



**IR-4 SOAR Award
Nomination Form—Deadline August 31, 2017**

Potential Awardee: _____

Job Title: _____

Company/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Describe the nominee and his/her contributions toward providing Specialty and Minor Crop growers new tools to manage disease, insects, and weeds.

Service:

Outreach:

Altruism:

Research:

Nominator Name: _____

Company/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please submit this form along with a minimum of 2 letters of support by August 31, 2017 to Jerry Baron, IR-4 Headquarters Executive Director, The IR-4 Project, 500 College Road East, Suite 201W, Princeton NJ, 08540.



The IR-4 Project SOAR Award

The IR-4 Project is establishing a new award to recognize those individuals who excel in serving growers of Specialty and Minor Use Crops. The awardees will have demonstrated clear Service toward enhancing the mission of IR-4 through participation on committees, advisory panels, or similar activities; excellent Outreach to growers educating growers on IR-4; Altruism by donating time and effort towards IR-4's mission; outstanding Research which contributes to expanded product labels and increased understanding of product use. In other words, awardees SOAR in supporting IR-4 and our mission to provide growers registrations of new and expanded pest management tools.

The SOAR award will be given to a limited number of individuals annually, but no award will be given if there are no eligible nominees during a particular year. Awardees can be anyone associated with the IR-4 Project except active PMC members and active full-time IR-4 personnel.

The selected awardee(s) will demonstrate excellence in 3 of the 4 elements:

Service

Such as Participation in standing committees and ad hoc committees
Participation in advisory panels
Participation in similar activities which enhance the direction and mission of IR-4

Outreach

Such as Consistent vocal supporter of IR-4 with growers and/or lawmakers
Routinely includes recognition of IR-4 in print and visual media elevating IR-4's profile in the grower community

Altruism

Such as Donation of time, extra research, plant materials, etc

Research

Such as Participation in IR-4 Program for a minimum of 3 years
Consistently produces stellar and timely research
Research results contributed to new or enhanced product labels

The process to select awardee(s) will begin with a nomination made by peers or IR-4 personnel. Nominations must be made on the SOAR Award Nomination Form and be accompanied by a minimum of 2 letters of support from individuals other than the nominator.