

# Call for Nominations

## Early Career Research Award in Plant Reproduction

The International Association of Sexual Plant Reproduction Research (IASPRR) invites nominations for the **Early Career Research Award in Plant Reproduction**. This award recognizes **outstanding research contributions to plant reproduction**, with particular emphasis on **originality and independence of thought**. The award is conferred by the IASPRR Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Awards Committee and is presented at the biennial scientific conference of the Association.

## Eligibility

Nominees must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Hold an **independent, full-time research position** and have done so for **no more than 10 years** at the time of nomination.
- Have made **outstanding research contributions** to the field of plant reproduction, demonstrating **originality and independence of thought**.
- Career interruptions (e.g., parental or maternity leave, caregiving responsibilities, illness, or other documented career breaks) will be taken into account when calculating the eligibility period.
- Membership in IASPRR is not required; however, nominees must have attended at least one IASPRR conference in the past.

## Nomination Process

- Nomination must be done by an **IASPRR Full Member**. Self-nominations are not admissible.
- A complete nomination package must include:
  1. **A full curriculum vitae** of the nominee, clearly identifying using asterisks up to 5 key research papers led by the nominee (typically first or last author) and relevant to the nomination.
  2. **A nomination letter** of up to 2 pages describing the major research accomplishments, citing relevant papers, specifying the nominee's contribution to each.
  3. **A citation** of up to 150 words outlining the nominee's originality and independence of thought and briefly summarizing their outstanding research contributions to plant reproduction.

Nomination materials must be submitted **electronically** to the **Chair of the IASPRR Awards Committee** (Anja Geitmann, McGill University, [anja.geitmann@mcgill.ca](mailto:anja.geitmann@mcgill.ca)) no later than March 1, 2026.

## Award Announcement

- The recipient of the award is formally announced at the upcoming **biennial scientific conference** of IASPRR.
- The recipient will be invited to deliver a scientific talk at the scientific conference **following** the one at which the award is announced (typically 2 years later).

## Duration and Renewal of Nominations

- Nominations remain active for **two years**, provided the nominee continues to meet eligibility requirements.
- Nominations may be **updated and renewed** during this period.

## Inquiries

For questions regarding eligibility or the nomination process, please contact the **Chair of the IASPRR Awards Committee**.