

MASU AWARDS - 2026 - INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE

The MASU Awards aims to honour the Scientists working in the field of Agriculture / Horticulture/ Forestry/ Community science/ Agricultural Engineering to develop innovative solutions aimed at improving the productivity and profitability in agriculture.

***MASU life members who were awarded MASU awards in the last three years (i.e., 2023, 2024 & 2025) are not eligible to apply for the award**

Criteria for MASU Award Application

1. Only Life members of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union are eligible to apply.
2. Only MASU members in the following age groups are eligible to apply for the awards.
 - a. MASU Awards for Innovation - 30 to 45 yrs (Furnish the details of last 5 years in application)
 - b. MASU Awards for Excellence - 46 to 55 yrs (Furnish the details of last 10 years in application)
3. An applicant is eligible to apply for only one award.
4. Due weightage (Enclose evidence) is accredited to
 - i. Applicants who served as Reviewers in MADRAS AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL in the last two years.
 - ii. Applicants who have authored research/ review articles in the MADRAS AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL in the last two years.
 - iii. Applicants who have cited MADRAS AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL's publication in their research/ review articles in the last two years.
5. If a minimum quorum of applications is not received for an individual award, the award stands canceled.
6. Incomplete / applications without the necessary documents will summarily be rejected.
7. The papers and contributions submitted will be judged by a committee appointed for the purpose of evaluation by the Executive Committee of MASU. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Executive Committee will be final.
8. The last date for application submission is 31.05.2026
9. Applications received after the due date will not be considered on any account.
10. Applications for the Awards are to be submitted through Google Forms only.

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MASU AWARD FOR INNOVATION (Age limit: 30-45 yrs)

IN001	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Crop Improvement (Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Biochemistry, Seed Science, Post-Harvest Technologies)
IN002	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Crop Management (Agronomy, Meteorology, and Plant Physiology)
IN003	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Crop Protection (Entomology, Pathology, Nematology, and Sericulture, Agricultural Chemicals, and Organic Chemistry)
IN004	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Social Sciences (Economics, Extension Education, Agri-Business Management, Community Science, Computer Science, Statistics, Linguistics)
IN005	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Agricultural Engineering (Water Technology, Machinery, Energy Conservation, Food Processing, Value addition and Post-Harvest Technology)
IN006	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Natural Resource Management (Soil Science, Microbiology, Environmental Science, Nanotechnology, Agricultural Physics)
IN007	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Forestry (Agro-Forestry, Animal Sciences, Fisheries)
IN008	MASU Award for Innovation in the field of Horticulture (Vegetable & Fruit science, Floriculture, Plantation, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants)

MASU AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE (Age limit: 46-55 yrs)

EX001	MASU Award for Excellence in the field of Crop Improvement (Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Biochemistry, Seed Science, Post-Harvest Technologies)
EX002	MASU Award for Excellence in the field of Crop Management (Agronomy, Meteorology, and Plant Physiology)
EX003	MASU Award for Excellence in the field of Crop Protection (Entomology, Pathology, Nematology, and Sericulture, Agricultural Chemicals, and Organic Chemistry)
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MASU AWARD 2026 - APPLICATION -Template

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PART A

1. Name:

2. Educational qualification (University or equivalent)

Degree	Subject	University Name/ Place	Duration		Year of pass	Class/ OGPA
			From	To		

3. Employment Record

Sl. No	Designation	Place(s) of work	Duration of work	Core Activity
i.				
ii.				

4. Details of the research project conducted

Sl. No	Title of the project	National/ International	Duration	Name of PI & Co-PIs	Funded By
i.					
ii.					

5. List of publications made out of the research work cited for the award (Attach front page of all publications)

Sl. No	Title of the article	Journal	National/ International	Volume No, Issue & year	NAAS rating	Indexed in	Author(s)
i.							
ii.							

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6. Full paper presentation at the conference (Only papers presented)

Sl. No	Conference title	Title of the paper	Author(s)	Recognition received (if any)
i.				
ii.				

7. Details on Patents obtained/ Policy documents/ Variety released/Technology/ Model developed, along with awards and honours received in the mentioned field of research or academics or any work that can substantiate your application in a single table.

8. Briefly describe the principal results obtained from your research, how they have contributed to the farming community and research community, and the original contribution these results have made in addressing the research problem. (250 words)

PART B

Annexure (enclose evidence as a single file)

1. Upload supporting **proof documents** for **Questions 4, 5, 6, and 7** as detailed below:

General Proof Submission Guidelines

A) Highlight your contribution clearly in every document submitted (e.g., underline or highlight your name, role, or contribution).

B) Only the first page (Showing your name/role/ contribution) is required for:

Research articles

Patents

Project documents

Conference papers

C) Do NOT attach full articles, complete project proposals, or full patent documents.

D) Arrange all supporting documents strictly in the same order as your responses in the application form.

PART –C

Details of contribution to MAJ (enclose evidence)

1. Number of articles published in MAJ in the last two years with complete details

2. Number of MAJ articles reviewed by you in the last two years

3. Number of MAJ articles cited by you in other journals in the last two years