

**ACS469 EMERGING LEADER AND VISIONARY SCIENTIST for AFRICAN AGRICULTURE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The Committee consists of one representative each from ASA, CSSA, and SSSA. In addition, the corporate representative of OCP and one member representing the Agricultural Scientists in Africa Specialty Group (appointed by ASA in 2021, CSSA in 2023, SSSA in 2025).

The term of office for members is three years (staggered at the start-up – ASA one year in 2021, CSSA two years, SSSA three years).

The Chair rotates among the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA representatives starting with ASA in 2021, CSSA in 2022, and SSSA in 2023. The chair serves for one year.

C. Functions:

1. To encourage nominations for both the Emerging Leader for African Agriculture Transformational Award and the Visionary scientist for African Agriculture Award.
2. To become familiar with the Guidelines and Procedures for these awards and to be responsible that all nominations fulfill the required criteria of eligibility for the awards.
3. To evaluate nominations and to select the most outstanding applicant for each award.

D. Procedure:

1. The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Headquarters Office distributes the nominations to the Committee members and advises them of the scoring or ranking to be followed. The Chair transmits any special instructions to members.
2. The Chair of the ACS469 Committee submits an annual report as requested by the Society.

E. Presidential Responsibilities:

The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire.
2. Cooperates with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notifies the Committee directly of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to the Executive Committees and/or Boards of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

**Emerging Leader for African Agriculture Transformation Award, sponsored by OCP**

This award is presented to an agronomic, crop, or soil scientist that has addressed grave challenges in African agriculture for a specific, exceptionally significant, individual achievement in African agriculture. Nominees must have a Master's or PhD

degree with less than 15 years since their final degree or be under 40 years of age at the time of nomination. Transformational impact of their contributions to the greater field of African agriculture must be quantifiable and measurable. Efforts may be through research, applied science, or ecosystem approaches, and may address issues in African agriculture including, but not limited to, soil fertility, crop nutrition, agronomy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and value chain optimization. An award of \$2,000 will be conferred to one emerging scientist for a specific, exceptionally significant, individual achievement in African agriculture. A one-year membership in ASA, CSSA, and SSSA will be provided to the recipient, if not a current member. The award is sponsored by OCP and administered by ASA, CSSA, and SSSA.

### **Evaluation:**

1. Evidence of credibility, integrity, and professionalism.
2. Evidence of quantifiable and measurable impact of their contributions to the field of African agriculture.
3. Evidence of the nominee's contributions that result in, but not limited to, improved soil fertility, crop nutrition, agronomy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and value chain optimization.
4. Creativity and innovation as reflected through the scientist's overall contribution.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Nominator**

1. Nominators do not need to be active members (individual or organization) of the Tri Societies organizations (American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or the Soil Science Society of America) at the time of nomination. Note: active membership of the nominator will be a requirement after the first year of award nominations.
2. Self-nominations will be accepted.
3. Nominators should have a direct knowledge of the nominee's work and should provide several specific examples, explaining how the nominee's accomplishments align with the award criteria.

#### **Nominee**

1. Nominees do not need to be a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or the Soil Science Society of America at the time of nomination
2. Nominees must be actively working in the discipline, research area, position, or on the project(s) for which they are being recognized, at the time of nomination. They may be associated with a public or private educational, research or development organization or related entity.
3. Nominees can be from any country. Nominees that are a citizen of, born in, or a diaspora member of an African country are particularly encouraged to apply.
4. Nominees must have a Master's or PhD degree with less than 15 years since their final degree or be under 40 years of age at the time of nomination.

### **Qualifications** (*documents to be submitted by nominator and nominee*)

#### **Nominator**

1. Current Position Title
2. Nominator's Curriculum Vitae or resume

#### **Nominee**

1. Nominee's Curriculum Vitae or resume, including, country of origin, education, and professional background.
2. A statement (1500-word limit) explaining and describing:
  - the nominee's work and accomplishments, with details and examples that illustrate the criteria specified for the award.
  - the impact or results of the nominee's work.
3. One (1) nomination letter and two (2) letters of support describing, explaining, and emphasizing the main achievements of the nominee must be provided with the nomination.
4. All nominations must be written in English and submitted using the online awards submission portal.
5. Nomination letters from organizations must be signed by an executive officer.

## **Visionary Scientist for African Agriculture Transformation Award, sponsored by OCP**

This award is presented to an agronomic, crop, or soil scientist that has addressed grave challenges in African agriculture for a specific, exceptionally significant, individual achievement in African agriculture. Efforts may be through research, applied science, or ecosystem approaches, and may address issues in African agriculture including, but not limited to, soil fertility, crop nutrition, agronomy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and value chain optimization.

An award of \$3,000 will be conferred to one senior scientist for a specific, exceptionally significant, individual achievement in African agriculture. A one-year membership in ASA, CSSA, and SSSA will be provided to the recipient, if not a current member. Nominees must have at least 15 years' experience in their respective field, with quantifiable and measurable impact of their contributions to the greater field of African agriculture.

### **Evaluation:**

1. Evidence of credibility, integrity, and professionalism.
2. Evidence of quantifiable and measurable impact of their contributions to the field of African agriculture.
3. Evidence of the nominee's contributions that result in, but not limited to, improved soil fertility, crop nutrition, agronomy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and value chain optimization.
4. Creativity and innovation as reflected through the scientist's overall contribution.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Nominator**

Nominators do not need to be active members (individual or organization) of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or the Soil Science Society of America at the time of nomination. Note: active membership will be a requirement of nominators after the first year of award nominations.

Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominators should have a direct knowledge of the nominee's work and should provide several specific examples, explaining how the nominee's accomplishments align with the award criteria.

#### **Nominee**

Nominees do not need to be members of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, or the Soil Science Society of America at the time of nomination. Nominees must be actively working in the discipline, research area, position, or on the project(s) for which they are being recognized, at the time of nomination. They may be associated with a public or private educational, research or development organization or related entity.

Nominees can be from any country. **Nominees that are a citizen of, born in, or a diaspora member of an African country are particularly encouraged.**

Nominees must have at least 15 years' experience in their respective field.

### **Qualifications** (*documents to be submitted by nominator and nominee*)

#### **Nominator**

1. Current Position Title
2. Nominator's Curriculum Vitae or resume

#### **Nominee**

1. Nominee's Curriculum Vitae or resume, including, country of origin, education, and professional background.
2. A statement (1500-word limit) explaining and describing:
  - a. the nominee's work and accomplishments, with details and examples that illustrate the criteria specified for the award.
  - b. the impact or results of the nominee's work.
3. One (1) nomination letter and two (2) letters of support describing, explaining, and emphasizing the main achievements of the nominee must be provided with the nomination.
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**Requirements of the Awardees**

We hope that all awardees can attend the award ceremony during the ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meetings. Each award is intended to be presented to one person, per award. In unusual and rare circumstances, another person may share the award for pronounced collaborative efforts and achievement. Awardees may be asked to participate in media and related events.