

National Association for Plant Breeding

PLANT BREEDING EDUCATOR AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary impact on students, staff, other plant breeders, the scientific community, or the general public through their exceptional skills, innovation, and commitment to plant breeding education. In their career, the recipient has:

- Promoted an understanding of plant breeding concepts and principles as well as an acquisition of knowledge and skills in the learning experience
- Developed and used novel educational materials and methods effectively and imaginatively
- Helped develop personal skills and leadership capabilities among their audience and mentees
- Pursued their own professional development in research, outreach, and service to inform their educational and mentoring activities

Nominations from all sectors (academia, industry, government) and any career stage are encouraged.

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

Deadline for submission: 1 May 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, department chair, colleague)
- Documentation of nominee's ability in education and outreach: technological innovation, experimental techniques, training programs, books, publications, digital resources, etc.)
- Documentation of leadership achievements and participation in 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, locations, dates
- Teaching, curriculum/content development, mentoring, or outreach activities
- Awards, honors, grants related to educational activities
- Selected, relevant refereed and non-refereed publications and products

3. Letters of Support

- Include 2-5 signed letters (2-page limit) with author's email address and telephone number
- At least two letters should be from previous students and/or mentees

4. Submit Nomination 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, for press releases and announcements

1. Professional sketch: 300-400 words summarizing institutional affiliation, scope of previous and ongoing educational/mentoring activities, and significant professional 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 breeding educator