

Malaysian Society of Soil Science

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Postgraduate Thesis Award: An Outstanding Postgraduate Thesis Award of RM 1,000 together with the certificate of Award will be made to recognize the work of a postgraduate's student who has graduated or anticipates graduating during the current academic year.

Who can apply?

Research scholars of MSc. or PhD who has successfully completed their theses which has shown exceptional contribution to the field of soil science in 2025 are eligible to apply.

Application/Nomination materials for both awards must include the following:

1. In a single PDF:
 - a. Cover page: Indicate student's name, mentor/advisor's name, degree program name, and title of thesis.
 - b. Student's Curriculum Vitae (including a list of all publications, with those related to thesis/dissertation work marked with an *).
 - c. Student's statement (3 pages or less). The student should concisely describe how their studies provide major new insights and describe their role, including a description of the student's contribution to: development of the concept or hypothesis, experimental design, development of new method's or materials, collection and interpretation of data, and preparation of the document.
2. Letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members. The letters should evaluate the importance of the studies within a broadly defined field, the contributions of the student, and should indicate the relationship of referee to student (i.e., advisor, committee member, and/or collaborator). Publications, if any, related to the thesis/dissertation work should be noted.
3. Complete PDF copy of the thesis, along with evidence of the thesis being passed.

Evaluation by a Review Committee using the following four criteria:

1. Evaluation of thesis quality and innovation of product/process/approach/insight.
2. The quality of the scientific research and writing within the context of the field.
3. The quality and capability of the candidate based on their CV and the letter of recommendation.
4. Part of the research work of the thesis has been published in high impact journal/refereed journal, or won an award in a national or international level.

Deadlines:
31 March 2026

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