

Applications are invited for the **SPS INDIA BEST THESIS AWARD 2025**
(M.Sc. and Ph.D.) in the field of Pesticide Science

Last date of receiving application October 31, 2025

Awards will be given to one M.Sc. and one Ph.D. thesis evaluated as the best for the year 2025.

Important note:

- Applicant must be a member of Society of Pesticide Science India. Non-members can also apply, but they have to become Annual/Life members of Society, if awarded.
- Applications must be supported by a copy of the degree certificate.
- A hard copy of thesis must be attached for evaluation which will be returned back after the award ceremony.
- No TA/DA will be given to attend the symposium for the purpose.
- The decision of the judging committee will be final and no appeal will be entertained against that.
- Only the selected candidate will be informed.

SPS INDIA BEST THESIS AWARD

1. Name of the Award

SPS Best Thesis Award for Research in Pesticide Science

2. Sponsor

Society of Pesticide Science India, New Delhi

3. Objectives of the Award

- To provide recognition to outstanding original research done by Doctoral/M.Sc. degree students
- To provide incentive for enhancing the quality of Doctoral /M.Sc. thesis research
- To promote high quality Doctoral/M.Sc. thesis research in the area of Pesticide Science
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4. Nature of the Award

This award is meant exclusively for Doctoral/M.Sc. thesis related to Pesticide Science from any Indian University. Award consists of certificate and a cash of Rs. 5000/-

5. Eligibility

- Any Indian who has completed his Ph.D./M.Sc. degree in the field of Pesticide Science.
- The Certificate of the degree/provisional degree must have been obtained during the year preceding the year of the award. A thesis will be considered only once. For the 2025 award, degree should have been awarded in 2024.
- The research work must be original and must have a direct bearing on some relevant aspects of pesticide science.
- Must have published/accepted at least one good research paper in a journal having NAAS rating of 4 and above.

6. Administration of the Award

Taking into consideration the evaluation criteria, Judging Committee constituted for this purpose shall evaluate the theses and make recommendations to the Society.

7. Evaluation Criteria of thesis

- Conceptual clarity and coherence of the research problem.

- Scientific, technological and socio-economic relevance and priority of the research problem
- Compilation, analysis and interpretation of existing literature, quality of illustrations and photographs
- Organization of research work. Complementarities of the various experiments and investigations and their integration into a logical plan of work
- Conduct of the research programmes: Scientific soundness and technological modernity of the experimental methods and logical planning
- Scientific validity and accuracy of the analysis of experimental data
- Principal findings: To what extent do they meet the objectives of the research programme
- In what way the findings constitute a significant advance in our knowledge and understanding or help improve productivity and sustainability
- Research papers published and their quality as judged by the NAAS rating
- Patents/copyrights applied/accepted (Provide proof of acceptance of application)

Score card for evaluation of SPS Best Thesis Award

S.No.	Item	Score
1.	Academic record	20
2.	Outstanding contribution in research based on thesis	50
3.	Publications (marks as per ranking of journals given by NAAS) / Patent	20
4.	Awards/Recognitions	10
	Total	100

Application should be sent at the following address **by October 31, 2025**

**Society of Pesticide Science India
Division of Agricultural Chemicals
IARI, New Delhi -110012**



SOCIETY OF PESTICIDE SCIENCE INDIA

Division of Agricultural Chemicals

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute

New Delhi-110 012

APPLICATION FOR SPS India BEST M.SC/Ph.D. THESIS AWARD – 2025

1. Name of the Nominee in Full:
2. SPS Life Membership No.:
3. Title of Thesis:
4. Year of award of thesis:
5. Area of Specialization:
6. Date and place of Birth:
7. Address:
 - (a) Official Address:
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 - Tel. No.....Fax No.....E.mail:.....
 - (b) Residential Address:
 -Tel. No.....
8. Educational qualifications beginning with the first-degree or equivalent (enclose one copy of testimonials):

Degree	University/Institute	Year	Grade points/ % marks obtained	Grade/Divisi on	Fellowship/Schol arship/ Distinction, if any

7. Professional recognition, awards, fellowships received etc.
8. M.Sc./ Ph D completed with course work or without course work.
9. Date on which Qualifying Examination passed
10. Transcript of the course work done, if any, as part of the M.Sc./ doctoral degree programme.
(enclose photocopy)
11. Was the thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirement of the Degree? Yes/No
12. Date on which successfully completed thesis viva voce examination.
13. Details of the thesis research submitted for the award
 - (i) Title of the thesis
 - (ii) Department/Division/Institution where research work was done
 - (iii) Institution/University to which thesis was submitted as a part of the M.Sc./ doctoral degree programme.
 - (iv) Name and Designation of the thesis supervisor/chairperson
 - (v) Research problem: Brief description, scientific, technological, socio-economic relevance and priority (limit to 1 page)
 - (vi) What standard methods and modern procedures were used in the experimental work? (limit to 1 page)
 - (vii) Were any special tools/procedures specially developed for the thesis research? Yes/No if yes give information (limit to 1 page)
 - (viii) Briefly describe the significant results obtained (not more than 2 pages) (enclose 6 copies).

- (ix) In what way these results have made an original contribution to science and have impact?
- (x) List the publications (published/accepted) that have arisen from this research work giving the NAAS rating (Please do not include the publication that have been submitted or symposia papers)

Important : Soft copy in PDF format and a hard copy of thesis need to be submitted, otherwise application will not be considered.

- 14. Has the M.Sc/ PhD thesis submitted for any other award, if so, give details and result thereof.
- 15. Date of joining and the date of completion of M.Sc./ Ph.D. (Enclose a copy of the degree certificate).
- 16. A brief statement on how the research submitted for the award constitutes significant contribution in the field of Pesticide Science
- 17. Any other information in support of the application.

I certify that the above information is correct.

Place:

(Signature of applicant)

Date:

Certificate from the Chairman/Advisor regarding research contributions of the candidate

Chairman/Advisor

Certificate from the Head of University/Institute

Head of the University/Institute