



EMERGING NUTRITION SCIENTIST AWARDS 2026

The Nutrition Drive for Healthy Diet Initiative (NDDI), a registered non-governmental organization, in partnership with the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN) is pleased to announce the 2026 NSN Emerging Scientist Awards.

Award Purpose: The Emerging Nutrition Scientist Awards aim to recognize and encourage outstanding research contributions by young scientists in the field of nutrition in Nigeria.

Objectives:

- Promote excellence in nutrition research among young scientists.
- Foster innovation and creativity in addressing nutrition-related challenges.
- Strengthen the scholarly competencies of early career nutrition professionals.

Award Details:

- Title: **Emerging Nutrition Scientist Awards**
- Prize: **₦200,000** and **recognition at the NSN conference** for the **top two awardees**.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a member of the NSN with up-to-date financial dues.
- Must be a current graduate student or within 3 years of obtaining their PhD or MSc degree, respectively.
- Must be 40 years of age or younger.
- Must be resident in Nigeria.

Submission Procedure:

Interested applicants are required to submit the following documents to the NSN designated email: **emerging-awards@nutritionnigeria.org**

1. Two Letters of Recommendation: one from the applicant's NSN State Chapter Chairperson and one from the applicant's current work or institutional supervisor.
2. Nationally recognized document or ID with birthdate details
3. Institutional ID or certificate indicating current graduate studies registration or MSc or PhD graduation (within the last 3 years).
4. Curriculum Vitae (CV): Detailed and updated CV (**see template below**).
5. Personal Statement: A comprehensive personal statement (maximum of 2 pages), outlining the applicant's accomplishments in nutrition research, leadership roles, and future career aspirations.
6. Proof of Membership: Evidence of current NSN membership with up-to-date financial dues.

Deadline for Submission: Thursday July 30, 2026

We encourage all eligible young nutrition scientists to apply for this prestigious award and contribute to the advancement of nutrition science in Nigeria.

NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

Emerging Nutrition Scientist Award Application instructions (CV submission format)

Applicant's CV should be structured and formatted as outlined to facilitate consistent evaluation by the selection committee. Ensure to attach verifiable links to claims all through the text as much as possible. Words in italics are instructions and not subtitles.

1. Personal/Contact Information

- Full Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Links to Research Profiles (e.g., Google Scholar, ResearchGate, ORCID)
- Social Media Profiles (LinkedIn or Twitter)
- Personal Website (option)

2. Educational Qualifications

- *List all completed and ongoing tertiary educational qualifications.*
 - *Include the degree title, institution name, grades (cumulative grade point and the point scale), and*
 - *dates of attendance.*

3. Professional Experience (Relevant to this Award)

Include current and past research-related positions, specifying duration, position title, and a summary of roles.

a) Paid Employment (Full-time/Contract)

List relevant positions held.

b) Volunteer Roles and Other Leadership Positions

Include unpaid roles that demonstrate leadership or service.

4. Awards, Honors, and Grants

- *List of all awards, honors, and grants received, including:*
 - *Name of the award*
 - *Awarding body*
 - *Date received.*

5. Publications

Organize publications into the following categories:

a) Journals - *Provide full citations.*

b) Conference Proceedings/Abstracts- *Include details of any conference papers or abstracts.*

c) Books or Book Chapters- *Cite any authored or co-authored books or chapters.*

d) Patents – if any

e) Completed Unpublished Works - *List significant works that are not yet published.*

6. Membership of Professional Bodies

- *List memberships in professional organizations.*
- *Attach verifiable membership numbers where applicable.*

7. Editorship and Peer Review of Journals/Abstracts/Concept Notes

Editorial position: *List journal name, position, and roles.*

Completed Peer Review Tasks: *Provide manuscript titles, assigned numbers, and dates of completed reviews. If reviews are tracked on platforms like Web of Science or Reviewer Credits, include the relevant links.*

8. Conferences/Workshops Attended (specify if in-person or virtual)

a) International Conferences/workshops

b) National Conferences/Workshops

9. Link to Supporting Documents (do not send attachments to email)

- *Provide a Google Drive link or similar where supporting documents can be accessed. Ensure to grant access to “anyone with the link.”*
- *Upload evidence for claims made, such as certificates, letters of award, or published works.*

10. Skills

List your soft skills, technical skills – statistical software and nutrition software/tools and level of proficiency.

12. References (two)