

Guidelines for the Selection of the Annual Best Plant Biology Ph.D. and Master's Theses by the Taiwan Society of Plant Biologists

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1. Purpose:

The Taiwan Society of Plant Biologists (hereinafter referred to as the Society) has formulated these guidelines in order to encourage members to invest in plant biology research.

2. Application qualifications:

1. Member of this Society.
2. Has completed a doctoral or Master's thesis **within two years of the deadline** and passed the oral examination.
3. The research content covers topics related to plant biology.

3. Application deadline:

The relevant documents should be uploaded to the annual award selection registration website before the announced application deadline for the current year (according to the website time). Late applications will not be accepted.

4. Application procedure:

The application form and the supervisor's initial evaluation form should be downloaded from the Society's website. After filling in the form, the file should be scanned into an electronic file and uploaded together with other attachments to the annual award selection registration website. Applications with incomplete or inconsistent information will not be accepted. The following documents should be attached:

1. The application form for the annual best plant Ph.D. and Master's thesis award.
2. The Google Cloud download link for the Ph.D. or Master's thesis files.
3. The supervising professor's initial evaluation form (if there are multiple co-supervisors, it is ok to just ask one to fill out the form).
4. A scanned file of the doctorate or Master's degree certificate or a file of the oral examination committee members' signed approval letter.
5. Other information that is helpful for review.

5. Review:

1. Review procedure: The Society's Board of Directors and Supervisors will establish a selection committee (3 to 7 people) and divide it into two groups for review of doctoral and Master's theses, respectively, and determine the number of theses that will pass (in principle, the number of award-winning theses in each group each year should not exceed 30% of the theses).
2. Review period: The review will be completed within one month from the day after the application deadline, and will be approved and announced.
3. The Society can invite the award winners to report their winning theses at a General Meeting or seminar.

6. Award support:

1. Those whose doctoral theses are judged to be the best after review will receive a Professor Chu-Yung Lin Doctoral Dissertation Award certificate. The CY Lin Foundation for Plant Science and Education will award a monetary prize based on the funding availability. The award will be announced at the General Meeting of members as a token of recognition.
2. Those whose Master's theses are judged to be the best after review will receive a Taiwan Society of Plant Biologists Best Master's Thesis Award certificate. The Society will award a monetary prize based on the funding availability. The award will be announced at the General Meeting of members as a token of recognition.

7. Other matters that should be noted:

1. The submitted documents will not be returned. After the thesis is reviewed, it will become the property of the Society.
 2. Once the application is completed, it cannot be canceled.
 3. Those whose theses violate academic ethics will be disqualified from application.
8. These regulations shall be implemented after approval by the Board of Directors meeting, and the same shall apply when amended.