The 11th International IPM Achievement Awards recognize people who have made outstanding achievements in IPM adoption, implementation, and sustainability.

Award applications will be evaluated based on the USDA NIFA IPM Roadmap. This document, developed in 2002 and revised in 2018 by the United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA) and its stakeholders, provides direction for people who specialize in integrated pest management (IPM) through research, use of new technology and measurement of success in management of all types of pests, including but not limited to agricultural, structural, veterinary, ornamental, forest and public health pests. The International IPM Achievement Awards celebrate individuals and teams who have achieved excellence by fully supporting the IPM roadmap, garnering stakeholders to help with program implementation, team building, and increasing IPM adoption.

For each award category, the Awards Committee reviews each nomination package on:

- improving economic returns by reducing input costs and/or improving product or service quality;
- reducing human health risks;
- minimizing adverse environmental effects from pests or pest management activities;
- documenting outcomes, for example, through reduced pesticide use and hazard reduction, improved economic returns and environmental impacts, etc. versus outputs such as fact sheets published and distributed, meetings convened and attendance, number of producers in the study, etc.
- developing/implementing innovative strategies;
- working with a team to pull people together. The Award Committee wants each applicant to illustrate how the nominees—both individuals and groups—have used a team approach in the IPM process.

For the 11th International IPM Achievement Awards, there are five award categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- IPM Practitioner – Academic
- IPM Practitioner – Non-academic
- IPM Team/Group
- Graduate Student

This year, winners will have the opportunity to submit an article at no cost to the Journal of Integrated Pest Management. At the same time, winners will be invited to present their award-winning story during one of the many symposia sessions. Winners will receive their award recognition at the opening plenary session of the symposium on Tuesday morning.

Consider nominating someone today! Awards nominations will be accepted between June 24, 2024, through August 24, 2024. Winners will be notified in October 2024.
1 Lifetime Achievement
The Lifetime Achievement in IPM Award goes to an individual who has devoted their career (25+ years) to IPM. Throughout their career, the awardee must have made significant contributions to enhancing integrated pest management through team building with various stakeholder groups, and addressing issues across pests, commodities, systems, and disciplines.

2 IPM Practitioner - Academic
Candidates for the IPM Practitioner-Academic Award are individuals deserving special recognition for their research, teaching, and extension & outreach in developing, implementing and educating about integrated pest management practices that reduce risk from pests and the use of pest management practices in any area. Faculty and academic professionals (e.g. research technicians, post-docs, etc.) of any education agency, college or university, state education or environmental agency, nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a noncommercial educational broadcasting entity, are eligible to apply. Individuals engaged in developing, implementing and educating about integrated pest management practices in any area including, but not limited to agriculture, veterinary, forestry, natural resources and recreation and other community environments, public health, schools, residential and public areas, and whose work has a direct and positive impact on stakeholders may be nominated.

3 IPM Practitioner – Non-academic
Candidates for the IPM Practitioner-Non-academic Award are individuals deserving special recognition for their outstanding “boots-on-the-ground” work in implementing integrated pest management (IPM) practices that reduce risk from pests and pest management practices in any area. IPM users, promoters or service providers who have made outstanding contributions to IPM adoption and implementation, promotion, or service; and whose work has had a direct and positive impact on end-users or clientele are encouraged to apply. Examples of non-academic IPM practitioners are school IPM coordinators, pest management professionals, growers, pest control advisors, facility managers, landscape or turf managers, maintenance/operations staff, public housing managers, and others. Individuals practicing or serving IPM needs in any area including, but not limited to agriculture, veterinary, forestry, natural resources and recreation and other community environments, public health, schools, residential and public areas may be nominated.

4 IPM Team/Group Program/Project/Organization
The IPM Achievement Award for Team is designed for groups, projects, or organizations that deserve special recognition for their excellent work in implementing integrated pest management practices that reduce risk from pests and the use of IPM practices, as a group.

Nominees must clearly demonstrate teamwork across stakeholder groups, pests, commodities, systems, and disciplines. They must be groups whose activities have made notable contributions, to 1) improving economic benefits related to IPM adoption, 2) reducing potential human/animal health risks, and/or 3) minimizing adverse environmental & natural resources effects. Organizations, project groups, or companies practicing or serving IPM needs in any setting including, but not limited to agriculture and forestry, veterinary, natural resources and recreation environments, and residential and public areas may be nominated.
5 Graduate Student Award
This award recognizes graduate students with extraordinary potential to contribute to the development and implementation of research, teaching, extension & outreach, or implementation of IPM. These awards will recognize two to four students: two in a master’s program, and two in a doctoral program. Nominees in this category should have demonstrated strong potential of leadership in IPM as evidenced through publications, fieldwork, data collection, experimental design, teaching, outreach, or other support for research, extension, and/or education of IPM projects.

Students will also have the opportunity in 2025 to submit posters to compete for an IPM Inspiration Award, this will be sponsored by the Symposium Poster Committee.

Up to THREE masters and THREE doctoral students may be nominated from a single department.

Eligibility for Student Award
Only master’s and doctoral students are eligible for this award. Graduate students enrolled at a college or university located within the United States at the time of the Symposium and working in IPM and related disciplines — including entomology, plant pathology, nematology and/or weed science — are eligible for this award.

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