



PSI-S.K. Shah Gold Medal in Palaeontology and Stratigraphy

THE PALAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA
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The donor(s), the Shah family (comprising of Mrs. Rama Shah w/o late Professor S. K. Shah, Vinita Shah Kak d/o late Professor S. K. Shah and Vikas Shah s/o late Professor S. K. Shah) through Vikas Shah (as a representative of the family) wishes to institute a Gold Medal award as defined below for the Geoscientist(s) working on the Himalayan Palaeontology and Stratigraphy, who have made significant contribution in this area of geoscience research.

- I. Name of the award:** 'PSI-S. K. Shah Gold Medal Award' in the Himalayan Palaeontology and Stratigraphy. The award be instituted in the name of Late Professor S. K. Shah.
- II. Organization/Institution:** The Palaeontological Society of India.
- III. Conditions of award:** Based on the following conditions.
 - i. Any geoscientist who has made significant contributions in the field of Palaeontology and Stratigraphy of the Himalayas can be nominated/or apply for the award.
 - ii. The award must be non-political and non-denominational in character.
 - iii. The award shall be free of considerations of caste, creed, religion, and gender or restricted to a specific geographical area.
- IV. Duration of award:** Yearly
- V. Call for nominations:** The Palaeontological Society of India shall follow the proposed shortlisting process, i.e.,
 - i. Invite nominations/or applications for the award by way of a notification in the prescribed format through the Journal Palaeontological Society of India's website and e-mail.
 - ii. The Fellows of the Palaeontological Society of India/, Heads of Geology Departments, and Directors of Earth Science Institutions can nominate candidates by providing a brief account of the applicants' contributions along with key research papers published in journals of international repute in the preceding five years.
 - iii. Only the candidates who have worked in the specified areas of Palaeontology/Stratigraphy will be eligible for nomination.
 - iv. Independent Researchers in the field of Himalayan Palaeontology and Stratigraphy can also apply individually.



VI. Selection process for the award: The proposed selection process is as laid out below.

- i. The Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India will take decisions on the award. If required, will form an Advisory Committee of three (3) experts to recommend a selected nominee for the award to the Executive Council of the Society.
- ii. The suitability of nominees will be evaluated based on the impact of their published work in journals of international repute over the last five (5) years.
- iii. The recipient's name shall be made public by the Secretary of the PSI.
- iv. The President of the PSI shall present the Gold Medal award to the awardee at the formal presentation ceremony during the Annual General Body Meeting of the PSI. At the ceremony, a citation of the awardee's works will also be read out.
- v. Once nominated, a candidate may be eligible for renomination for the award next time as well if found suitable. However, such a candidate must resubmit a revised resume with associated details, as required.
- vi. In the case of multi-authored research work, only the applicant will be bestowed with the Medal.
- vii. If no candidate is found suitable or available for the award in a particular year, the award will be deferred to the following year.

VII. Amount of donation: As per details laid out below.

- i. The donor will deposit Rs. 5.0 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs) in one instalment to institute the award and the citation.
- ii. The Palaeontological Society of India shall invest the donated amount as a fixed deposit in any nationalized bank. The interest accrued from the fixed deposit shall be used to meet the expenditure on the award, i.e., the gold medal (Gold Polish on Bronze Medal), citation, and other associated expenses.
- iii. The basic corpus will not be debited for any expense whatsoever.
- v. The conferment of the award by the Palaeontological Society of India and the recipient's response may be published in one of the issues of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India.
- i. The donor family members shall be invited to attend the award ceremony if they wish to, but their presence will not be mandatory.