

Canadian Plant Breeding and Genetics Award

A National Award of Excellence to Recognize the Contribution of Plant Breeders to the Success of Canada, co-Sponsored by the Canadian Seed Trade Association and Germination

The Canadian Plant Breeding and Genetics Award is presented annually to a public or private sector researcher who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of Canadian plant agriculture through research in plant breeding and genetics. The recipient will have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) World class application of the science of plant breeding and genetics;
- 2) Applying creativity and commitment to achieving technical success; and
- 3) Significant contribution to the advancement of agricultural productivity in Canada (and abroad, if applicable).

The award consists of an engraved plaque donated by Germination. It is presented by the Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA) and Germination at an awards ceremony at CSTA's Annual Meeting. CSTA covers the cost of travel, accommodation and meeting registration for the award winner and an accompanying guest.

Eligibility of Nominators

Nominations for the Canadian Plant Breeding and Genetics Award will be accepted from anyone who has knowledge of the nominee. The nominator need not be a CSTA member.

Eligibility of Nominees

Nominees for the Canadian Plant Breeding and Genetics Award need not be CSTA members. Nominees do not necessarily have to be based in Canada, however, their contribution to the advancement of plant genetics must have predominantly benefited Canada. It should be noted that in the selection process, preference will be given to candidates whose work is or was conducted in Canada. The nominee must be living at the time of the nomination. CSTA reserves the right to not present the award if no nominees meet the criteria. CSTA also reserves the right to modify the eligibility criteria.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be the CSTA Executive Committee and the CSTA Executive Director. The Executive Committee will recommend the recipient to the CSTA Board of Directors for consideration at its February board meeting. Nominations that are not selected may be carried over for submission to the Board in the following two (2) years. Additional supporting information may be submitted in the second and third year, however, it is not necessary to submit an entirely new nomination package.

Notice and Process

Following the selection, the nominator will be notified and asked to inform the award winner that he or she has been selected. Once the recipient has been notified by the nominator, CSTA will contact the winner to provide additional details. CSTA membership will be notified in the spring of each year. A news release announcement will be made immediately following the CSTA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon.

Nomination Instructions

A call for nominations will come from CSTA annually in November. Nominations should be submitted to the CSTA office by no later than January 15th of each year. Nominations should be accompanied by the following supporting data and information:

- 1) Name, position, affiliation, address, telephone and email of nominee;
- 2) Name, position, affiliation, address, telephone and email of nominator;
- 3) Nominee's credentials:
 - a) Education (academic degrees);
 - b) Honours (awards or recognition received); and
 - c) Professional positions held.
- 4) Qualifications of nominee:
 - a) Outstanding application of the science of plant breeding and genetics throughout their career, including:
 - i. Specific plant improvements and their significance;
 - ii. Creativity in research; and
 - iii. Products developed (i.e. cultivars, hybrids and inbreds).
 - b) Significance and originality of specific research projects or studies, including:
 - i. Project description;
 - ii. Uniqueness of results (attach documentation as necessary); and
 - iii. Application of plant improvement.
 - c) Research activities that extend beyond Canada (attach supporting letters):

- i. Describe programs and significance; and
 - ii. Percent of time involved.
 - d) Contributions of the nominee to CSTA and the Canadian commercial research community (for commercial nominees):
 - i. Committee involvement; and
 - ii. Contributions to CSTA policy and initiatives.
 - e) Membership in scientific and professional societies and outline of services performed for these societies; and
 - f) Major publications.
- 5) Two supporting letters for the nomination.

CSTA must receive the nomination by no later than **January 15th, 2019**.

Please send the completed nomination, with accompanying letters of support, to the attention of Kim Sabourin, Manager, Communications and Member Engagement. Nominations may be submitted by email (preferred) or mail. Receipt of all nominations will be confirmed with the nominator.

By email:

ksabourin@seedinnovation.ca | *Please include "Canadian Plant Breeding and Genetics Award" in the subject line.*

By mail:

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