

Mid-Career Mycorrhiza Research Excellence Award

Terms of Reference

1. This Award is given to an established researcher in mid-career for meritorious contributions to the study of mycorrhizas, in the expectation of continued outstanding research and who generally are within 20 years from completion of PhD program. Self-nominations are not permitted. Applicants do not have to be members of the International Mycorrhiza Society (IMS) to be eligible for this award.
2. Nominations for this award should include:
 - a. a nomination letter with a statement of contribution (maximum of 2 pages);
 - b. a full curriculum vitae;
 - c. up to two additional letters of support.
3. The IMS reserves the right to make no award if submissions are not considered to be of sufficiently high quality, or to share the award between two applicants if the nominations appear to be of equal merit. The winner(s) will be notified, and the award will be presented during the International Conference on Mycorrhizas.
4. The winner will receive the following:
 - a. an invitation to give a research presentation at ICOM2026;
 - b. a certificate signed by the President of the IMS;
 - c. lifetime membership of the IMS.
5. The 2026 Awards Committee is composed of the following members: Justine Karst (Chair), Baodong Chen, Melanie Jones, Francis Martin, and Maarja Öpik. The Awards Committee will select the winner, to be validated by the IMS Board of Directors.
6. Applications and supporting documents must be received by the Chair of the Awards committee (Justine Karst; karst@ualberta.ca) on or before the deadline (**March 15, 2026**).