

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Region Awards



Have you been impressed by the notable contributions one of your peers and colleagues has made to ISCAR-related scholarship within the Nordic-Baltic Region? This is an opportunity to celebrate these colleagues with the help of your nominations to three types of awards:

Memorial Award - for a colleague no longer physically with us, who has shaped the research field in the ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region and beyond, in recognition of her/his outstanding contribution and of the continuing inspiration her/his work represents for the future of ISCAR research in the region and beyond;

Contribution and Service Award –in recognition of a colleague’s outstanding contribution to research within the ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region and beyond, combined with demonstrated long-term commitment and dedication to the development of ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region;

Emergent Award granted to researchers up to three years after PhD completion by the time the conference takes place, that is June, 30 2025. This award recognizes outstanding scientific results which also have high societal relevance in research areas representative of ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region.

The awards will be announced and presented at the closing ceremony of the [Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Conference](#), June 17-19 at University West, Trollhättan, Sweden.

Before preparing a nomination, please make sure to read the AWARD GUIDELINES to check that you fulfill the criteria to issue a valid nomination.

AWARD GUIDELINES

Who can nominate:

Anyone employed or pursuing a doctoral degree within a Nordic-Baltic university may nominate candidates for the awards. In other words, scholars from any Nordic-Baltic university do not necessarily have to be ISCAR members to submit nominations.

Any ISCAR member in good standing and from any part of the world may nominate candidates for the awards.

One nominator can nominate one candidate for each of the three types of awards.

Who can be nominated:

Candidates must be scholars from universities within the Nordic-Baltic Region.

ISCAR Membership is not required to be nominated as a candidate for an award; what counts is the fulfillment of the selection criteria.

Chairs or Members of the Organizing Committee of the 2025 Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Conference are not eligible as candidates for the nominations (Conference chairs: Associate Professor Maria Spante, Professor Annalisa Sannino, and Professor Emeritus Yrjö Engeström; Organizing committee: Professor Ulrika Lundh Snis, Dr Monika Hattinger, and Dr Helena Vallo Hult)

Self-nominations are not accepted.

How to submit a nomination:

Nominations are being accepted till April 21 at 23:45 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST).

Careful consideration should be given when nominating to ensure that the relevant accomplishments of the nominee are presented substantively, clearly and precisely. Nominations

based on unsubstantial and/or unclear arguments or nominations that do not follow the instructions will not be considered. Nominations must be submitted in English.

All nominations are to be **submitted online** via the following links:

ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region MEMORIAL AWARD

ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region CONTRIBUTION AND SERVICE AWARD

ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region EMERGENT OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AWARD

Who will review the nominations, how and by which timetable:

Nominations will be reviewed by the national coordinators within Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Region together with the chairs, the organizers and the scientific committee of the 2025 Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Conference.

Evaluations will be based on the following selection criteria:

The **Memorial Award** recipient is a scholar who

- 1-has passed on, but whose legacy lives in the scholarship of others in the ISCAR community;
- 2-has mostly worked during his/her career in one or more universities within the Nordic-Baltic Region;
- 3- has shaped her/his research field within and beyond the Nordic-Baltic Region;
- 3-has made outstanding scientific contributions and represent a continuing inspiration for ISCAR research in the region and beyond.

The **Contribution and Service Award** recipient is a scholar who

- 1- has worked during all her/his career or for the larger part of her/his career in one or more universities within the Nordic-Baltic Region;
- 2- has made outstanding scientific contributions to research within the ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region, also having impact beyond the region;

3- her/his scholarly contributions are combined with demonstrated long-term commitment and dedication to the development of ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region.

The **Emergent Outstanding Scholar Award** recipient is a scholar who

1- has completed her/his PhD no more than three years prior to the 2025 beginning of the Nordic-Baltic ISCAR Conference (i.e., June, 16 2025). The PhD was granted by a university within the Nordic-Baltic Region and/or the scholar has been/is employed after her/his PhD in a university within the Nordic-Baltic Region;

2-has reached outstanding scientific results in research areas representative of ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region, as demonstrated by exceptional entries in her/his academic CV and as evidenced in one selected publication;

3- the outstanding scientific results also have high societal relevance.

The reviews of the nominations will proceed according to the following steps:

Step 1: By April 28 the available reviewers receive the nominations statements and documents on the basis of which they shortlist by max 2 people per each award.

Step 2: A meeting of all reviewers is organized to make the final decisions. In case of clear consensus stemming from Step 1, the reviewers will deliberate in an email meeting after having had a chance to peruse the shortlists. If the outcome of Step 1 requires so, an online synchronous meeting will be organized for the reviewers to reach a consensus.

Step 3: Decisions are made by May 15 to ensure sufficient time for the preparations of the award ceremony.

What the awards consist of:

1. A plaque presented at the conference;

2. An international online seminar, organized by the ISCAR Nordic-Baltic Region with presentations by the recipients of the Contribution and Service Award and the Emergent Award and presentations by colleagues who are building on the work of the recipient of the Memorial Award;

3. A short podcasts linked in the ISCAR webpage and to the ISCAR newsletters along with an introductory text featuring the awardees' work.

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