

# **WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award**

## **PREAMBLE**

WIOMSA is introducing a new Award scheme to be known as the ‘WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award’. This award is initiated in order to:

- Promote excellence and recognize outstanding contributions made by emerging scientists for research in coastal and marine sciences in the WIO region.
- Cultivate a healthy competition for quality and excellence amongst emerging scientists.
- Highlight the scientific work and talent of emerging scientists and enhance the visibility of their work.
- Encourage emerging scientists to be more engaged in research activities.

WIOMSA recognises the contributions of senior and established scientists (natural and social) to marine and coastal research on a biennial basis through the Fellowship membership award. This award is made in recognition of their outstanding work or significant contribution to coastal and marine science in the region. No such scheme exists recognizing and awarding emerging scientists working on coastal and marine issues in the WIO region. Realising the need for such an award, the WIOMSA Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award at its thirty-second meeting.

## **NATURE OF THE AWARD**

The Award is given biennially during the WIOMSA Scientific Symposium and will include the following:

- i) A citation signed by the WIOMSA President,
- ii) Appropriate advertising of the awardee merit through the normal WIOMSA dissemination channels (newsletter, website etc.).
- iii) Free WIOMSA membership for 3 years.
- iv) A plaque.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The nominees

- Must be engaged in research work in coastal and marine issues in any of the countries of the WIO region.
- Must be born on or after January 1st, 1978
- Must have completed at least a MSc degree

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

- Scientific excellence and innovative approach of the nominee's academic work
- Relevance of the scientific work beyond national borders
- Show evidence of national and/or international eminence (e.g. participation in regional and international scientific projects and international networks)
- Potential of the candidate (e.g. potential to become a role model or leader in their field)
- Show experience in mentoring and guiding other upcoming scientists

## **NOMINATION**

Self-nomination is not allowed. One could be nominated by her or his institution or by anyone who knows her or his work.

Nominees will be contacted directly by the WIOMSA Secretariat and requested to provide additional information about themselves and their activities.

## **SELECTION**

A Selection Advisory Committee constituted by the Board of Trustees will review the nominees' submissions and recommend to the Board who should be awarded the Award.

## **PRESENTATION**

The Award will be presented for the first time to a recipient during the Ninth WIOMSA Scientific Symposium in October 2015. A citation highlighting the work of the recipient will be read out during the event.