**Call for nominations Research Award**

The Research Award is the annual scientific award funded by University Fund Wageningen (UFW) to honour excellent researchers at Wageningen University & Research (WUR).

The Research Award is organized by Wageningen Graduate Schools and we hereby call for nominations. The Research Award is awarded in four categories:

1. Research paper of the year
2. Team effort of the year
3. Transdisciplinary research of the year
4. Supervisor of the year

The following conditions and criteria apply to nominations:

**A. Research paper of the year**

Criteria:

1. Creativity and originality
2. Scientific rigor
3. Scientific and/or societal impact

Conditions:

* The paper has been published in the Academic Year 2023-2024 (between 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024)
* The nominee shall be the first author of the paper
* The first author has a WUR affiliation on the paper
* Shared first authors can only be nominated together if they both have a WUR affiliation on the paper. If one of the shared first author does not have a WUR affiliation, then only the author with the affiliation can be nominated
* The nominee must be an early career scientist
* The nominated paper is not a review

**B. Team effort of the year**

Criteria:

1. Need for and added value of the team
2. Synergy of the team, quality of the collaboration
3. Team performance, quality of the output
4. The activity is special and not business as usual

Conditions:

* The nominated activity and team shall be coordinated by a WUR researcher.

**C. Transdisciplinary research of the year**

Criteria:

1. Involvement of stakeholders
2. Involvement of different scientific disciplines
3. Degree of interaction between scientific and practical insights

Conditions:

* The nominated research activity shall be transdisciplinary, i.e. a wicked problem that originates from society before working with insights from different disciplines and practice to achieve integration. The integration of academic insights and insights from practice then serves a purpose to expediate the implementation of solutions for a complex problem from practice. The process to come to integration is as such transformative in nature.
* Nominated activity should be coordinated by a WUR researcher

**D. Supervisor of the year**

Criteria:

1. Mentorship
2. Leadership/vision
3. Promotion of Career Readiness Competencies (NACE)
4. Professionalism
5. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
6. Overall Impact
7. Percentage of supervisees that supports the nomination

Conditions:

* The nominated supervisors can be a supervisor of PhD candidates, postdocs of senior researchers.
* The nominated researchers should have a WUR affiliation at the time of the nomination.

**Who can nominate**

For all categories all scientific staff members are invited to nominate persons/teams. For categories A, B and C, self-nomination is also possible. It is allowed to resubmit nominations for categories B, C and D that did not win. When a nomination applies to both categories B and C, pleased indicate this.

**How to submit a nomination**

Nominations must be submitted to [doro.office@wur.nl](mailto:doro.office@wur.nl). The deadline for nominations is the **30st of October 2024**. The nomination should contain a nomination letter with a description of the output, team, activities and/or person and the arguments for the nomination linked to the criteria[[1]](#footnote-2).

**Procedure**

Jury judgement: A diverse jury for each of the categories consisting of professors and non-professors will select a shortlist of nominees.

Popular votes: To involve the employees, doctoral candidates and students of WUR better in the selection process, the shortlisted nominees (for A, B and C) or nominators (for D) for each category are asked to present their work/vision during the WGS Dies Natalis activity preceding on 7 March 2025. All employees, doctoral candidates and students of WUR present can then vote for their preferred nomination in each category.

The Research Award will be conferred during the Dies Natalis on 7 March 2025.

1. The jury will be diverse and consist of scientists with different backgrounds, so please make sure that your texts are accessible. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)