

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Indian Society for Surface Science and Technology (ISSST) is pleased to announce the establishment of “Dr K.L. Mittal Award for the Best Ph.D. Thesis” in India in the arena of surfactants initiated by an endowment fund by Dr. K.L. Mittal to ISSST. Please note the following:

1. Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the AWARD is to motivate and encourage young researchers in India to carry out first-rate and cutting-edge research in the field of surfactants

2. Eligibility of the Award

The AWARD is open to all Ph. D researchers in the broad field of surfactants (both theoretical and applied aspects) who have carried out their research works in India as registered Ph.D. students. Anyone irrespective of sex, race, color, religion, creed, origin and affiliation is eligible for this AWARD. The maximum age of the awardee at the time of submission of the application/nomination shall not exceed thirty years

3. Selection Criteria/Process

The following criteria shall be followed for recommending the nominee for the **AWARD**:

1. Originality of research. Well thought-out and meticulously executed research project.
2. Impact of research leading to new research avenues.
3. Research leading to industrial products, processes.
4. Publications in reputed journals based on Ph.D. research carried out.
5. Any other recognition/award/prize for the research carried out.
6. Presentation at relevant scientific societies meetings in India and abroad.

The nominee needs to apply in an ISSST prescribed application format for the AWARD.

3.1. Selection Process

The first Award will be based on Ph.D. theses submitted in the year 2024. The first Award will be given to the awardee at the ISSST Biennial Conference, i.e., the National Conference on Surfactants, Emulsions and Biocolloids (NATCOSEB) to be held in..... Subsequently there will be one award each year and the two awardees will be recognized at the subsequent NATCOSEB conference of ISSST where each awardee will be asked to make an oral presentation on his/her research work. The host institute of NATCOSEB would bear the admissible travel expenses of the awardees. If an awardee fails to receive the AWARD at the NATCOSEB, ISSST may propose an alternative arrangement at its headquarter for a special lecture. A Committee comprising of six to eight prominent Indian scientists working in different aspects of surfactants may be nominated by the ISSST Executive Committee in consultation with Dr. Mittal for selecting the Awardee. The Award will be bestowed upon the nominee based on the recommendation of Committee Members.

4. Value of the Award

The awardee shall receive a scroll and a cash award of INR 10,000 (INR ten thousand).

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