

National Association of Plant Breeders

EARLY CAREER AWARD

The Early Career Award recognizes a young scientist who is active in the plant breeding field. Applicants should exhibit the ability to establish strong research foundations (experimental techniques, publications, etc.), to interact with multidisciplinary teams, and to participate in professional societies relevant to their discipline. The nominee must have obtained their Ph.D. after December 31, 2006.

For additional award information, please see the awards announcement at:

<https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>

Deadline for submission: May 22, 2016 (11:59 pm Central time)

Nomination Package (PDF format):

1. Nomination Letter (minimal requirements listed below; 2-page limit)

- Synopsis of nominee's professional merits and work history
- Relationship of nominator to nominee (e.g., member of department, chair of department, professional colleague...)
- Statement of the nominee's professional contributions and achievements related to the field of plant breeding (innovative techniques, variety and germplasm developments, impact within industry)
- Contact information of nominator and nominee

2. Curriculum Vitae (minimal requirements listed below)

- Name, title, employer, work address
- Professional preparation - Degrees, institutions, and dates
- Professional history - Job titles, employers, places, and dates
- Grants, Awards and Honors
- Publications (Include all relevant refereed and non-refereed publications as well as patents, PVP's, and cultivar and germplasm releases.)

3. Letters of Support

It is suggested that each nomination be accompanied by 2 to 5 signed letters of support submitted as PDF files, 1-2 pages each. Each letter should include the author's email address and telephone number.

EMAIL NOMINATION PDFs TO:

Dr. Rita Mumm, University of Illinois, 1102 South Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: 217-244-9497; Email: ritamumm@illinois.edu

POST-AWARD EXPECTATIONS:

1. ***After*** being notified that the nominee has been selected for the award, the award recipient should submit the following. These items will be used at the annual meeting, for press releases and announcements.

- a. **Professional sketch:** 200 - 300 words about institutional affiliation and scope of the previous and ongoing research (suitable for use in announcements).
- b. **Digital image(s) of Awardee:** Several non-copyrighted high-resolution digital images of the nominee in a common image format (non-proprietary), e.g., jpg, tiff, png. Suggestions for inclusion: [a] professional posed image, and [b] action photo showing the awardee at work as a plant breeder.