

## **2016 International Branch Early Career Research and Leadership Award**

An award will be provided in recognition of leadership in entomology at an early career level. The award includes a US\$2,000 grant, to be used either as seed funding for research purposes or to attend a conference, and an award plaque.

### **Eligibility**

The nominee must be a current member in good standing of the International Branch of the Entomological Society of America, and within five years of earning their last postgraduate degree or qualification (BCE, MSc, or PhD), adjusting for career interruptions due to illness or caregiving responsibilities.

### **Nominations should include**

1. A CV (two pages maximum), not including publications and contributions like patents, using the [ESA CV Template for Awards](#). The sections are: I, Background Information; II, Research; III, Teaching; IV, Extension/Outreach; V, Service.
2. A personal statement (two pages maximum), addressing each of the award criteria (contributions to entomology; commitment to extension or outreach; leadership efforts to increase equity and diversity in their area of research).
3. A letter of nomination from their primary supervisor (two pages maximum).
4. A letter of support from an organization or initiative with which they've worked within the last two years to demonstrate leadership to promote equity and diversity in their area of research (two pages maximum).

Note: Please request e-mail delivery of all letters, either scanned signed document [PDF] or an unsigned Word document that uses the sender's e-mail will suffice as a confirmation of authenticity of the letter.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Nominees will be judged using the following three criteria (to of a total of 100 points):

1. **Research and Teaching in Entomology** (*25 points total*)
  - a. Quality and quantity of contributions (7)
  - b. Originality and creativity used to achieve the contributions (7)
  - c. Scope of relevance of the contributions to science and society (7)
  - d. Letters of support (4)

2. **Outreach and Extension in Entomology** (25 points total)
  - a. Quality and quantity of contributions (7)
  - b. Originality and creativity used to achieve the contributions (7)
  - c. Scope of relevance of the contributions to science and society (7)
  - d. Letters of support (4)
3. **Leadership in the Scientific Community** (25 points total)
  - a. Promoting equity and diversity in their area of research (20)
  - b. Letters of support (5)
4. **Proposed use of Funding** (25 points total)
  - a. A clear and cogent use of funds for professional development (either to pursue a new direction of research, or to support travel to an entomology conference) (20)
  - b. Letters of support (5)

### **Selection of Nominees**

The International Branch Awards Committee will evaluate all eligible nominations. A recipient will be chosen based on information received in the nominations. The committee reserves the right to solicit additional information, if necessary, to make final selections.

### **Recognition of Awardee**

The awardee will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, this year to be held in conjunction with the International Congress of Entomology, with a plaque presented by the International Branch President. The meeting will take place in Orlando, Florida 25 – 30 September, 2016 (<http://www.entsoc.org/entomology>).

### **Nominations must be received by 1 May 2016.**

Application materials must be submitted in electronic format. Paper nominations will not be accepted. Send all materials to the Chair of the International Branch Awards Committee, (robingunning@bigpond.com).