

ASA Southern Branch 2023 Professional Awards



Each year The Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy (SB-ASA) presents 7 awards to professionals devoted to agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences or closely related field. The SB-ASA is now soliciting nominations for the following awards:

- **Early Career Professional Awards** (<10 years since terminal degree)
 - To be given in each of these areas: **Education, Research, and Technology Transfer**
- **Career Professional Awards** (>10 years since terminal degree)
 - To be given in each of these areas: **Education, Research, and Technology Transfer**
- **Agronomic Industry Professional Award** to an individual in the private sector.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is comprised of the three preceding past presidents and one member-at-large selected by the committee after nominations are complete.

Chairperson: Song Cui, Middle Tennessee State University, Past President, 2022

Members: Nithya Rajan, Texas A&M University, Past President, 2021
Jason Krutz, Mississippi State University, Past President, 2020

Nomination Format

All nominees must be members of the American Society of Agronomy and active at the national and Southern Branch levels. Candidates may be nominated by any active member of ASA.

Layout: Type in 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and number page on bottom right.

1. **Title:** Nomination of [Nominee] for the [Area] [Award]
 - a. **For Early Career and Career Awards, select area:** Education, Research, or Technology Transfer
2. **Nominee:** Include name, date and place of birth, mail address, telephone number, and email address
3. **Nominee Qualifications:** See individual awards
4. **Evaluation By Nominator:** Summary and evaluation of significant contributions. Explain why nominee is qualified to receive award (2-page maximum).
5. **Supporting Letters:** Include no more than three one-page supporting letters solicited by and addressed to the nominator. Members of Awards Committee and Executive Committee are not eligible to write supporting letters.

**Submit nomination materials via email by Thursday, January 12, 2023 to
Dr. Song Cui, Middle Tennessee State University, songcui@mtsu.edu, 615-898-5833**

Early Career Professional Awards

These awards are conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize outstanding scientists in the first 10 years of their professional careers (10 years from completion of the terminal degree to being awarded at the SB-ASA meeting in February). One award to be given in each of the areas of Education, Research, and Technology Transfer.

Nominee Qualifications

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded, and institution).
2. Professional positions held (position title, dates of employment, and institution).
3. Membership in academic societies.
4. Honors and awards received.
5. Professional publications (on one page give total number of professional publications in various categories and then list only the 12 most significant publications in citation form).
6. Professional contributions other than publications (2-page maximum).
7. Involvement and contributions to the American Society of Agronomy and the SB-ASA.

Career Professional Awards

These awards are conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize outstanding scientists with more than 10 years of service in their professional careers (from completion of the terminal degree). One award to be given in each of the areas of Education, Research, and Technology Transfer.

Nominee Qualifications

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded, and institution).
2. Professional positions held (position title, dates of employment, and institution).
3. Membership in academic societies.
4. Honors and awards received.
5. Professional publications (on one page give total number of professional publications in various categories and then list only the 12 most significant publications in citation form).
6. Professional contributions other than publications (2-page maximum).
7. Involvement and contributions to ASA and the SB-ASA.

Agronomic Industry Professional Award

The Agronomic Industry Professional Award will be conferred by the SB-ASA to recognize soil and crop scientists that work in the private sector. Individuals nominated should have one or more of the following ASA/SSSA certifications: certified crop adviser (CCA), certified professional agronomists (CPAg), certified professional soil scientists (CPSS), or certified professional classifier (CPSC).

Nominee Qualifications

1. Degrees received (field, date awarded and institution).
2. ASA/SSSA certification and date of certification.
3. Employment record.
4. Involvement and contributions to the American Society of Agronomy and the SB-ASA.