

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF NOMINATION FORM FOR YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD OF SSRD

1. This award will be presented to Members of SSRD who have a continuous standing for FIVE years in the Society and not attained the age of 40 years on 31st August of the year in which the award was announced, in recognition of their talent, creativity and contribution in the field of sugarcane research and development.
2. The number of awards to be made in any year will be limited to ONE.
3. The award may be proposed by “Life Member” of SSRD. Self-nomination will not be considered.
4. A nomination will remain valid for consideration by the Society for 2 YEARS or the eligibility age whichever expires earlier. However, the candidate who wishes to make his nomination for the second year may send a message to the Society along with updates etc. if available but no need to send nomination form again.
5. The names of the Young Scientists selected for the award will be announced in annual General body meeting of the Society or similar such meeting.
6. The award shall consist of a Bronze Medal and a Certificate. All members of the Society having a continuous standing for five years are eligible to be considered for Young Researcher Award of the Society.
7. A proposer can nominate maximum for TWO awards in a year.
8. All the valid nominations will be discussed and finalized in the Executive Council. The decision of the EC will be announced in the annual General Body meeting of the Society.
9. Proforma with incomplete information is liable for rejection. No communication will be made in this regard.
10. The cut-off marks for the deciding the eligibility for the award is 60.0 (SIXTY)
11. The President of SSRD reserves all rights to accept or reject the application(s).
12. Proofs for claims made in the applications should be attached.
13. While quoting your publications, please consult the catalogue of journals with NAAS scores and list only those publications that have been published in NAAS rated journals. *Avoid publication in non-refereed journals and do not list papers from the proceedings/ abstracts presented in workshops/ symposia.*
14. Members / Applicant can't claim the Award as matter of their rights.
15. **Last date for submission of Nomination is on or before 5.30 PM of 09th November 2026**
16. Duly completed nomination Form should be sent by Post, Courier or by Hand, to Secretary, Society for Sugarcane Research and Development (SSRD), ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu-641007 on or before the due date.

Guidelines for Evaluation of Nominations Form for Young Researcher Award of SSRD

SCORE SUMMARY

Sl No	Particulars	Max. Marks
1	Academic Performance & Professional attainment	8.0
2	Award, Honour, Patents, Special attainment	10.0
3	R & D Contribution	62.0
4	Publications	20.0
Total		100.00

DETAILED SCORES

Sl. No.	Particulars	Marks	Maximum marks
A	Academic Performance & Professional attainment		
1	OGPA or % of marks >80.0% or 1 st position or Distinction or Gold Medal in the University at Graduate, Master and Doctoral degrees.	0.5 mark each	2.0
2	Acquiring Post-Doctoral Fellow or similar qualification (minimum of one-year period)	2.0 mark	2.0
3	Total length of service in a reputed organization / institute including temporary jobs like JRF, SRF, RA, Project Assistant, Assignment in private organization etc.	0.5 mark for each year	6.0
Maximum marks for the above may be restricted to 8.0			
B	Award, Honour, Patent and Special attainment		
1	International or National or State awards or awards of high repute instituted by Govt. Dept., National Science Academies, ICAR, CSIR, DBT, NRDC, SAUs etc.	2.0 mark each	4.0
2	All other awards, Merit Scholarship from ICAR, CSIR, DBT, DST, SAUs and similar agencies	1.0 mark each	2.0
3	Editor, Associate Editor, Editorial Board Member of Journal irrespective of years	1.0 mark each	1.0
4	Holding External Funded Project (budget of more than or equal to Rs. 8.00 lakhs)	1.0 mark each for PI and 0.5 marks for Co-PI	2.0
5	Patents, Copyrights filed and granted	3.0 marks for each item for developers; 1.5 mark for collaborators	5.0
6.	Award by recognized Professional Societies	1.0 mark each	2
Maximum marks for the above may be restricted to 10.0			
C	R & D Contribution		
1	Sugarcane variety identified by the Workshop / Variety Notified by the CVRC or other accredited national level body and reached seed-chain / Sugarcane technologies or Package of Practices developed which are recommended by the ICAR or AICRP or national level agencies or having application in more than 2 states / New extension	<u>For Development / Identification by Workshop AND Release or Notification by concerned authority</u> 3.0 marks for each item- for the First developers;	12.0

	models or concepts or methodologies developed which is recognized at national level	2.0 marks for other developers; 1.0 marks for collaborators <u>For Development / identified by the Workshop but not yet notified by the Authority</u> 2.0 marks for each item- for the First developers; 1.5 marks for other developers; 0.5 mark for collaborators	
2	Sugarcane variety identified by the Workshop / or State level body / Variety released by the State or SVRC, Notified and reached seed-chain / Sugarcane technologies or Package of Practices or Extension methodologies developed which is recognized by regional or state level agencies / Development of Value Chain/ Model Village/ Seed Village /Custom hiring Centre / Contract Farming	<u>For Development /Identification by the Workshop AND Release or Notification by concerned authority</u> 2.0 marks for each item- for the First developers; 1.5 marks for other developers; 0.5 mark for collaborators. <u>For Development / identification by the Workshop but not yet notified by the Authority</u> 1.5 marks for each item- for the First developer; 1.0 marks for other developers; 0.5 mark for collaborators	10.0
3	Software, Web resources, Portals, Mobile Apps, Statistical packages, other IT tools developed with major contribution from the nominee (not through outsourcing) and used in-house or by the Govt. institutes or farmers or commercialized	3.0 marks for each item-if major contribution is by the nominee; 2.0 marks each item-developed through outsourcing or with collaboration	10.0
4	Plant Varieties Registered or Application Filed under the PPV&FR Act /Soil profiling / Maps developed / Similar recognition /Protection	<u>Reg. Certificate received:</u> 2.0 mark for each item for the First developer; 1.5 marks for other developers; 1.0 mark for collaborators <u>Filed but Reg. certificate not yet received:</u> 1.5 mark for each item for the First developer; 1.0 marks for other developers; 0.5 mark for collaborators	5.0
5	Registration of unique germplasm / Genetic stock in ICAR-NBPGR or Co canes or allied canes or strains or products developed which entered into AICRP trials	1.0 mark for each item for the First developer; 0.5 mark for other developers and 0.25 mark for collaborators	5.0
6	New /Novel Genes /traits identified which have economic significance & Gene sequence	1.0 mark for each item for the First developer; 0.5	5.0

	deposition in Gene bank (full length sequence – complete characterization of the gene / genome)	mark for other developers and 0.25 mark for collaborators	
7	Others: Insect-Microbial culture or strain / voucher specimen deposited in repositories etc.	1.0 mark for each item for the First developer; 0.5 mark for other developers and 0.25 mark for collaborators	5.0
8	Extent of spread of a variety as evident from area coverage or seed demand / Involvement in quality seed production	2.0 marks for a variety covering 100 acres or seed supply of 1,000 q /30,000 TC plants	5.0
9	Extent of Spread or adoption of a technology/ Machineries/ Software / Portals/ Policy Briefs/ Protocol /testing kits in terms of no. of villages, farmers, sugar factories, etc	2.0 marks for a technology or product covering 1000 users (10,000 reads/hits for Software / Portals and Policy briefs)	5.0
10	Commercialization or Economic impact or Revenue generation	2.0 marks for revenue of 2.0 lakhs and above.	6.0
Maximum marks for the above may be restricted to 62.0			
D	Publications		
A	The nominees should list maximum of 15 best research publications in sugarcane along with latest NAAS's journal rating. The sum total of NAAS score for 20 publications will be divided by 6 to obtain marks. For journals not covered by NAAS, but having International Impact Factor (Thomson Reuters), the nominee can indicate score as 6 + Impact Factor. For research publications, where NAAS journal rating / International Impact Factor (Thomson Reuters) is not available, award 0.5 marks for each publication. <i>No need to attach reprint of publications</i>	Full marks /scores for first author or corresponding author; 75% marks/ score for others	15.0
B	Other publications	Books not less than 100 pages -1.0 for the First author and 0.5 for other authors; Book chapters/ short communications, pamphlets, popular articles, symposia/ conference papers etc. 0.5 for first Author, 0.25 for other Authors	5.0