



CALL FOR APPLICANTS

AGRO DIVISION NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

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Fall ACS Meeting 2025 in Washington, D.C., USA

Are you an early career scientist making strides in agrochemicals or biotechnology-related research? Interested in presenting your work at the ACS Fall Meeting in Washington? The ACS Division of Agrochemicals invites you to apply for our New Investigator Awards! This program celebrates innovative research and outstanding contributions to the field, helping you advance your career and network with leaders in agrochemistry.

Eligibility Criteria

- Early-career scientist within five years of obtaining their Ph.D (no earlier than 2020).
- Scientists from all sectors are welcome, e.g., academia, industry, government, or non-governmental organizations.

Scope of Scientific Work

We welcome submissions in the following areas:

- **Agrochemicals:** synthetic and biopesticides, pheromones, plant-incorporated protectants, veterinary pharmaceuticals, fertilizers and biological nitrification inhibitors, plant growth regulators, disinfectants, adjuvants and nanomaterials.
- **Biotechnology-derived crops** of all types.
- **Public health protection** including crop, livestock, aquaculture, and wildlife protection.
- **Products from commodities and byproducts** including biofuels and bioproducts.
- **Applications** of environmental chemistry, engineering, toxicology, exposure assessment, risk characterization, risk management, and science policy in agrochemicals, biotechnology, and related fields.

Award Description

- From the applicant pool, three finalists will be selected.
- Applicants will be notified of their status in May 2025.
- Each finalist will receive up to \$2000 for travel and meeting expenses for the Fall ACS Meeting in Washington.
- Finalists will deliver an oral presentation in an AGRO Program symposium.
- Finalist will be highlighted in the *Picogram*.
- Presentations will be evaluated by an expert panel, with the winning presentation announced at the AGRO Social Hour.

Deadline to Apply

March 31, 2025

Submit Materials Via On-Line Form Before the Deadline

- Copy of email from ACS confirming your abstract was successfully submitted (<https://maps.acs.org/>) to a symposium of your choice in the AGRO Division, ACS 2025 Fall Meeting program
- Extended abstract (maximum 2 pages) describing the applicants research/studies including the impact (or potential impact) of the results relevant to issues of concern to AGRO.
- 1-page *curriculum vitae*.
- At least one letter of recommendation from a current supervisory scientist (e.g., post-doctoral mentor, a business manager or owner, department chair).

All materials must be received via the on-line form no later than March 31, 2025:

<https://www.agrodiv.org/awards/agro-new-investigator-award/>.

Files sent directly to the coordinators will not be accepted.

If you have a question, contact the NIA Co-Coordinators:

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Apply today and take the next step in your career!

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