



CALL FOR APPLICANTS AGRO DIVISION 2021 NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD Sponsored by Valent

2021 Fall ACS National Meeting

The AGRO Division seeks nominations for the New Investigator Award (NIA) to be awarded at the ACS meeting, in August 2021. The purpose of the New Investigator Award is to recognize scientists who have obtained a doctoral degree and are actively conducting academic, industrial, consulting, or regulatory studies.

The Division is interested in work 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 as well as crop, livestock, aquaculture, and wildlife protection.

AGRO is also interested in the environmental chemistry and effects resulting from agricultural production (e.g., soil processes, water/air quality) and in 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 his or her doctorate no more than five years before the time of the Fall ACS National Meeting. Thus, for 2021, applications will be considered from **scientists who have obtained their doctorates no earlier than the year 2016**.
- 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 \$1275 for travel and meeting expenses.**
- Each finalist will deliver an oral presentation (which will be judged by the panel) in one of the AGRO Program symposia. The winner, who will receive a plaque, will be chosen after all finalists have presented their papers.

To Apply for the New Investigator Award:

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 as it pertains to 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., post-doctoral mentor, a business manager, departmental chair).
5. Deliver an oral presentation in an appropriate symposium at the 262nd ACS National Meeting.

Deadline:

The extended abstract, *curriculum vitae*, and letter(s) must be received by the New Investigator Award (NIA) Coordinator no later than

April 12, 2021 (subject to change).

For more information, please contact:

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