
IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences (ISA)

This award aims at Master degree students (or equivalent) of forest-related sciences and recognizes outstanding individual scientific achievements during the university studies or within 3 years after graduation within the 5-year Congress period, to encourage further work within the fields of research covered by IUFRO. One award per IUFRO Division may be presented at each IUFRO World Congress for work in defined fields, which could be identical with the IUFRO Divisions. The President of IUFRO announces the themes approximately two years in advance of the Congress.

The submission of such a Master's-/ diploma thesis should only be through IUFRO members and through the International Forest Students Association (IFSA, via IFSA Secretariat/Liaison officer), self-nominations are not permitted.

Nominations shall be evaluated by the Honours and Awards Committee and the awardees will be approved by the Board of IUFRO. The Award shall consist of a certificate, the most economical cost of (air) travel/subsidized travel to attend the IUFRO World Congress, and waiver of the Congress registration fees. The awards shall be formally presented at a special plenary session where award winners are expected to present highlights of their award winning work. Their names will be published in IUFRO News and the Annual Report.

Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences – Details

Authority

IUFRO Board. (Statutes Article XVI and Internal Regulations Section XIV).

Purpose

To recognize outstanding individual achievements in forest science made by Masters degree students (or equivalent), and to encourage their further work within the fields of research covered by the Union.

Award

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

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 IUFRO members and IFSA students (via IFSA Secretariat/Liaison Officer).

Criteria

Awards shall be made for outstanding individual scientific achievements during the university studies or within three years after graduation within the 5-year IUFRO Congress period. In order to be judged as

outstanding the work should meet the following requirements:

- relevant
- show innovative thinking
- use appropriate methodology
- results already presented/published.

In addition, highlights of the award winning work should be presented during the World Congress.

Nominations

The IUFRO President shall invite nominations from IUFRO Member Organizations, officeholders of IUFRO, or IFSA members about two years in advance of the next World Congress. The President will announce the themes for which the awards shall be presented. The themes should be related to the IUFRO Structure (Divisions, Task Forces, Programmes and Projects) and should not be repeated within an inter-Congress period. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The following documentation must be submitted together with the nomination to the IUFRO Secretariat before the deadline:

- the title of the thesis (there is no need to submit the thesis)
- two letters of support
- detailed CV listing publications especially those associated with the Masters/Diploma thesis
- the relevant publications, preferably in electronic format.

Language

All relevant documents must be submitted in one of the four IUFRO languages (English, French, German and Spanish). Publications in other languages have to be translated into any of the four IUFRO languages.

Selection

The Honours and Awards Committee shall evaluate the nominations and present recommendations to the IUFRO Board 12 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 award winners are expected to present highlights of their award winning work. IUFRO shall find sponsors to cover the costs of the awards. The names of the awardees and sponsors shall be published in IUFRO News and the Annual Report.

IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Sciences - Nomination Form

Name of candidate:

Date of birth of candidate:

Current address of candidate:

Contact addresses for candidate and host institution including electronic addresses and fax numbers:

Academic Curriculum

Name of university, degrees conferred and dates. Please list each university if more than one. List other relevant education. Include a detailed CV on a separate sheet of paper.

Title of the Masters/Diploma thesis:

List of publications especially those related to the thesis. Include copies where relevant preferably in electronic form.

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 letters of support and indicate the names and addresses of the persons providing the support.

Name, address and contact details of nominator:

Please indicate electronic addresses and fax details.

Date: