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## GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSSWQ FELLOW AWARD

The Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ) has announced the “**ISSSWQ Fellow Award**” (biennium 2023–2024) in “Management of Soil Salinity and Poor-Quality Water” to promote excellence in the field of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The award will be governed by the following rules and regulations of the society:

1. The ISSSWQ shall elect two Fellows every year from amongst the life members in recognition of their outstanding professional contributions and service to the society in the field of management of soil salinity and poor-quality water. The award will be bestowed upon the selected scientist in the plenary session of the biennial convention of the society.
2. The award is open to all scientists/researchers/academicians. The applicant must be a life member of the society for a minimum of five years as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.
3. The application form, as per the prescribed format along with all the necessary proofs (only first page for research papers), must be submitted via email by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. All proofs must be dated on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. In case of any discrepancies between the Application Form and the Scorecard, the marks and criteria provided in the Scorecard shall be treated as final for evaluation purposes.
4. The valid applications shall be evaluated by the Expert Committee, appointed by the President. The ISSSWQ secretariat will help the Expert Committee in its deliberations. The composition of Expert Committee will be kept confidential till the recommendations are placed before the Executive Committee of the society. The Executive Committee shall take appropriate action on the recommendations of the Judging Committee and declare the names of the persons to be bestowed with the fellow of the ISSSWQ.
5. The evaluation criteria for the award can be downloaded from the website of the society.
6. The award consists of a citation/plaque and a certificate of recognition.
7. A person can receive the “**ISSSWQ Fellow Award**” only once in a lifetime.
8. Nominations/applications are invited by the ISSSWQ. The announcement along with application form will be made available on the society website (<https://issswq.com/>). The duly filled applications as per the prescribed proforma (one hard copy and soft copy) should be sent to the General Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ), ICAR-CSSRI Campus, Karnal, Haryana-132001 (Email: [issswq2008@gmail.com](mailto:issswq2008@gmail.com)).

## GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSSWQ YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

The Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ) has introduced an Award for Young Scientists in “Management of Soil Salinity and Poor-Quality Water” to promote excellence in the field of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The Award will be known as the “**ISSSWQ Young Scientist Award**”. The award will be governed by the following rules and regulations of the society:

1. The award is biennial and will be bestowed upon the selected scientist in the plenary session of the biennial convention of the society.
2. The award is open to all young scientists below 40 years of age (as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024) for the biennium 2023–24. The scientist must be a life member of the society at the time of application.
3. The award will be given for outstanding research work carried out by young scientists in the field of salinity management and poor-quality waters, belonging to any discipline of agriculture or relevant sciences, during the years preceding the award.
4. A soft copy of the application form, as per the prescribed format, including a set of research papers and all necessary proofs (first page only), must be submitted via email by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. All proofs must be dated on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. In case of any discrepancies between the Application Form and the Scorecard, the marks and criteria provided in the Scorecard shall be treated as final for evaluation purposes.
5. A panel of experts constituted by the President of the society will evaluate the biodata of the applicants. The weightage for the biodata, as per guidelines, will be 85 marks. These marks will not be revealed to the expert panel constituted to evaluate the presentation.
6. The top five scorers in the biodata will be considered for making a presentation before the Expert Committee in a special session during the convention/conference/seminar/symposium of the society. The presentation will be of 15 minutes (maximum), wherein the applicant will present their significant achievements and future research plans. A five-minute discussion may follow. Applicants who fail to make the presentation will cease to be considered for the award. An expert panel constituted by the President will evaluate the presentation, for which a weightage of 15 marks is assigned.
7. The applicant receiving the highest marks out of 100, with the approval of the President or his nominee, will be declared the winner. In case of a tie, the highest marks obtained in the application/biodata will take precedence. If still tied, the younger contestant will be given preference over the elder(s).
8. The award consists of a citation/plaque and a certificate of recognition.
9. A person can receive the “**ISSSWQ Young Scientist Award**” only once in a lifetime.
10. In case of any discrepancies between the Application Form and the Evaluation Scorecard, the marks and criteria provided in the Scorecard will be treated as final for evaluation purposes.
11. Nominations/applications are invited by the ISSSWQ. The announcement along with proforma will be made available on the society website (<https://issswq.com/>). The duly filled applications as per the prescribed proforma (one hard copy and soft copy) should be sent to the General Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ), ICAR-CSSRI Campus, Karnal, Haryana-132001 (Email: [issswq2008@gmail.com](mailto:issswq2008@gmail.com)).

## GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSSWQ BEST THESIS SALINITY AWARD

The Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ) has introduced the “**Best MSc Thesis Salinity Award and Best PhD Thesis Salinity Award**” (biennium 2023–2024) to promote excellence in postgraduate research on soil salinity and poor-quality water. The award will be governed by the following rules and regulations of the society:

1. The award shall be presented in two categories, viz., *Best MSc Thesis Salinity Award* and *Best PhD Thesis Salinity Award*, to recognize exemplary research contributions by postgraduate and doctoral students whose thesis work addresses soil salinity and associated problems, including but not limited to diagnostic and mapping of soil salinity and sodicity, saline water irrigation, salinity tolerance in crops, development of salt tolerant varieties (breeding aspects) and tolerance mechanisms of abiotic stresses in crops, reclamation (chemical/organic) and management of sodic soils, reclamation and management of coastal saline soils, reclamation and management of salt affected vertisols (black soils), alternate land use management (agroforestry/ forestry/ horticulture) of salt affected soils, management of marginal quality water, water and salinity management through engineering and conventional approaches, salinity modelling and prediction, socio-economic impacts of salinity management, and policy and governance of salinity management.
2. The thesis must have been submitted and successfully defended within the preceding two academic years from the date of announcement of the award. The candidate must have carried out the research at a recognized university or research institute in India or abroad. There is no age limit; however, only first-time applicants in the respective category will be considered. The candidate must be a member of the Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality.
3. The nomination must be forwarded by the Head of the Department/Institution where the thesis was submitted and shall include: (i) a soft copy of the thesis in PDF format, (ii) a 500-word abstract highlighting objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications, (iii) a summary of publications based on the thesis, (iv) a recommendation letter from the thesis supervisor/major advisor, (v) a certificate of successful thesis defense/degree award from the university, and (vi) a declaration of originality and ethical compliance.
4. The valid applications shall be evaluated by a committee of eminent experts appointed by the President, comprising a chairperson, subject-matter experts, and a representative from the ISSSWQ member secretary from the ISSSWQ, as member secretary of the selection committee. The panel will judge the thesis for novelty and originality, scientific and technical merit, methodological rigour, relevance to salinity management, potential impact and contribution to the discipline, quality of publications/dissemination, and presentation and defense during the biennial convention.
5. The award consists of a citation/plaque and a certificate of recognition. It will be bestowed upon the selected candidates in the plenary session of the biennial convention of the society.
6. A maximum of one award in each category (MSc and PhD) will be given biennially. If no thesis is found suitable as per the prescribed criteria in any biennium, the award will not be conferred.
7. In case of any discrepancy between the Application Form and the Scorecard, the marks and criteria provided in the Scorecard shall be treated as final for evaluation purposes.
8. Nominations/applications are invited by the ISSSWQ. The announcement along with application form will be made available on the society website (<https://issswq.com/>). The duly filled applications as per the prescribed proforma along with soft copy of thesis and required documents should be sent to the General Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ), ICAR-CSSRI Campus, Karnal, Haryana-132001 (Email: [issswq2008@gmail.com](mailto:issswq2008@gmail.com)). The last date of receiving applications is 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE JSSWQ BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD**

The Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality (ISSSWQ) has introduced an Award for the Best Research Paper in the Indian Journal of Soil Salinity and Water Quality. The Award will be known as the “**JSSWQ Best Research Paper Award**”. The award will be governed by the following rules and regulations of the society:

1. Only one Best Research Paper Award should be given per year that includes all the volumes of the JSSWQ published (Two Regular Volumes and Special Issue/volume, if any) and the start year is 2024.
2. A committee will be constituted by the President, ISSSWQ for each year constituting following member to evaluate the research papers and select for award
  - a. President ISSSWQ or his nominee
  - b. Member (s) of editorial board
  - c. Any other member of society or outside member as nominated by President ISSSWQ
3. The technical criteria for evaluation of the research paper:
  - a. It must be a full-length Original Research Article
  - b. Review articles are not included for evaluation
  - c. Technical excellence
  - d. Scientific contribution of the articles published
  - e. Significance and broad impact of the paper
  - f. Clarity of writing
  - g. Table and figure/picture presentation
4. Conflict of interest: The members of selection committee should not be the main author or co-author of the research papers considered for the evaluation.
5. Priority must be given to the research papers with focused research on soil/water salinity/sodicity research.
6. The paper must have minimum two years data or minimum two location data.
7. The main/lead author must be a member of the Indian Society of Soil Salinity and Water Quality.