

Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) Awards

General Guidelines for all ISA Awards

1. The awards are open to all the Indian Scientists who have worked/Working, in India or abroad, in the field of Agronomy.
2. The awardees should be Annual or Life Member of the ISA.
3. The Values (cash prize) of the awards, wherever applicable, shall be reviewed and, if necessary, revised after every five years.
4. No member of the Executive Committee (EC) shall be member of the Judging Committee / Search Committee.
5. Generally, no member of the Executive Committee (EC) shall be considered, during his /her EC term, for ISA Awards.
6. It may not be necessary to have a Separate Judging Committee/Search Committee for each ISA Award. The EC may constitute one, two or more Judging Committees/Search Committees for recommending names for ISA Awards.
7. The EC shall finalize and approve the names of ISA Awards whose decision shall be final and binding.
8. Evaluation for all the ISA Awards shall be made in the prescribed proforma developed for each award. The awards shall be given strictly on merit . However, minimum qualifying marks shall be 60 percent in each case.
9. The number of Awards shall be as under:-
 - a. Best Research paper - One Annual
 - b. Best Ph.D. Thesis - One Annual
 - c. P.S. Deshmukh - One Annual
Young Agronomist
 - d. Fellows - Six Per Year
 - e. Gold Medals - Two per Year
 - f. Life Time Achievement - One in Two Years.

However, the EC may increase the number, if necessary.

10. The ISA will pay to and Rail AC Fair and local hospitality to the recipients provided the same is not available from any other source.
11. Each and every award of the ISA shall carry, besides cash, memento, Gold medal as the case may be, certificate/citation including co-authors/co-workers.

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ISA Annual Award for Best Research paper

VI – Eligibility of the Award:-

- (a) All the research papers published in a calendar year (January – December) are eligible for the award. The award shall be made for original research work and not for routine investigations. The candidature shall be judged on the basis of original research work done.
- (b) No change is required.
- (c) No change is required. **However, included in general guidelines and can be deleted form here.**
- (d) No change is required.
- (e) The award winner (s) will be eligible to apply for this award in the subsequent year(s) also.

VII – Subject matter of article :-

Delete the word **“or applied”** given in the second line.

No other changes are required.

Note:- The word "article" is to be replaced with the word **"research paper"**.

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ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award

Though, the current guidelines seem to be perfectly alright, the following suggestions and Evaluation proforma may be considered by the EC for further necessary action.

- (a) Applications shall be invited every year, and in the very next year of the award of the degree
- (b) Five copies of the complete application shall be required.
- (c) Evaluation proforma:-

	<u>Marks</u>
1. Importance of the problem and originality of the work	30
2. Research Work full or partial requirement	5
i. With Course work	
• First Division	5
• Second Division	3
ii. Without course work	2
3. Quality of presentation - All chapters, tables, graphs, photos, charts, language, errors, etc	30
4. Practical utility of the findings (Ecologically, Economically, Socially, etc.)	30
5. Publications from the study if any (Accepted/ Published with proof)	5
Total Marks	100

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ISA P.S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award

Eligibility: -

- a- M.Sc. Agronomy from any recognized University/ Institute in India/ Abroad
- b- At least 5 years research/teaching/extension education experience as evident from the published work in the reputed journals. The experience, after M.Sc., may be as Asstt. Professor and equivalent, Scientist, JRF/SRF/R.A., etc. either in Public Sector or Private organizations.
- c- Age not more than 35 years as on 1st January of the year in which applications are invited.

Evaluation Proforma:-

1. Educational qualifications						Marks
Division	High School	Inter/Hr. Sec./ 10+2	B.Sc. (Ag.)	M.Sc.(Ag.)	Ph.D.	
I	2	3	5	5	5	20
II	1	2	3	3	3	
Ph.D. Without course work - 3						
2. Employment experience (Experience more than 5 years – 1 mark for each additional year)						5
3. Professional recognition, awards, fellowships , etc. (one mark for each)						5
4. Publications (As per NAAS ranking)						20
5. Synopsis of Significant contributions in Teaching/ Research/ Ext. Edu. (500 words) Five marks for each significant contribution, packages, etc.						35
6. Externally funded projects handled P.I. 5 marks Co-PI 3 marks for each project						10
7. P.G. Students guided – 0.5 mark for M.Sc. and 1.0 mark for Ph.D. (each student)						5
Total						100

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ISA Fellow

Eligibility:-

1. The award is open to all Indian Scientists, who have worked /working, in India/ Abroad, in the field of Agronomy.
2. The candidate(s) must be a Life Member(s) of the ISA for at least 3 years at the time of inviting nominations for the award.
3. The contributions of the awardees should have National /International impact.
4. The candidates should be of the rank of Associate Professor or above with at-least 7 years experience or Asstt. Professor / Lecturer with not less than 15 years experience.

Mode of Selection

1. The Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Search Committee of 3-5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The Search Committee shall invite nominations from State chapters of ISA, Heads of Departments/Divisions of Agronomy in the prescribed proforma. However, individuals can also apply through proper channel.
3. The awardees shall be nominated by three Life Members of ISA. One Life Member can nominate only one awardee per year.
4. The Search Committee shall evaluate the proposals / nominations received from (2) above as per marks and Guidelines given the Evaluation proforma. The list shall be in order of merit.
5. The recommendations of the Search Committee shall be discussed in the EC meeting, whose decision shall be final and binding.
6. The recipient would be conferred the Fellowship along with the citation and memento of the ISA at the biennial meeting of the society.

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ISA Gold Medal

Eligibility:-

1. The award is open to all ISA Fellows only.
2. The candidate(s) must be ISA Fellow(s) for at least three years at the time of inviting nominations for the award
3. The contributions of the awardees should have national/international impact.

Mode of Selection

1. The Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a search committee of 3-5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The Search Committee Shall invite nominations from ISA Fellows in the prescribed proforma.
3. The awardees shall be nominated by three ISA Fellows. One ISA Fellow can nominate only one awardee per year. However, ISA Fellows can also apply through proper channel.
4. The Search Committee shall evaluate the proposals/nominations received from (2) above as per marks and guidelines given in the Evaluation proforma. The list shall be in order of merit.
5. The recommendations of the search Committee shall be discussed in the EC meeting, whose decisions shall be final and binding.
6. The recipients would be conferred the award with citation and Gold Medal of ISA at the biennial meeting of the society.

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ISA Life Time Achievements Award

Eligibility:-

1. The award is open to all the ISA Gold Medal Holders. The person must be ISA Gold Medal Holder for at least three years at the time of nominations.
2. The person must have retired from the active service before 1st January of the year of the award. The person(s) retired long ago can also be considered.
3. The contributions of the awardees should have national/international impact.

Mode of Selection:-

1. The Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Search Committee of 3-5 eminent Agronomists.
2. The Search Committee shall invite nominations from ISA Gold Medal Holders in the prescribed proforma.
3. The awardees shall be nominated by three ISA Gold Medal Holders. One ISA Gold Medal Holder can nominate only one awardee at a time.
4. The Search Committee shall evaluate the proposals /nominations received from (2) above as per marks and guidelines given in the Evaluation Proforma. The list shall be given in order of merit.
5. The recommendations of the Search Committee shall be discussed in the EC meeting whose decision shall be final and binding.
6. The recipients would be conferred the award with citation and Gold Medal of ISA at the biennial meeting of the society.
7. The recipient would be conferred the award with citation and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 at the biennial meeting of the society.

Note:- If cash prize is not given then the EC may decide the form of felicitation befitting with nature of award.

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Evaluation Proforma for ISA Fellow / Gold Medal/ Life Time Achievements Awards

Sr.No.	Item				Marks		
					ISA Fellow	ISA Gold Medal	ISA Life Time Achievements
1.	Educational Qualifications				06	-	-
	Division	B.Sc. (Ag.)	M.Sc. (Ag.)	Ph.D.			
	I	2	2	2			
	II	1	1	1			
	Ph.D. Without Course work –1						
2.	Out standing professional contributions (in about 500 words in Teaching/Research/Extension)				20	25	30
3.	Positions held scientific leadership National /International Societies – Office bears; Professional/ ISA/ Other Societies / Organizations (one mark of each tenure)				06	10	15
4.	Professional recognition, awards, fellowships, Medals, etc.(One mark for each)				05	10	10
5.	Publications (Marks as per ranking of journals given by NAAS)				30	15	05
6.	Contributions for any of the objectives of ISA (3 marks for each)				10	10	05
7.	Leadership positions in research organizations/ programmers – Head of Department / Division onwards, one mark for each year.				10	20	30
8.	Seminars/ Symposia/ Workshops, etc. organized(Director/Coordinator – 2 marks, Co-Director/ Co-Coordinator – 1 mark for each. AICRP workshops to be excluded.				05	04	02
9.	Resource generation (Externally funded projects as P.I. 2 marks, Co-P.I. one mark, each.)(AICRP,NARP, NATP, NAIP, etc. to be excluded)				05	04	03
10.	Any other information in support of nomination				03	02	-
	Total				100	100	100

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Format for Nomination of ISA Fellow / Gold Medal/ Life Time Achievements Awards

1. Name of the nominee (in capital letters)
2. Address
3. Educational Qualifications starting from B.Sc. (Ag.) onwards

Sr.No.	Degree	University/ Institute	Year of Passing	Subjects	Percentage Marks/ OGPA Division

4. Positions held (in chronological order) from Head onwards

Sr.No.	Name of employer	Name of Post	From	To	Pay Scale (Rs.)

5. Outstanding Professional contributions (in about – 500 Words)- Concepts, Processes, Products, Technologies, etc.)
6. Positions held in ISA/ Other societies – office bearers (Give Period From to)
7. Professional recognition (Awards, Fellow, Medal, etc.)
8. Publications – Give NAAS ranking of the journals, Categories- Research Papers, Books, Popular Articles (Papers/Abstracts published in seminars/ symposia proceedings should not be given).
9. Contributions for any of the objectives of ISA – Give details of contributions made.
10. Seminars/ Symposia/ Workshops, etc. Organized (Give capacity in organization)
11. Resource generation (Externally funded projects as P.I./Co-P.I. – Give amount and duration)(AICRP, NARP, NATP, NAIP, etc. are to be excluded).
12. Any other information, if not covered above

I certify and under take that the information furnished above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

(Name , Date and Place)

Nominated by (nominated by three persons in each case)

1. Name
2. Designation
3. Address
 - Life member /ISA Fellow/ ISA Gold Medal Since
 - Signature with date and Place.

International Travel Grant for attending symposia/seminars etc. by the Society and ISA Associate on the pattern of NAAS

ISA Associateship guidelines

Age group	:	30-40 years
No. of Associateships/year	:	3
Minimum service	:	10 years with Ph D
Life member of ISA	:	At least for the last 5 years
RMP's	:	Are excluded
Qualifications	:	25% weightage to, publications, experience and Others
Application	:	Candidate will submit the application for the award
Selection committee	:	A committee consisting of 4 members with Secretary as Member Secretary will scrutinize the applications. Executive Council will finally approve the nominations suggested by the committee.

EDUCATION (25%)

Degree	Medal	Ist class	Second class
Graduate	5	4	3
PG	8	7	6
Ph D	12	11	10
Total	25	22	19

PUBLICATIONS (25%)

NAAS rated (≤ 6.0). 15 research articles in NAAS listed journals marking of publications as per ASRB pattern

Person having 15 articles with NAAS rating of 6 and above to get full marks.

RESEARCH, TEACHING & EXTENSION (25%)

Research

One mark for each year	:	Maximum 15 marks
Technology developed	:	4 marks; 2 marks for each technology
Training organized	:	6 marks; 2 marks for each training

Teaching

One mark for each year	:	Maximum 15 marks
Research guidance	:	One mark for each PG student – maximum 4 marks
Training organized	:	6 marks; 2 marks for each training

Extension

One mark for each year	:	Maximum 15 marks
Farmers training programs Organized	:	10 marks; one mark for each training organized

Others

International Exposure	:	One mark for each visit
Service to professional society	:	One mark for each year serving as Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Councillors and Chief Editor

Institutional building
New Courses Developed
Innovative Technology in teaching and extension
Infra-structure development

International Travel Grant.

- Members with at least 10 years of life membership of ISA and not less than 5 years of service left
- RMP's are excluded
- Invited papers will be given priority
- Grant can be availed once in lifetime
- Application to be submitted two months in advance.
- Application will be considered only after acceptance of the paper
- Number of grants available per year will be 5
- Each grant will carry Rs 25,000/-
- Applicant will submit the accounts and report to the society within one month after return from symposia/seminar
- The symposia/seminar etc. must be organized by well established national and international professional society relevant to the discipline of Agronomy
- The grant will be disbursed after receipts of travel, accommodation and registration fee. Payment will be made through A/C payee cheque
- The applicant will be informed about the grant only after approval of the EC
- A committee consisting of 4 members with Secretary as member Secretary will scrutinize the application and put up before the next EC meeting