

2025 Arthur C. Neish Young Investigator Award Nomination Guidelines

This award is named in honor of [Arthur C. Neish \(1916-1973\)](#). In the 1950's and 1960's, Dr. Neish was a pioneer in the synthesis and use of radiolabeled precursors and was one of the major contributors to knowledge of plant natural product biosynthetic pathways (Romeo, J.T. 2000. Forward. Recent Advances in Phytochemistry 34:viii.). He was a dedicated mentor of young scientists and has been recognized by having the young investigator award named after him. The Neish Young Investigator Awards were first bestowed in 1999 at the PSNA meeting in Montreal, Canada.

The Neish awards support young investigators as featured speakers at annual meetings, providing an important professional and career development opportunity for young investigators. It also enriches diverse participation in the PSNA, while supporting a diversity of topics. There is no application or self-nomination procedure, as this award is by nomination only. We encourage nominations of people from diverse backgrounds.

Deadline for nominations: **January 31st, 2024**

Amount of the award: \$2,000/award

Eligibility and nomination:

- PSNA members may submit nominations to the chair of the PSNA Awards Committee, Dr. Hiroshi Maeda at maeda2@wisc.edu.
- Nominations should include a CV of the nominee as well as a letter stating reasons for the nomination and how the nominee will get involved in and contribute to the advancement of PSNA.
- For these awards, a young investigator is someone within the first 5 years of establishing an independent research program, although breaks in career, such as parental leaves or other situations that warrant a pause in the tenure clock, can be considered.

Expectations from the awardee:

- The awardee must give an oral presentation (25-30 min) at the annual PSNA meeting, where the award will be given in person.
- The PSNA expects Neish awardees to stay connected with the PSNA community by becoming a member and encouraging their lab members to attend future PSNA meetings, and get involved in the advancement of PSNA (e.g., participating in Award Committee, Young Member Committee, Advisory Board, etc.).

Selection and notification:

- The PSNA awards committee will be responsible for all the decisions related to the Arthur C. Neish Young Investigator awards.
- Awardees will be notified by **February 28th, 2024**



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The Plant Journal (TPJ)-PSNA Early Career Award Application Guidelines

The Plant Journal (TPJ)-PSNA Early Career Award recognizes research excellence by outstanding postdoctoral researchers and research scientists in academic, research and government institutions with a preference for early career individuals who are ready to start an independent position and can engage with PSNA for the advancement of phytochemical research field. We encourage applications from people from diverse backgrounds.



Deadline for application: **January 31st, 2025**

Amount of the award: \$2,000/award

Up to two awards may be given each year depending on the availability of funds. Any unused funds will be used for the following year's awards.

Eligibility:

- This award is for postdocs and research scientists in an academic institution, a research institute, or a government lab. Preference will be given to early-career individuals who are ready to start an independent position, but applications from mid-career scientists who are not principal investigators will also be considered.
- The applicant should have at least 3-4 peer-reviewed papers (at least five for mid-career scientists) published as first author, preferably as primary research articles in the field of phytochemistry or a related area.
- The applicant should apply for PSNA membership at the time of application for this award.
- The applicant should not be a previous TPJ-PSNA Early Career Award recipient.
- The awardee will not be eligible for any other conference-related PSNA awards in the year the award is made.

Application package:

Applicants will apply directly (no nomination) and provide the following information with their application package.

1. Research Statement (maximum three pages) describing significant contributions to date, future goals, and perspective on phytochemical research.
2. The potential topic and abstract for the invited review.
3. Abstract of the oral presentation.
4. Letter of support from the postdoc/research scientist advisor.
5. Evidence of membership of the PSNA at the time of application, and a short description about the intention to get involved in PSNA in the next five years and beyond.
6. The number of PSNA meetings previously attended.
7. CV
8. Copy of three relevant publications.

Please send the completed application package in a single PDF file to Dr. Hiroshi Maeda at maeda2@wisc.edu.

Expectations from the awardee:

- The awardee must give an oral presentation (25-30 min) at the annual PSNA meeting.
- The awardee should acknowledge the support of sponsors of the award in their talks.
- The Plant Journal will extend an invitation to the awardee to contribute a TPJ Focused Review for publication.

The outcome of the application:

- The PSNA awards committee will be responsible for all the decisions related to the awards.
- All applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application by **February 28th, 2025**