

INDIAN MEAT SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (IMSA)

(Reg. No. 307/2001)



ICAR-National Meat Research Institute

Chengicherla, Hyderabad-500092

IMSA - Dr. B.N. Kowale Award for Best Master's Thesis 2025

Terms and Conditions

1. The name of the award will be “**IMSA Dr. B.N. Kowale Award for Best Master's Thesis**” in the field of Livestock Products Technology (LPT) or Meat Science and Technology.
2. The award shall be sponsored from the interest accrued from the fixed deposit of Rs. 25,000/- contributed by Dr.V.V.Kulkarni, Former Director, ICAR-NMRI, Hyderabad. The award will be conferred on selected candidates during the annual/biannual conference of the association.
3. The award will be conferred during the annual IMSA Conference. Every year one M.V.Sc/M.Sc Thesis will be awarded. In case the event is held after 2 years, two awards will be given. The individual award will consist of a citation and a memento bearing the IMSA logo.

4. Objectives of the Award

To recognize the outstanding original research done by Master degree students in the area of Livestock Products Technology (LPT) or Meat Science and Technology.

5. Eligibility

- a. For the award of 2025, the Master's thesis submitted after the previous IMSACON-XII (September, 2024) till the last date of application of the current year award (September 2025) will be considered, provided the degree should be awarded before the last date of application for the award.
- b. The thesis should be a part of the Master's programme that leads to M.V.Sc./M.Sc. degree in Livestock Products Technology/Meat Science and Technology/ any other allied subjects with specialization in meat science.
- c. Applicant must be a life member of Indian Meat Science Association (IMSA).

6. **Administration of the Award**

There shall be a Judging Committee consisting of 2-3 expert members appointed by the President, IMSA. The judging committee will shortlist thesis (depending on the number of applications) for each year and recommend to EC of IMSA. After approval from President, IMSA the shortlisted candidates will be informed.

7. **Evaluation Criteria**

The thesis will be evaluated on the basis of potential of the thesis work (basic/applied) for advancing the existing knowledge/practical utility/novelty/quality and clarity of presentation.

8. **Procedure**

Applications for the award made in the prescribed application proformamay be downloaded from the IMSA web site (www.imsa.org.in). The duly filled proforma will be accepted on or before **30 September,2025**. Soft copy of the duly filled application along with soft copy of the thesis and all other documents (X, XII, Under-graduation and Masters certificates; Reference letter from the Advisor and Forwarding letter from the Department Head/ Dean of the college if enrolled for Ph. D or forwarding letter from the employer if working; Reprints of published papers etc.) may be sent to **Secretary, IMSA, at imsanrcm@gmail.com**.

9. **Presentation**

The shortlisted candidates will make a presentation of about 8-10 min. on salient achievements of his/her work to the audience during IMSA National seminar.It is compulsory for the shortlisted candidates to be present during the seminar and must make the presentation personally. Without presentation the candidate will not be considered for the award. The judging committee consisting of 2-3 experts will evaluate (score) the presentation for Best Thesis and recommend to EC of IMSA. Initial thesis evaluation score (80%) and presentation score (20%) will be totaled and one Best Thesis will be selected. After approval from President, IMSA the selected candidate will be given the award on the last day of the National Seminar. No TA/DA will be provided to applicants.

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Proforma for IMSA-Dr. B.N. Kowale Award for Best Master's Thesis – 2025

1. Name of the candidate :
(In Block Letters)

2. Date and place of birth :

3. Present postal address :

4. Contact Details : Email

: Mobile No.

: Fax. No.

5. Whether Life member of IMSA : Yes / No

If yes – Please mention the Registration No.

6. Degree awarded and discipline :

7. Name of degree awarding Institution :

8. Year in which the degree was awarded :

9. Educational qualifications beginning with the XII class (in a tabular form)

S. No.	Class/Degree	Institution	Year	Division	% Marks/ OGPA

10. Transcript of the course work done, if any, as part of the Master's degree programme (enclose attested photocopy).

11. Was the thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirement of the Degree? Yes/No

12. Date on which successfully completed thesis viva voce examination.

13. Details of the thesis research submitted for the award

(i) Title of the thesis

(ii) Department/Division/Institution where research work was done

(iii) Institution/University to which thesis was submitted as a part of the Master's degree programme.

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- (iv) Name and Designation of the supervisor
 - (v) Priority/ Importance of your Master's research problem in the present context (Max: 100 words)
 - (vi) Any advanced or novel procedures/protocols/tools were used in the experimental work? (Max: 100 words)
 - (vii) Significant achievements or outcomes (Max 5 bullet points of 2 lines each)
 - (viii) List of research papers that have come out of this research work along with one copy of each (published/accepted) paper clearly indicating recent NAAS rating/impact factor.
 - (ix) List of abstracts/popular articles/review papers published
 - (x) One hard copy of the Master's thesis and duly attested copies of certificates of supervisor and advisory committee (as attached in thesis-original) need to be submitted otherwise application will not be considered.
14. Whether any patents out of the thesis work have been applied for; If yes, please give its title and application/reference No. along with date of application:
15. A concise statement (about 100 words) highlighting the most significant aspects of the research work done that you would like to see in your citation of award, if chosen.
16. Certificate by the student

Signature

17. Certificate by the supervisor that the information submitted has been verified and true

Signature

18. Forwarding note by the Head of the institution

Name and Designation

Seal

19. Annexure

Please enclose the duly attested photocopies of transcripts/mark sheets

Score-card for Dr. B.N.Kowale Award for Best Master's Thesis 2025

Sl.No.	Particulars	Score allotted
1	Educational Qualifications: • B.V.Sc. & A. H.-% score or OGPA – Max. 5 marks • M.V.Sc-% score or OGPA– Max. 5 marks • Gold Medalist – Max. 5 marks • University Topper/ 1st Rank– Max. 5 marks • Any other Fellowship/Scholarship secured for UG/PG/PhD – Max. 5 marks • Additional qualifications (PG Diploma/ MBA etc) Max 2 Marks	15
2	Thesis	
2a	Introduction ▪ Importance of the thesis topic in the present scenario ▪ Introduction quality and justification to carry-out the work ▪ Clarity of the objectives	5
2b	Materials &Methods ▪ Any new procedures/protocols optimized or new equipments used for the study ▪ Quality of photographs ▪ Experimental design and statistical approach	10
2c	Results &Discussion ▪ Presentation of Tables, Figures, and Graphs: Quality and format ▪ Relevance of discussion to the data presented ▪ Whether relevant references quoted?	7.5
2d	Summary & Significant findings ▪ Abstract quality and clarity ▪ Future scope, and potential	7.5
2e	Practical utility of findings ▪ Overall thesis outlay, Quality, Practical implications, Presentation	5
2f	Novelty of the research work	5
3	Research Papers Published	
3a	• Journals with NAAS rating >6.0 – 3 Marks • Journals with NAAS rating 4.0 –6.0 – 2 Marks • Journals with NAAS rating <4.0 – 1 Mark	10
3b	Research/ Review articles published in JMS from the findings of the thesis work 2.0 Marks/ Paper	5
4	Review articles/Book chapters/Abstracts • Review articles/Book chapters – 2 Marks • Abstracts– 1 Mark	5
5	Any awards/Recognitions received	5

	1. International and National awards / fellowship / scholarship - 5.0 marks 2. Best Paper / Posters in International/ national conference (all contributors) (Max. 2.0) - 1 st prize – 3 marks - 2 nd prize – 2 marks - 3 rd prize– 1 mark 3. Presentation in national seminars / symposia / conferences / workshops (Max. 2.0) - Oral – 2 marks - Poster –1 mark	
6	Score for presentation at conference	20
	TOTAL SCORE	80