

NESA ANNUAL AWARDS 2026

CRITERIA FOR NESA ANNUAL AWARDS 2026

1. NESA FELLOWSHIP AWARD – 2026 (15+25=40)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Professor/Principal Scientist/Scientist 'F' and above or equivalent

1. Research/Teaching experience of minimum 10 Years or more.
2. Accomplished Research Work
3. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
4. Patents granted/Technology developed
5. Any award / recognition at National/ International level.

AGE: 42 years and above

Can suffix F.N.E.S.A. after their names.

2. NESA EMINENT SCIENTIST AWARD – 2026 (10+25=35)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Associate Professor/Scientist 'E' / Academician or equivalent

1. Research/Teaching experience of minimum 08 Years or more.
2. Accomplished Research Work.
3. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
4. Patents granted/Technology developed
5. Any award / recognition at National/ International level.

AGE: 40 years and above

3. NESAS DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD – 2026 (10+35=35)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Associate Professor/Assistant Professor/Scientist of University/College/Research Institute or equivalent

1. At least 6 years of experience of Social and Environment related services
2. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
3. Patents granted/Technology developed
4. Any award / recognition at National/ International level.

AGE: 35 years and above

4 NESAS AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2026 (15+5=20)

Who can apply?

1. Open to researchers, scientists, professionals, actively engaged in agricultural research, innovation, engineering, and sustainable farming practices.
2. Research and work must focus on agriculture and allied areas, including but not limited to crop improvement, horticulture, soil health, sustainable farming, precision agriculture, organic farming, irrigation management, farm innovators, agri-entrepreneurship, agroforestry and allied sectors, pest and disease management, climate-resilient farming practices, rural development through agriculture-based initiatives, and agricultural biotechnology.

3. The applicant must demonstrate original, innovative, and high-quality work with measurable outcomes in agricultural productivity, sustainability, or rural development.
4. Contributions should show scientific advancement, societal relevance, and alignment with national agricultural priorities and food security goals.
5. A minimum of 05 years of academic/research/industry experience post-PhD is required (attach relevant proofs).
6. A proven track record of publications, patents, books, book chapters, technologies, or impactful agricultural projects implemented (advantageous, if any).
7. A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting career achievements and contributions to agriculture is essential.
8. Open to both Indian and NRI individuals.

Age: 45 and above

5 NESAWater Conservation Award – 2026 (10+5=15)

WHO CAN APPLY?

- The award is open to **scientists, academicians, researchers, innovators, environmentalists, industries and laboratories**, working in the field of water science and technology, water conservation, desalination, treatment, management, and sustainable utilization.
- The applicant must have demonstrated **outstanding contributions towards water resource conservation, watershed management, groundwater recharge, river/lake rejuvenation, or innovative water-saving or wastewater treatment technologies, including heavy metals removal.**
- Evidence of impactful work such as **research publications, patents, field projects, community initiatives, or policy contributions** in the area of water sustainability will be considered.

- The individual (nominee) should have at least **05 years of professional/academic experience** after PhD in water-related work at teaching position in academia and research or at any position in industries (attach relevant proofs).
- Contributions must reflect **sustainability, innovation, community impact, and alignment with national water conservation priorities.**
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting career achievements is essential.
- The award is only open to **Indians and NRIs** actively working in India.
Age: 40 and above

6. NESASCIENTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD – 2026 (10+25=35)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Associate or Asst. Professor/ Scientist 'B' / 'C' or equivalent

1. At least 06 Research/Teaching experience.
2. Accomplished Research Work
3. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
4. Patents granted/Technology developed
5. Any award / recognition at National/ International level.

AGE: 32 years and above.

7 NESAW ENVIRONMENTALIST AWARD – 2026 (15+10=25)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Any Faculty/Scientist/Professionals with significant contribution in the field of environment & forestry.

1. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
2. Patents granted/Technology developed
3. Any award / recognition in the area of environment/social work/NGO's or any other activities at national/regional level.
4. Environmental awareness experience

AGE: 32 years and above.

8 NESAW CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP AWARD - 2026 (10+5=15)

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Open to researchers, academicians, scientists, professionals, and social workers actively engaged in climate action, research, and mitigation/adaptation initiatives/programs.
- Research and social work must focus on climate science and allied areas, including but not limited to climate change mitigation and adaptation, renewable energy solutions, carbon management, sustainable agriculture, climate policy, climate-resilient technologies, and environmental education.
- The applicant must demonstrate original, innovative, and high-quality work with measurable environmental and societal outcomes.

- Contributions should show scientific advancement, practical impact on climate stewardship, and alignment with national and global climate objectives.
- A minimum of 05 years of academic/research experience post-PhD is required (attach relevant proofs).
- No experience is required for social workers but must be actively involved in climate advocacy, awareness, and community-based climate action initiatives in alignment with national climate priorities in India.
- A proven track record of publications, patents, books, book chapters, technologies, or impactful projects implemented in climate-related fields (advantageous, if any).
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting career achievements and contributions to climate stewardship is essential.
- Open to both Indian and NRI individuals.

AGE: 35 years and above.

9 NES A ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD – 2026 (10+5=15)

WHO CAN APPLY?

- A detailed profile or citation highlighting leadership roles, initiatives, and achievements is required.
- Supporting evidence such as awards, recognitions, completed projects, media coverage, or testimonials.
- Both individual and institutional leaders in India and NRIs are eligible.
- Minimum age bar is 40+.
- Open to researchers, academicians, scientists, and professionals actively engaged in environmental science, technology, engineering, and research.
- Research must be in the field of environmental and allied areas, including but not limited to climate change, biodiversity,

environmental biotechnology, pollution control, waste management, renewable energy, water resources, soil health, and sustainable agriculture.

- The applicant must demonstrate original, innovative, and high-quality research with clear outcomes.
- A minimum of 10 years of academic/research experience post-PhD is required (attach relevant proofs).
- A proven track record of publications in reputed journals, patents, books, book chapters, technologies developed, or impactful projects implemented.
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting career achievements is essential.
- Open to both Indian and NRI individuals.

AGE: 40 years and above.

10. WOMEN EXCELLENCE AWARD – 2026 (25 Nos.)

WHO CAN APPLY!

1. Any Women Scientist/Environmentalist / Social Worker in the University/College/Research Institute/NGO.
2. At least 4 years of experience of Women empowerment and Environment related activities.
3. Recognition/Award from National/Regional level.
4. National and International Journals with good impact factor.
5. Patents granted/Technology developed

AGE: 32 years and above

11. NESAWOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD – 2026 (20+15=35)

WHO CAN APPLY!

Assistant Professor, Research Associate/Research Officer /Research Scholar/ Post-Doctoral Fellow/PhD Essential or equivalent

1. Active involvement in research with proven record of accomplishment.
2. Some Research publications in reputed National and International Journal with impact factor.
3. Patents granted/Technology developed

AGE: 28 and Above

12. NESAJUNIOR SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD - 2026 (15+20=35)

WHO CAN APPLY!

M.Sc. / M.A./M Tech. in any field of science and social sciences

AGE: Up to 25 and above.