

## **ACSPSNA YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD**

### **The Award**

The name of the award is “**ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award**”. This award is sponsored by the Association of Chinese Soil & Plant Scientists in North America (ACSPSNA). Selection of the recipient for the award shall be recommended by the ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award Committee, normally consisting of five active and well-established scientists, and be finally approved by the board of ACSPSNA.

The award will be presented to the recipient at the ACSPSNA annual meeting affiliated with the ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meetings. The award includes a certificate.

### **Purpose of the Award**

This award is given annually to recognize outstanding career achievements in education, research, innovation, development, extension, consulting, international collaboration, or other professional activities made by a young ACSPSNA member in the profession of Agronomy, Crop Science and/or Soil Science. The main purpose of the award is to promote soil and crop sciences as a rewarding career, and help the recipient in career promotion or job search.

### **Eligibility for the Award**

- 1) The recipient shall be a member of ACSPSNA with good standing.
- 2) The recipient shall hold a position within 7 years after receiving his/her final degree.
- 3) The recipient shall have made noteworthy contributions in the areas described above under "Purpose of the Award."

### **Procedure for Nomination**

Nominations can be made by an individual (member or nonmember), group, company, or organization in related areas of soil or crop science. The Chair of the Award Committee shall initiate the award nomination process by publishing the award guidelines on the ACSPSNA website. The nomination material should include a nomination letter, the nominee's CV and three letters of reference detailing the candidate's distinguished accomplishments. One award will be given each year.

The deadline for submission of nomination will be announced each year. Please email the nomination materials to the chair of ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award Committee, who is the vice president of that year. The ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award Committee will review all application documents and make the recommendation to the ACSPSNA president.

**NOTE:** Those who nominated a candidate will be notified only if their nominee is selected. The nominees who are not selected for the award will be potentially considered by the ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award Committee in the following two years if an updated CV of the candidate is received by the committee chair of each year.

### **Chair of ACSPSNA Young Scientist Award Committee:**

The vice president of the ACSPSNA will be the chair of this committee.