



CALL FOR APPLICANTS

AGRO DIVISION NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

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Fall ACS Meeting 2026 in Chicago, Illinois, USA

The AGRO Division seeks nominations for the New Investigator Award (NIA) to be awarded at the ACS meeting in Chicago, Illinois in August 2026. 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 award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background. ACS membership is not required.

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 as are nutrients and fertilizers. 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 ACS Fall Meeting. Thus, for 2026, applications will be considered from **scientists who have obtained their doctorates no earlier than the year 2021**.
- A panel consisting of at least three AGRO members will choose up to three finalists based on their extended abstracts, 1-page *curriculum vitae*, and letter(s) of recommendation.
- **Each finalist will receive up to \$2000 for travel and meeting expenses.**
- Each finalist will deliver an in-person 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:

Submit a **2500-character abstract** to a symposium in the AGRO Division using the ACS Meeting Abstracts Programming System (<http://maps.acs.org/>).

Use the On-Line Form to submit:

1. Copy of email from ACS confirming abstract submission to AGRO session.
2. **Extended abstract (maximum 2 pages) describing the candidate's research/studies** Including the impact (or potential impact) of the results as it pertains to issues of concern to AGRO.
3. 1-page ***curriculum vitae***.
4. At least **one letter of recommendation** from a current supervisory scientist (e.g., post-doctoral mentor, a business manager, departmental chair).

Deadline: The confirmation email from ACS, extended abstract, *curriculum vitae*, and letter(s) must be submitted via the on-line form no later than **March 30, 2026**.

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

Files sent directly to the coordinators will not be accepted.

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