

National Association for Plant Breeding

PUBLIC SECTOR PLANT BREEDING IMPACT AWARD

The Public Sector Plant Breeding Impact Award recognizes an individual whose accomplishments as a scientist in the public sector have had extraordinary impact in the field of plant breeding in areas such as research, technological innovation, germplasm development, cultivar release, education, and leadership.

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 contributions in research, germplasm development, cultivar release, technological innovation and education
- Contact information of nominator and nominee

2. Curriculum Vitae

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