
Outstanding Doctoral Research Award (ODRA)

At each World Congress, IUFRO recognizes outstanding individual scientific achievements of recent Doctoral research.

Awards will be made for path-breaking doctoral dissertations within six years after the dissertation.

The President invites nominations about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties, Task Forces and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union (but no self-nominations). Nominees must either belong to IUFRO Member Organizations or be Individual Members of IUFRO.

Nominations and supporting documents shall be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee approximately 15 months in advance of the next World Congress (exact date to be given in the President's invitation for nominations).

Nominations will be evaluated by the Honours and Awards Committee and approved by the Board of IUFRO.

The award consists of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of the Congress registration fees.

The awards will be presented at a special plenary session where awardees will present highlights of the award winning work.

The recipients will be specially mentioned during the Opening/Closing ceremony of the IUFRO World Congress and their names will be published in IUFRO News.

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award - Details

Authority

IUFRO Board, Statutes Article II, Paragraph 2.7; Statutes Article XVI; Internal Regulations, Section XIV.

Purpose

To recognize outstanding individual scientific achievements of recent Doctoral research and to encourage further work within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

The award shall consist of a medallion, a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the World Congress, and waiver of Congress registration fees.

Criteria

Awards will be made for path-breaking doctoral dissertations within six years after the dissertation. The work must be:

- relevant for that field;
- show innovative thinking;
- use appropriate methodology;
- results should already have been presented/published.

Number of Awards

One award per IUFRO Division may be made at each IUFRO World Congress subject to the availability of candidates of outstanding merit.

Eligibility

The award is open to any person provided that his/her parent organization is a Member Organization of IUFRO or that he/she is an Individual Member of IUFRO. No member of the IUFRO Board nor Deputy Division Coordinator is eligible while holding such office.

Nominations

Nominations will be invited from IUFRO Member Organizations, IUFRO Divisions and Research Groups by the President about two years in advance of the next World Congress. Nominations may be made by a member of the nominee's parent organization, by Coordinators of Divisions, Research Groups, Working Parties, Task Forces and by other officeholders and knowledgeable persons associated with the Union (but no self-nominations).

Nominations within 6 years after dissertation must be accompanied by:

- brief write-up about motivation of research
- two letters of support
- detailed CV, listing publications associated with the doctoral research work
- relevant publications, preferably in electronic form.

Nominations should preferably be in English, but French, German or Spanish will also be accepted. Nominations shall be sent to the Executive Director of IUFRO before the deadline with a copy to the Chair of the IUFRO Honours and Awards Committee.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate nominations and present recommendations to the IUFRO Board twelve months in advance of the next World Congress. The awardees shall be approved by the IUFRO Board, so that both awardees and sponsors can be notified well in advance of the World Congress.

Presentation

The awards shall be formally presented at a special plenary session where awardees will present highlights of the award winning work.

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award - Nomination Form

Name of candidate:

Date of birth of candidate:

Current address of candidate:

Addresses of candidate and host institution including electronic addresses and fax numbers.

Home address of candidate:

Professional education:

Name of university, dates and degrees conferred. Please list each university if more than one. List other relevant education at universities or equivalent institutions.

Date of dissertation:

Brief résumé:

Outline on one page the doctoral research work and other scientific activities, including organizations where the research was conducted, and dates. Give a summary of the doctoral research work on one separate page. Supplement this page with a list of publications associated with the doctoral research work and a list or documentation of other scientific activities within six years after completion of the dissertation.

Other scientific recognition:

Current major research efforts

Outline the current work of the nominee.

Proposed citation:

Give a brief synopsis explaining why and for what the award should be given to the nominee.

Letters of support:

Please include two independent letters of support from scientists working in other research organizations/universities (preferably members of IUFRO that are not the employer of either the nominator or the candidate) and indicate the names of the persons providing the letters of support.

Name, address and contact details of nominator:

Date: