

ICSEWENEN21

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY-WATER-ENVIRONMENT
NEXUS IN DESERT CLIMATE

EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER AWARD

Guidelines

The **Early-Stage Researcher Award (ESRA)** is set to recognize the scientific quality presented on the oral and poster presentations given by undergraduate and graduate students at the ICSEWEN21 conference.

PURPOSE

The aim of this award is to showcase excellent student research from submitted papers demonstrating high-quality research that addresses fundamental questions or is novel in the EWE Nexus related fields.

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SELECTION PROCESS (1/2)

The ESRA Committee will be reviewing all abstracts as per the following guideline:

- To be eligible for the award, the winners must be registered for the conference and tick the box for inclusion during the registration process.
- The ESRA committee selects the top six entries based on the initial screening of the abstract and presentation slides, which will be invited for submission by email by 13 November.
- Finalists will be notified by 15 November. Finalists will have to submit full entries (7 mins video presentation - oral presentation and posters) by the 20 November.
- The finalists must be available for the finals on the afternoon of 24 November and the prize giving ceremony will take place on the afternoon of 25 November.
- All abstracts are judged equally regardless of their categories.
- Committee Chair(s) determine the 6 finalists: 3 from oral presentations and 3 from poster presentation.

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SELECTION PROCESS (2/2)

- On the 24 November finals, the video screening will take place followed by a Q&A session with the award judging panel.
- Selections will be based on the level of the research, quality of the oral presentation or poster, and clarity of the presentation. Detailed criteria for the selection are based on:
 - Providing organized and concise summary of the work including the motivation/objectives, approach, key results, and impact of findings
 - Knowledgeable presenter with ability to address specific questions about the presented research.
 - Novelty of the research (e.g. material development novelty, novel design, novel approach and problem solving, novel characterization technique, etc.)
 - Clarity of objective and research question
 - Clarity and transparent research design, method, and modeling (if any)
 - Appropriate background providing perspective/context for the subject
 - Clear and appropriate source of data or sampling procedure
 - Clear and unbiased abstract presentation
 - Good and clear presentation of the poster by student
 - Data supported conclusion
 - Systematic analysis of the data with distinguish between factual data and interpretations or implications

PRIZES

Awardees are given a certificate and a cash award (3000 QR for first place and 2000 QR for second place) for their achievement to acknowledge the outstanding work.

The winners for will be announced at the closing ceremony of the conference on 25 November.

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