



**Call**

European Plant Science Organisation  
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## EPSO Young Plant Scientist Award 2020

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EPSO wishes to encourage the development of ideas and imaginative thinking in the plant sciences and, therefore, offers two awards to young scientists planning on attending the joint EPSO / FESPB [Plant Biology Europe Conference 2020](#) to be held in Turin / IT, 29.6. – 2.7.2020.

The awards will cover registration (waived by the Local Organizing Committee) and travel (economy, max. 400 €, reimbursed by EPSO) to the meeting and will include the opportunity to present a lecture on the winner's research (20 minutes) during a plenary session of the congress; each awardee will receive 200 € from EPSO. Applications are invited from PhD students working on either fundamental or applied aspects of research on plants. One award will be offered in each category.

Awards will be chosen based on submitted abstracts. The selection criteria will be:

- The novelty of the idea or approach being taken
- The potential of the research to improve understanding or outcomes in the selected field of plant science
- The clarity with which the problem or research topic is conveyed to a non-specialist plant scientist.

PhD students wishing to apply should submit the completed [application form](#) which includes as well their abstract and their short curriculum vitae. Two EPSO representatives will select two candidates from the applications on fundamental aspects of plant biology and two other EPSO representatives will select two applications from more applied research topics. The final two winners, one from the fundamental research category, the other from the applied research category, will be selected by the 5 EPSO representatives including the jury chair.

Applicants can be nominated by others, and to be eligible they should be working in an institute/university that has EPSO institutional membership ([check online](#)). Please send your entry to [epsos@epsomail.org](mailto:epsos@epsomail.org) with the subject "EPSO Young Plant Scientist Award 2020" until 31.1.2020.

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**Timelines:**

Announcement of EPSO Young Plant Scientist Award Call:	For 2020 call: 20.12.2019
Deadline to receive nominations:	31.1.2020
Check Eligibility (need to belong to a member institute):	3-4.2.2020
Consider and evaluate applications based on abstract and mini-cv:	10-28.2.2020
Announcement of winners:	6.3.2020

**Useful links**

EPSO Young Plant Scientist Award 2018:

[www.epsoweb.org/epso-young-plant-scientists-award?1864290068=1](http://www.epsoweb.org/epso-young-plant-scientists-award?1864290068=1)

Report on the EPSO / FESPB conference 2016 incl. the EPSO Young Plant Scientist Award 2016:

[www.epsoweb.org/file/2222](http://www.epsoweb.org/file/2222)

EPSO communications: [www.epsoweb.org/epso-communications](http://www.epsoweb.org/epso-communications)

EPSO member institutes and universities: [www.epsoweb.org/membership/members](http://www.epsoweb.org/membership/members)

EPSO representatives: [www.epsoweb.org/membership/representatives](http://www.epsoweb.org/membership/representatives)

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