

## **WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award**

### **PREAMBLE**

WIOMSA is inviting nominations of candidates for the WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award. This award aims to:

- Recognize significant achievements and outstanding contributions made by emerging scientists for research in coastal and marine sciences in the WIO region.
- Cultivate 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 recognizes 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. Realizing the need to also recognize early-career scientists, the WIOMSA Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the WIOMSA Emerging Scientist Award at its thirty-second meeting. The Emerging Scientist Award becomes WIOMSA's second premier award that recognizes coastal and marine scientists from the WIO region who are at early stages of their research careers.

### **NATURE OF THE AWARD**

The Award is given biennially and recipients will receive:

- 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.
- Early to mid-career scientist: Preferably not more than 40 years of age or who have had their PhD conferred within the past four (4) years.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

- Outstanding research record: Show excellence in basic or applied research, publications or patents, development of new technologies, and reputation in nominees' area of research.
- Show evidence of the diffusion of knowledge across 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 nominee (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.

In the absence of nominations of sufficient merit within the announcement period, no award will be made.

## **SELECTION**

An independent Selection Advisory Committee constituted by the Board of Trustees will review the nominees' submissions and the decision to present the award will be based upon the Committee's advice.

## **PRESENTATION**

The Awardees will be announced by 30 September 2020. A citation highlighting the work of the recipient will be read out during any event that will be held in the region thereafter.

## **PROCEDURE**

All nominations must be on [the WIOMSA nomination form](#).

The deadline for submission of nominations for the Emerging Scientists Award is **30th June 2020**.