

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) 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**.