Canadian Society of Agronomy
La Société Canadienne d'Agronomie

Application Form
Pest Management Award

Description of Award

The Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) Graduate Student Pest Management Award is made available annually to qualified graduate students enrolled at Canadian universities with research programs relevant to pest management. The Graduate Student Pest Management Award shall be made at the AGM/Conference for the CSA and the recipient will receive $500, a suitably inscribed certificate and a travel grant of up to $1,000 provided by Bayer Canada Inc. to allow the successful applicant to attend the CSA annual conference and make an oral presentation based on her/his research project. The winner will be given a speaking slot of at least 15 minutes at the annual conference.

**The Pest Management Award presentation is not eligible for the student oral competition award. The student may enter the oral or poster competition with a separate presentation on another topic.*

Eligibility

Nominees must:

1. be a member of CSA
2. be enrolled at a Canadian University with research programs relevant to pest managment.

The award winner will be selected by the CSA Awards Committee on the basis of performance in relevant subject areas (50%) and the novelty and feasibility of the research proposal vis-à-vis pest management. The award winner will be formally notified by email in advance of the CSA annual meeting.

Interested students should apply to CSA on the supplied application form. Completed applications must reach the CSA Executive Director by **April 15 of the year of the award unless there is a general notification of an alternate deadline.** The applicants will be formally notified by email in early June.

Procedure

Download the application form at AgronomyCanada.com and return to The CSA Executive Director by April 15th.

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:

Jennifer Mitchell
Executive Director
Canadian Society of Agronomy
245-6478 Fifth Line
Fergus, ON N1M 2W5

Application form, CSA Pest Management Award PART I – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

NAME (surname, given name)	
OFFICE ADDRESS	
PREFFERED 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**

Proposed location for tenure of award

Outline of proposed research

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

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