

Inviting Applications for Various Awards of ISSS: 2024

Nominations for induction of Fellows and applications for various awards of ISSS during 2024, are invited as per the details given in this notice. **In a year either the nomination for Fellowship or an application for an Award only will be considered and not for both, in respect of an eligible member. Similarly one can apply during a single year either for 12th International Congress Commemoration Award or ISSS-Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award or Prof. Sant Singh Memorial Award for Excellence in Education and Research in Soil Science.**

The last date of filling up the online nominations/applications for awards is 5 September 2024 up to 5.30 PM.

1. Fellows

The Honorary Members and Fellows of ISSS are invited to nominate eligible members for Fellowship of ISSS, which is conferred on an individual *in recognition of his/her professional outstanding contributions and service to the ISSS*. Total number of persons to be bestowed with Fellowship of ISSS during the year 2024 shall not exceed **FOUR**.

To be eligible for nomination for the Fellowship, an individual must have been a sustaining Life Member or Member (not in arrears of subscription) for at least last ten consecutive years. **Honorary Members and the Platinum Jubilee Commemoration awardees are not eligible to apply for this award.**

The nomination will be made in each case at least by TWO Honorary Members/ Fellows. In a year, an Honorary Member/ Fellow can make not more than ONE nomination. Nomination once made shall remain valid for three years. The newly inducted Fellows shall be formally admitted at the Annual Convention and presented with a citation.

2. Dr. J.S. Kanwar Twelfth International Congress of Soil Science Commemoration Award

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS, irrespective of age for this award. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving evidence of creating a school of research, providing leadership and/or making independent outstanding contribution in any branch of Soil Science.

The Awardee shall be honored with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

3. ISSS–Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award for Excellence in Soil Science

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS or the team in the area of basic/ applied aspects of soil science for sustainable high productivity. In case of the team one of the members shall be the active member of the ISSS.

Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving a concise account (**not more than 500 words**) of the work supported by a documentary evidence of the excellence of the work by the best five original research papers published in not less than three

different peer-review journals of repute, and also a brief description of (a) products developed and patent(s) granted/ commercialized, and (b) viable technologies developed in India or any other well-recognized international organization based in India. The Awardee shall be honored with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

4. Prof. Sant Singh Memorial Award for Excellence in Education and Research in Soil Science

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving a concise account of the work (**not more than 500 words each for teaching and research**) supported by documentary evidence in the form of:

(a) **For the assessment of teaching:** A certificate from Dean/Director of the Faculty/Institute authenticating contribution of the applicant in development /revision of course curriculum, copies of teaching materials like books, book chapters, manuals, models, bulletins, technical folders, e-courses, e-lectures developed, list of courses taught at UG/PG levels, number of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students supervised and quality of students/human resources as evident by their placements; and

(b) **For the assessment of research:** Best five original research papers published in not less than three different peer-review journals of repute.

The Awardee shall be honored with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

5. Golden Jubilee Commemoration Young Scientist Award

This award, given annually to an individual in recognition of his/her professional contributions in Soil Science, is open to members of the ISSS who are not more than 40 years of age as on 31 December 2024. The work done for any degree or diploma by the applicant shall not be considered within the purview of the contributions in judging the award. Eligible members of the ISSS can apply online for this award

The awardee shall be honored with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention.

6. ISSS Best Doctoral Research Presentation Award

This award, given annually to an individual, is in recognition of the best presentation of doctoral research work done in Soil Science in India.

Eligibility: A recipient of Doctoral degree in Soil Science, irrespective of age and membership of ISSS is eligible to apply online for this award. However, that person should have either completed all the requirements so as to become eligible for the award of Doctoral degree (or received Doctoral degree) of a University (recognized by the University Grants Commission) or an Institute/ Organization (conferred with the status of 'Deemed to be University' in India) any time between **1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024** (both days inclusive).

Preliminary Round of Contest: The contest for this award will be organized in two rounds. The preliminary round will be organized on the zonal basis by four Chapters of ISSS, one in each of the four zones (as delineated for the purpose of holding ISSS Zonal Awards). This first round of contest in each zone is meant for selecting not more than two contestants from that particular zone.

The Chapters delineated for holding first round ISSS Best Doctoral Research Presentation Award Contest in 2024 are: **Kolkata** – East Zone, **Gwalior** – West Zone, **Palampur** – North Zone and **Hyderabad** – South Zone

Final Round of Contest: All the contestants selected at the zonal level in the preliminary round will then be invited to participate in the final round of contest that will be organized by ISSS during its Annual Convention at NASC Complex, New Delhi.

Additional Requirement: The contestants participating in the preliminary as well as final round shall be required to make available a copy of their theses/dissertations to the Judging Committee at the time of contest for consultation.

Presentation of Award: The single winner of the award from among the contestants in the final round will be honored with a citation and a gold-plated medal at the Concluding Session of the Annual Convention, while all the other contestants in the final round will be given commendation certificates.

Travel Support for Participation: Each Chapter of ISSS is entitled to nominate not more than two contestants fulfilling all the requirements, to participate in the contest at the zonal level and such nominees of Chapters shall be eligible to receive travel grant from ISSS, limited to two single second class (sleeper) rail or ordinary bus fare from the place of their normal residence/ work to the venue of the zonal award contest.

Intending candidates desirous of availing this financial support should route their applications through a Chapter of ISSS, whose decision insofar as recommendation for financial support shall be final.

7. The Indian Society of Soil Science Zonal Awards

These awards, four in number, are exclusively meant for holders of **Master's degree in Soil Science** and giving best presentation of research work carried out by them during the Master's degree programme. Only the work done in India for Master's degree will be eligible for this award. There is one award comprising a gold-plated medal and a citation for each of the East, West, North and South zones of India. The Council of ISSS has already decided on the States and Union Territories to be covered in each zone for the year 2024 and also identified the Chapter of ISSS (**Kolkata** – East Zone, **Gwalior** – West Zone, **Palampur** – North Zone and **Hyderabad** – South Zone), which will organize the contest in each zone.

Eligibility: This contest is open to candidates in India, irrespective of the fact whether they are members of the ISSS or not, but fulfilling the following essential requirements.

- * *Must be a Master's degree holder in Soil Science from a recognized university or an institute/ organization deemed to be university in India.*
- * *Must have specialized in Soil Science and/ or Agricultural Chemistry at the Master's degree level.*
- * *Must have submitted a Thesis/ Dissertation in partial/ full requirement of the Master's degree.*
- * *Must have completed all the requirements so as to become eligible for the award of Master's degree or received the Master's degree any time during the period from **1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024** (both days inclusive).*

Application: The intending applicants are required to submit their applications online **on or before 31 August 2024 up to 5.30 PM**. The contestants shall be required to make available a copy of their theses/ dissertations to the Judging Committee at the time of contest for consultation.

Travel Support for Participation: Each Chapter of ISSS is entitled to nominate not more than two contestants fulfilling all the requirements, to participate in the zonal awards contest and such nominees of Chapters shall be eligible to receive travel grant from ISSS, limited to two single second class (sleeper) rail or ordinary bus fare from the place of their normal residence/ work to the venue of the zonal award contest.

Intending candidates desirous of availing this financial support should route their applications through a Chapter of ISSS, whose decision insofar as recommendation for financial support shall be final.

Presentation of Award: Each awardee will be presented with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the end of the contest by the Chapter of ISSS organizing the contest for and on behalf of the ISSS.

Best Poster Presentation Awards

This award, three in number, are given annually to the participants to encourage and foster competition and to recognize excellence in poster presentations made in the Annual Convention of ISSS. The awardee shall be honored with a citation in the Concluding Function of the Annual Convention.

Best Chapter Awards

This award, three in number, are given annually to the Chapters of ISSS to encourage in poster presentations made in the Annual Convention of ISSS. The awardee shall be honored with a citation in the Concluding Function of the Annual Convention.

Important Notes

- An individual already received an award from the Society should not be considered for the next higher award within the cooling period of next three years.
- A candidate once received an award he/she should not be eligible for the award which is listed after that particular award as mentioned above.