

National Association for Plant Breeding

EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST AWARD

The Early Career Scientist Award recognizes an individual pursuing a career in the plant breeding field. Applicants should exhibit the ability to establish strong research foundations (technological innovations, experimental techniques, publications, etc.), interact with multidisciplinary teams, demonstrate leadership, and participate in relevant professional societies. The nominee must have obtained their PhD after December 31, 2015.

For additional information: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>

Deadline for submission: 17 Apr 2026 5:00pm Pacific time

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1. Nomination Letter (2-page limit)

- Synopsis of nominee's professional merits and work history
- Relationship of nominator to nominee (e.g., supervisor, chair, colleague)
- Documentation of nominee's ability to establish strong research foundations (e.g., technological innovations, experimental techniques, publications, etc.), interact with multidisciplinary teams, demonstrate leadership, and participate in relevant professional societies
- Contact information of nominator and nominee

2. Curriculum Vitae

- Name, title, employer, work address
- Professional preparation: Degrees, institutions, dates
- Professional history: Job titles, employers, places, dates
- Awards, honors, grants, professional activities
- Publications/Products: Selected, relevant refereed and non-refereed publications, patents, PVP's, cultivar and germplasm releases

3. Letters of Support

- Include 2-5 signed letters of support (2-page limit) with author's email address and telephone

4. Submit Package as a single document in pdf format

- Awards Committee Chair: Jim McFerson, Email jim.mcferson@gmail.com, Ph 509-669-3900

POST-AWARD EXPECTATIONS

After being notified of their selection, the award recipient should submit the following for use at the NAPB annual meeting, press releases and announcements

1. Professional sketch: 300-400 words summarizing institutional affiliation, scope of previous and ongoing research and significant achievements

2. Digital images of Awardee: non-copyrighted, high-resolution images in a common format (jpg, tiff, png), including: [a] professional posed image and [b] action photo at work as a plant breeder