

2026 AASIO Annual Awards Nomination Form

Due August 1, 2026

AASIO Early Career Agricultural Scientist - 2026

The Association of Agricultural Scientists of Indian Origin (AASIO) gives this award annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made by an early career agricultural scientist of Indian origin **who received or will receive their doctoral degree between August 1, 2019, and August 1, 2026**, in any area of agronomy, crop science, natural science, horticultural science, soil science, environmental science, plant biology, or plant molecular biology. **To be eligible for the award, the nominated scientist must be a regular member for at least two years or a life member of AASIO as of August 1, 2026.** The selected candidate will receive a Plaque of Achievement at the annual meeting and publicity through appropriate media.

TITLE: Nomination of _____ for AASIO Early Career Agricultural Scientist Award – 2026.

Is the nominee a regular member for at least two years or a life member of AASIO as of August 1, 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of Nominee

Place of birth

Title

College/Department

Institution

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

Telephone

E-mail

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Is the nominator a current member of AASIO? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Nominator

Title

College/Department

Institution

Street Address

City/State/Postal Code/Country

Telephone

E-mail

BASIS OF NOMINATION

I. EDUCATION, POSITIONS, AND HONORS OF NOMINEE (15 points)

A. EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Field of study/Specialization	Year

B. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Position	Institution/Organization	Primary responsibility	Years

C. HONORS AND AWARDS: Membership in academic societies, honors and awards received, and service to ASA-CSSA-SSSA or other recognized professional societies.

II. PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

(4-page limit) (30 points)

There are three sections for this part: (1) Research, (2) Teaching, and (3) Extension & Outreach (including service and leadership). Include a summary of accomplishments for each applicable section, such as publications, presentations, teaching activities, extension programs, outreach efforts, and other relevant achievements. Mark non-applicable sections as N/A. Do not leave any section blank. Only complete the sections that are applicable to your appointment and experience. Judging will be based only on the applicable sections. If two sections are marked N/A, score the completed section out of a maximum of 30. If one section is marked N/A, score each of the remaining two sections out of 15 (total = 30). If all three sections are completed, score each section out of a maximum of 10 (total = 30).

List scholarly and professional outputs in the following categories (as applicable): (a) books authored or co-authored; (b) edited books or proceedings; (c) book chapters; (d) peer-reviewed journal articles; (e) non-refereed technical papers; (f) extension publications (bulletins, fact sheets, guides, reports); (g) outreach communications (newsletters, blogs, and magazine or press articles); (h) curriculum and instructional materials; (i) patents; (j) invited presentations, seminars, workshops, and conference or symposium presentations; (k) other relevant outputs.

III. EVALUATION STATEMENT AND SUPPORT LETTERS

Evaluation Statement (Provided by the Nominator):

Explain why the nominee is especially well qualified to receive the award. Relate your evaluation to the criteria listed above and indicate the impact of the nominee's achievements. (2-page limit) (35 points)

Supporting Letters:

Three supporting letters from AASIO members or non-members must be included. (2-page limit per letter) If the letter exceeds two pages, only the first two pages will be considered for evaluation. The letters should be solicited by and addressed to the nominator. Members of the AASIO Executive Committee and the Award Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters. (20 points)

AASIO reserves the right not to award this prize if the Award Committee believes that none of the candidates meet the award criteria.

SUBMISSION:

All material must be submitted as a single PDF document. All documents must use Times New Roman, 12-point font size, and single spacing. All nominations must be submitted by e-mail by **August 1, 2026**, to:

Dr. Kulbhushan Grover, President AASIO, Email: kgrover@nmsu.edu