



WCB Research Foundation

Prof. M.I. Patel Award for Young Wildlife and Conservation Biologists

Rules and Guidelines

Introduction:

Prof. M. I. Patel (1948-2020) was a renowned zoologist and Retd. Principal of M. N. College, Visnagar. He was also a mentor of many zoologists and scientists of India and contributed a lion share in the field of research and development in zoology especially wildlife and conservation biology. Prof. Patel was also nominated on the several committees of Government of Gujarat and India and served as an expert. Many books and research publications are on his credit. He always encourage the young students to involve in scientific research and help to build their career. As a tribute and in the memory of Late Prof. M.I. Patel, WCB Research Foundation is proud to announce the M.I. Patel Award for the young wildlife and conservation biologists to encourage the young scientist from India working in the field of wildlife and conservation biology. The award will be conferred every year in the memory of late Prof. M. I. Patel to any young scientist / student/ researcher of Indian citizen below the age of 35 years working in the field of wildlife and conservation biology (Zoology/ Botany/ Environmental Science/ or allied subject) and carried out significant research in the respective field.

Eligibility:

- Any citizen of India who is doing research /contributed through research in the field of wildlife and conservation biology
- The Educational qualification is Minimum M.Sc. in relevant subject (Biology, Zoology, Environmental Science, Ecology, Wildlife biology, Forestry and allied subjects)
- Age Limit less than 35 years as on July 1st

Rules:

- Applications are invited every year on October 1st through notification on WCB website, social media as well as emails and applications are open till June 30 of every year.
- The application fees shall be Rs. 550, which is non refundable
- All the applications are verified by committee appointed by the Governing Council of WCB Research Foundation
- The Award committee and Jury panel will be composed of
 - A member of WCB Governing Council as a Chairman of the committee
 - Two Subject Expert (two National and one International) nominated by the WCB Governing Council
 - One member nominated by the donor



- Along with the application, the candidate will have to upload their CV, one letter of reference, and an extended abstract of 1000 describing their current research work, past achievements and a line of justification that why he/she is deserving for this award.
- Five candidates out of all will be selected as Award nominee and will call for the final presentation during the Award ceremony on September 27th of every year.
- The award nominees shall be paid 3AC rail fare for travel, shared accommodation and other logistics shall be provided by the WCB Research Foundation
- One person can apply only once every year. In case of multiple application, latest application will be considered
- The jury panel will select One Nominee for the award, the award contains
 - a cash prize of Rs. 50000
 - a running trophy
 - a certificate
- There will be no runners-up prizes; however the certificate to all participants and a memento will be given to all the finalists
- Candidate who is a member of WCB Governing Council, or related with any member of WCB Governing Council are not eligible to apply.
- Award Ceremony will be organized on September 27 (on the death anniversary of Prof. M. I. Patel) every year in various places of India
- The Awardee have to become a member of the WCB Research Foundation at least for three years

Note: The final decision in change/ modification of rules, guidelines or any criteria will be taken by Governing Council of WCB Research Foundation and subjected to Patan jurisdiction.