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Inviting Applications for Best Doctoral and Master's Thesis Awards

Applications for the **Best Doctoral and Master's Thesis Awards** of ISSLUP are invited as per the details given in this Notice. The last date for receiving the **nominations/applications in the prescribed proforma at the Society office is 31st August 2026**.

1. ISSLUP Best Doctoral Thesis Award

This award will be given annually to an individual in recognition of the best presentation of doctoral research work in Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry/Environmental Science/Agricultural Physics/Land & Water Management Engineering, with specific relevance to natural resource management. Eligibility: A recipient of a Doctoral degree in **Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry/Agronomy/Environmental Science/Agricultural Physics/Land & Water Management Engineering**, and must be a student member of ISSLUP, is eligible to apply for this award in the prescribed proforma (obtainable from the ISSLUP office or downloadable from <http://www.isslup.in>). The candidate should have either completed all the requirements to become eligible for the award of a Doctoral degree (or received a Doctoral degree) from a University (recognised by the University Grants Commission) or an Institute/Organisation (conferred with the status of 'Deemed to be University' in India), any time between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2025 (both days inclusive).

The intending applicants are required to submit their applications in the prescribed proforma (supplied by ISSLUP on request or downloadable from <http://www.isslup.in>) to the ISSLUP office on or before **31st August, 2026**.

2. ISSLUP Best Master's Thesis Award

This award will be given annually to an individual, in recognition of the best presentation of master's work done in Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry/Environmental Science/Agricultural Physics/Land & Water Management Engineering, with specific relevance to natural resource management.

Eligibility: This contest is open to candidates in India, regardless of whether they are members of the ISSLUP, but they must fulfil the following essential requirements.

- * Must be a Master's degree holder in **Soil Science/Agricultural Chemistry/Agronomy/Environmental Science/Agricultural Physics/Land & Water Management Engineering** from a recognised university or an institute/organisation deemed to be a university in India.
- * Must have submitted a Thesis/ Dissertation as a partial/full requirement of the Master's degree.
- * Must have completed all the requirements to become eligible for the award of Master's degree or received the Master's degree any time during the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025 (both days inclusive).

The intending applicants are required to submit their applications in the prescribed proforma (supplied by ISSLUP on request or downloadable from <http://www.isslup.in>) to the ISSLUP office on or before **31st August, 2026**.

Please Note:

The last date of receiving the applications for awards in the prescribed proforma, complete in all respects is **31st August, 2026**. The nominations process will be conducted at the zonal level. After evaluating the valid applications and presentations by the shortlisted students at the zonal level, two students (one for PhD and one for MSc) will be nominated from each zone. The winner will be decided based on the final presentation made before a panel during the national seminar. All participants as well as the winners from each zone, will be awarded certificates.

The jurisdiction of the five zones is:

- Northern Zone** : Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
- Central Zone** : Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Dadra Nagar Haveli
- Western Zone** : Gujarat and Rajasthan
- Eastern Zone** : A & N Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal
- Southern Zone** : Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Daman and Diu, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu

Applicants from each zone must submit their applications to the following addresses and also submit an advance copy via the email IDs listed at those addresses.

Zone		Addresses for submitting zone-wise applications	Zone		Addresses for submitting zone-wise applications
Northern	:	Dr Rajeev Sikka, Principal Soil Chemist & Head President, Ludhiana Chapter of ISSSLUP, Department of Soil Science, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004. hodsoil@pau.edu , sikkar@pau.edu , vk Singh@pau.edu , Mobile: +91-9814621735, 9455066063	Eastern	:	Dr F. H. Rahman, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Salt Lake City, D.K. Block, Sector-II, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata - 700 091 Tel : +91-33-23586926, 23590727 (0) Email: fhrahmanca@gmail.com , head.nbsscal@gmail.com , reza_ssac@yahoo.co.in .
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