



Carl Linnaeus / Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award Competition

Name of the Award

Carl Linnaeus Award : For Ph.D. students

Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Award : For M.Sc. students

Preamble

- The awards are instituted to bring out the ability to choose a hypothesis / problem, planning and execution of research programs and presentation skill of the students engaged in higher studies (M.Sc. & Ph.D.).
- These awards are presented to the selected papers during NABS-National Conference held every year.
- For the first time the award(s) were presented during 10th NABS-National Conference held in September 2017 at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

Guidelines to participants

1. National Academy of Biological Sciences will hold the competition for Ph.D. and M. Sc. Students of Biology (subjects as recognized by the Academy) in a separate session during NABS-National Conference.
2. At least a minimum quorum of three selected presenters shall be available for competition; otherwise the competition shall be cancelled.
3. The award will carry a Certificate and Cash (Rs.5000/ for Ph.D., Rs.4000/ for M.Sc.).

Who can submit papers (MS) for the competition?

4. The MS (manuscript) shall be from his /her thesis within one year from the date of submission of thesis and should not have been presented elsewhere. However, the paper published from the thesis work as a mandatory publication is also eligible for the award competition. A certificate to this effect shall be given by the student which shall be endorsed by his/her guide and HOD.
5. The student shall be the **Senior Author** of the paper. The guide /supervisor can be the second author.

How to apply for the award?

6. The application (prescribed for the purpose along with (a) MS and (b) proof for online payment of Non-refundable Processing Fee [Rs.1000/- for Carl Linnaeus Award; Rs.500/- for Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award]
7. The MS shall follow the typical research paper format [Title, author(s), affiliation, introduction, material & methods, results, discussion, conclusion, acknowledgement, reference] and shall not exceed 5000 words. MS shall be neatly typed in 1.5 space using a font size of 11 of Times New Roman in A4 size paper.
8. E-mail ID of the student and guide shall be indicated in the paper at appropriate place [under affiliation].
9. Each student shall submit only one paper for the competition.
10. The paper must pass Turnitin Similarity Cut-off Score (Similarity shall not exceed 20%); otherwise the paper will be rejected.

Preliminary Screening of submitted Manuscript

11. Screening committee constituted by the President, NABS for the purpose will scrutinize and select for the final presentation for Award Competition during NABS-Conference.
12. The Authors of selected papers for the Award Competition will be informed through E-mail and they should come prepared for presentation for a duration of 12 minutes + 3 minutes discussion.
13. Presentation will be judged by a panel of judges and their verdict will be the final and binding on all aspects.
14. The abstracts of award winning papers including the shortlisted papers submitted for 'Award Competition' will be published in the NABS News letter on priority.
15. All contestants listed for the competition will be paid train fare to and fro in Non-Ac II sleeper on production of a valid ticket from the nearest Railway Station of his institution to the venue of NABS-National Conference.

When the application is to be submitted?

16. NABS-National Conference brochure will have the details of the award. NABS website (www.nabsindia.org) will also have the details. The application is to be submitted as and when the Announcement for the NABS-Conference for the year is made. All members of NABS will be informed of the NABS-Conference. The announcement is also uploaded in the website of NABS.

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