



CALL FOR APPLICANTS
AGRO DIVISION
2025 NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD
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2025 Fall ACS Meeting in Washington, D.C., USA

The AGRO Division seeks nominations for the New Investigator Award (NIA) to be awarded at the ACS meeting in Washington, D.C., August 17 - 20, 2025. The New Investigator Award aims to recognize scientists who have obtained a doctoral degree and are actively conducting academic, industrial, consulting, or regulatory studies.

The Division is interested in working on all aspects of agrochemicals which are broadly defined to mean pesticides of all kinds (e.g., chemical pesticides, biopesticides, pheromones, chemical attractants, fumigants, plant-incorporated protectants, and disinfectants) as well as biotechnology-derived crops (e.g., Bt crops, Roundup Ready crops, etc.). The categorical areas of

study related to agrochemicals are very broad and encompass environmental chemistry, toxicology, exposure assessment, risk characterization, risk management, and science policy. Studies of veterinary pharmaceuticals and antibiotics are included in the Division's mission. The Division encourages submissions related to public health protection and crop, livestock, aquaculture, and wildlife protection.

AGRO is also interested in the environmental chemistry and effects of agricultural production (e.g., soil processes, water/air quality) and chemical products made from agricultural commodities and byproducts. This includes biofuels and bioproducts and the issues surrounding their production and use.

The Process:

- To be eligible for the award, the scientist must have obtained their doctorate no more than five years before the time of the Fall ACS National Meeting. Thus, for 2025, applications will be considered from **scientists who obtained their doctorates no earlier than 2020**.
- A panel consisting of at least three AGRO members will choose up to three finalists based on their extended abstracts, 1-page *curricula vitae*, and letter(s) of recommendation.
- **Each finalist will receive up to \$2,000 for travel and meeting expenses.**
- Each finalist will deliver an oral presentation (which the panel will judge) at one of the AGRO Program symposia. The winner will receive a plaque and be chosen after all finalists have presented their papers.

To apply for the New Investigator Award, submit the following to nia@agrodiv.org:

1. Submit a **2500-character abstract** to a symposium in the AGRO Division using the ACS Meeting Abstracts Programming System (<http://maps.acs.org/>).
2. Submit an **extended abstract (maximum 2 pages) describing the candidate's research/studies** to the NIA Coordinator. Include the impact (or potential impact) of the results concerning issues of concern to AGRO.
3. Submit a 1-page **curriculum vitae**.
4. Submit at least **one letter of recommendation** from a current supervisory scientist (e.g., a post-doctoral mentor, a business manager, departmental chair).
5. Deliver an oral presentation in an appropriate symposium at the ACS Meeting in Washington D.C..

Deadline: The extended abstract, *curriculum vitae*, and letter(s) must be received at nia@agrodiv.org, no later than **March 31, 2025**.

NOTE: *Application materials sent directly to the co-coordinators will not be accepted.*

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