E 1L0

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PART I – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

NAME (surname, given name)	
OFFICE ADDRESS	
PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS	
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (employer, position, dates)	

DEGREES including expected degrees

Degree	Years	Course/subject	University
Bachelors			
Masters			
Doctorate			

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Award	Date	Where held/awarded

EXPERIENCE (Research or related experience)

Dates	Type of experience

PART I - continued

Proposed location for tenure of award

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Outline of proposed research

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PART II – FACULTY RATING

(to be completed by faculty most familiar with the applicant's work)

To assist the Selection Committee in evaluating the applicant, it is extremely important that the ratings given each candidate be arrived at in the same manner. Please read Part II of the instructions very carefully before completing rating scales below.

	Outstanding	Above average	Average
A. Background preparation			
B. Originality			
C. Skill at research (potential)			
D. Industry			
E. Judgement			
F. Scientific ability			

Remarks

I have known the candidate for the period _____

Typed name _____ Signature _____
of respondent of respondent

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***PART III - DEPARTMENTAL RATING
(to be completed by the department head)***

	Highly recommended	Recommended
Departmental recommendation for the award		

	Outstanding	Above average	Average
Department rating			

Remarks concerning all-round ability of candidate:

Department name and university:

Typed name _____ Signature _____
of respondent of Department Head