



## Society for Sugarcane Research and Development

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### SSRD AWARDS

One of the objectives of SSRD is to promote excellence in sugarcane research and development through awards, fellowships, research grants, travel grants to attend symposia, etc. The issue of recognizing and rewarding the contribution made by members in the field of sugarcane research and development was discussed in this Seventh Annual General Body Meeting held on November 14, 2018 and it was resolved to institute (i) SSRD Lifetime Achievement Award, (ii) Fellow of SSRD for R&D Personnel and Industry Personnel, (iii) Best Researcher / Achiever Award, (iv) JSR-Best Research Paper Award, and (v) SSRD Young Researcher Award for recognizing the contribution of senior, middle and young level sugarcane researchers, cane development and sugar industry personnel. Subsequently a Committee was constituted by the President, SSRD to formulate Proforma for these awards and Guidelines to evaluate the applications/ nominations. The Reports of the Award Committees, after circulation among Members, were discussed in the EC and GB meetings held subsequently and it was approved.

#### Awards

**1. SSRD Lifetime Achievement Award:** The purpose of this award is to recognize the life time contribution of Sugarcane Researchers, Cane Development officials, Sugar Industry Personnel and Farmers in India who have made significant contributions that have influenced positive change in the sugarcane agriculture over an extended period of time. The number of Lifetime Achievement Award may be one or two in a span of 2 years as decided by the Executive Council (EC) of the SSRD. The award will carry a Citation. The citation will be printed on Silver Plate, costing approximately Rs. 25,000/-. The nominee should have at least 15 years experience in the field of Sugarcane Research / Cane Development /Sugar Industry Development and made substantial contribution in sugarcane / sugar sector. The nominee need not be a Member of SSRD. There is no Proforma for this award. The EC, after thorough discussion will identify a nominee for the award and will obtain bio-date from the identified person(s).

**2. Fellow of SSRD:** To promote excellence in the field of Sugarcane Development and Research and to enhance the visibility of the SSRD, Sugarcane Scientists, Cane Development Officials and Sugar Industry Personnel who have made significant contributions in their fields are recognized and given Fellowship of the Society. The award will be given for Sugarcane Research personnel as well as Cane development / Sugar industry personnel separately. On alternate year, one member from sugar industry / sugarcane development side will be considered for Fellow of SSRD. Separate Proforma and Guidelines are available for Sugarcane Research Personnel and Cane Development /Sugar industry personnel. The maximum number of Fellow recognized by the Society in a year is 5 and the total number of Fellows admitted in the Society at any point of time shall not exceed 30% of total number of the Life Membership of the Society. The candidates selected for the award should have made substantial contributions in the field of either research or development in sugarcane or sugar industry for a minimum period of 15 years. Members of the Society who has a continuous standing for 5 years (as Life member, Patron Member, Corporate Member, Institutional Member) are eligible for consideration of the Fellow of the Society. The Member of SSRD may apply for this award 5 times during his/her membership period. Any Life member or Patron member or Corporate member may propose/ second a

member for the award. Nomination Form should be signed by both the Proposer and the Secunder. A Proposer can nominate maximum 2 persons and the Secunder maximum 3 persons in a year. The award will carry a Citation as well as Membership card or SSRD logo inscribed batch, costing around Rs. 5,000/per Fellowship. The cut-off marks for award of Fellow is kept at 70 for researchers and 60 for development personnel.

**3. Best Researcher or Best Achiever Award:** This award is for the Members of SSRD who made distinguished contributions to the advancement of knowledge/ technologies in sugarcane research, Cane developmental work carried out in India as evidenced by publications in scientific journals of repute and products and technologies developed. Only the 'Fellow' awardee of SSRD are eligible to apply for this award. The award may carry a Citation. The citation may be printed on Silver Plate, costing approximately Rs. 20,000/-. A Fellow of SSRD may apply for this award 5 times during his membership period. The number of Award is one in a year. The award goes in the name of "Best Researcher Award" in case of Sugarcane R&D personnel and "Best Achiever Award" in case of Cane Development and Sugar Industry personnel. The cut-off mark for award is 70. Single proforma applicable for all category of Members-researchers, cane development, sugar industry personnel have been designed for the award.

**4. JSR-Best Research Paper Award:** This award is for the best paper published in the two issues of the Journal of Sugarcane Research (JSR), every year. The original research articles (excluding review articles and short communications) published in the JSR will be sent to two independent experts or jury outside the institute for scoring of each article. Each article may be scored on three broad criteria i.e. (i) Novelty of the idea/ concept (40 marks), (ii) Practical utility of the results (40 marks) and (iii) Language and presentation style (20 marks). The paper which receives 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest mean score may be considered for Best Research Paper Awards. The number of award is two per year and it will be given every year. Two issues of JSR published one year prior to the announcement of award shall be considered for award of that particular year. The first author or corresponding author, who received award in a particular year is not eligible for the same award for next 3 years.

**5. SSRD Young Researcher Award:** The Purpose of the award is to encourage and recognize the scientific talent, merit and creativity of SSRD's young members as reflected through their contribution in the field of sugarcane research and development. The number of awards instituted per year is ONE. Any member of SSRD who have a continuous standing of five years in the Society and not attained the age of 40 years on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the year in which the award was announced, are eligible for the award. The candidate may be proposed by "Life Member" of SSRD. Afterwards a candidate shall be nominated by "Fellow" of SSRD, or by earlier recipients of this award. Self-nomination will not be considered. The nomination once applied will be valid for 2 years or the eligibility age whichever expires earlier. The cut-off mark for award is 60. The candidate who wish 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. The award may carry a Bronze Medal and a Certificate.