

2025 Professional Award



Emerging Scientist Award (Nomination Open):

The Western Society of Crop Science is happy to continue the Emerging Scientist Award at this year's annual meeting. This award will be given to an outstanding scientist who is 7 years or less into their career (7 years from completion of the terminal degree), who is a member of WSCS, and who has made significant contributions to the scientific profession with notable impacts to agricultural industries. Candidates may be nominated by an active member of the Crop Science Society of America OR a member may self-nominate. Please send nominations electronically by **June 1, 2025** by following the format listed below to: Dr. Sandya Rani Kesoju at sandyarani.kesoju@usda.gov.

FORMAT FOR NOMINATION FOR THE EMERGING SCIENTIST AWARD

TITLE: Nomination of (insert name of nominee) for the Emerging Scientist Award.

NOMINEE PERSONAL INFORMATION: Include name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.

QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEE:

1. Educational Background: degrees received (discipline, date awarded, and institution).
2. Professional Background (positions held: title, dates of employment, and institution).
3. Membership and participation roles in academic societies. Involvement and contributions to the Crop Science Society of America.
4. Honors and awards received.
5. Professional contributions (publications and other). Summarize the most significant achievements of the nominee. (3-page maximum).

SUMMARY LETTER OF NOMINATOR (Cover Letter): Brief summary and highlights of the nominee's significant contributions. Explain why nominee is qualified to receive the award (2-page maximum).