



National Association of Plant Breeders 2016 Call for Award Nominations

The National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB) is pleased to announce availability of three professional awards. Awardees will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on August 15th -18th at the Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, NC. Annual Meeting information can be found at <https://www.plantbreeding.org/annual-meeting-2016>

EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST AWARD - Recognizes a young public or private sector scientist who is active in the plant breeding field. Applicants should exhibit the ability to establish strong research foundations (experimental techniques, novel ideas, 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.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Recognizes an individual who has given distinguished long-term service to the plant breeding discipline in areas such as breeding/genetics research and publication, education (graduate or undergraduate level training or continuing education), extension outreach, and regional, national, and/or international leadership.

PLANT BREEDING IMPACT AWARD - Recognizes an individual who has made significant advancements in the field of plant breeding, specifically in the area of applied variety and/or technology development. Public or private plant breeders whose improved germplasm or technological contributions have had a measurable impact on crop production are eligible to receive this award.

Nomination procedures and entry forms containing more detail are included with this announcement and on our website <https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>. These awards are not based on the nature of employment (public, private, etc.) and the nominee does not have to be a member of the NAPB.

Award recipients will be recognized at the NAPB annual meeting the year of the award, where they will receive a plaque and cash award (if applicable). Furthermore, the awardees will be announced on the NAPB web site. In addition, awardees will be provided a reimbursed trip to the NAPB annual meeting the following year, where they will be expected to give a presentation.

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2016 and **the final deadline is May 22, 2016 (11:59 pm Central time)**. In addition, nomination packages that were submitted but not awarded will be considered for two subsequent years, provided that nominees remain eligible for the specific award category (Early Career Award nominees must be within specified dates of PhD). Nominators are encouraged to resubmit such nomination packages; letters of support can be used for up to three years. For inquiries, questions and submissions, please contact the Awards Panel Chairperson, Rita Mumm, 217-244-9497, ritamumm@illinois.edu. **Nomination packages can be submitted to Rita Mumm in pdf format through email.**

Note: Graduate student awards for presentations and posters will be organized and issued through the NAPB Education Subcommittee.