



**The Clay Minerals Society of India (CMSI)**  
**Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi**

**Inviting applications for fellowship and awards of CMSI**

**A. Fellowship of CMSI**

Nominations are invited from eligible members of CMSI for conferring fellowship of CMSI (one) for the year 2024. One Fellow of CMSI will be inducted in recognition of his/her professional contributions and services to the CMSI. Nomination proforma for the Fellowship of CMSI is appended to this notification. The newly inducted Fellow will be formally admitted at the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of CMSI to be held at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi during December 18-19, 2025 and presented with a citation.

**B. Young Scientist Award and Travel Support Grant**

**Background**

**The Clay Minerals Society of India (CMSI)** is a premier interdisciplinary, non-profit scientific organization dedicated to serving scientists, industrialists, technologists, and professionals engaged in advancing the field of clay mineralogy and its allied disciplines. These include soil science, geology, materials science, nanotechnology, basic sciences, agriculture, engineering, ceramics, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, and many other related academic and industrial fields where clay minerals are of primary interest. The CMSI is a member of the **Association Internationale pour l'Étude des Argiles (AIPEA)**.

The Society regularly organizes conventions, workshops, and conferences, and successfully publishes its official journal, ***Clay Research***—a double-blind, peer-reviewed scholarly journal now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> volume. Since its inception in 1981, The CMSI has upheld rigorous publication ethics and aims to maintain international standards in the global dissemination of scientific knowledge. Importantly, the journal does **not charge any submission or publication fees**, and it welcomes contributions from authors regardless of nationality, race, gender, or CMSI membership status. The contributing authors, editors, and reviewers of Clay Research represent an international profile.

To fulfil the objectives of the society and encourage young minds to take up clay research, CMSI has instituted following awards:

- 1. CMSI Travel Grant Award to M.Sc. and Ph.D. students**
- 2. CMSI Young Scientist Award carrying a citation certificate and cash of ₹ 5000/-**

**Selection criteria: CMSI Travel Grant Award**

1. Total number of Travel Grant Awards are restricted to a maximum of two students (one Master's and one Doctoral).

2. Candidates who are pursuing or have completed their M.Sc. in 2025 from any recognized University/Institute will be eligible for the M.Sc. (Travel Grant) award. The awardee will have to present a paper from his/her M.Sc. research work in the upcoming conference.
3. Candidates who are pursuing or have completed their Ph.D. in 2025 from any recognized University/Institute will be eligible for the Ph.D. (Travel Grant) award. The awardee will have to present a paper from his/her Ph.D. research work in the upcoming conference.
4. The travel grants would cover maximum to-and-fro travel expenses by up to AC-III tier train fare for travel within India and actual expenses by public transport from normal residence of the candidate to the venue of the annual convention.
5. The award application will consist of the following documents:
  - (a) **Abstract:** An abstract pertaining to any of the following topics: clay mineralogy and allied sciences, industrial application of clay, soil chemistry, environmental quality, carbon sequestration, nutrient use efficiency, climate change, soil pollution, soil health and resource inventory, in no more than 250 words should be submitted along with the award application (appended to this notification). The abstract must contain appropriate title, complete author(s) name and affiliation with email address for correspondence. The selected candidate needs to present his/her work in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the society to be held in New Delhi during December 18-19, 2025.
  - (b) **Resume:** Resume must contain name, date of birth, email id, contact no. (mobile no. is preferable), title of the dissertation, academic background, scholarship/fellowship received, if any, awards/ recognition, if any, and list of publications along with Google Scholar citation and h-index.
  - (c) **No-plagiarism declaration:** No-plagiarism declaration must be signed by the candidate and duly certified by the guide/ advisor of the candidate and must be duly countersigned by the Head of the Department.
  - (d) Scanned copies of certificates and proof of claims based on the judging criteria mentioned in point No. 7.
6. Candidate must submit the application along with the softcopies of the documents mentioned in Point No. 5 to the Secretary, CMSI through email at [cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com](mailto:cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com) on or before November 30, 2025. Hardcopy of application is not required.
7. Judging Criteria:

1	2	3	4
Name of candidate	Academic background (Max. 20 marks)	Dissertation work (Max. 30 marks) Clay Related work will be preferred	Total (Max 50 marks)


### **Selection criteria: CMSI Young Scientist Award**

1. Total number of CMSI Young Scientist Award is restricted to one scientist.

2. A candidate must be working as Scientist/Researcher/Assistant Professor in any recognized academic establishment or in industry.
3. The selected candidate has to make a presentation of her/his own research work with focus on the objectives of The CMSI at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the society to be held in New Delhi during December 18-19, 2025.
4. Candidate has to bear his/her own travel expenses.
5. Awardee is essentially required to submit a full-length research paper of his/her research work adhering to the format prescribed for 'Clay Research' journal along with the award application (appended to this notification). Should the candidate be selected for the award, the full-length research paper will be published in the upcoming issue of 'Clay Research'. After conferment of the award, the awardee will not be allowed to withdraw the research paper. Candidate may go through the website <https://theclaymineralsocietyofindia.com/> for author guidelines.
6. The candidate is required to furnish signed and self-verified declaration on no-plagiarism.
7. The maximum age limit of the candidate is 35 years as on the last date of the receipt of application (November 30, 2025). A proof of date of birth must be attached with the application.
8. Each candidate is required to submit the Curriculum Vitae (CV). Curriculum Vitae must contain name, date of birth, email id, contact no. (mobile no. is preferable), all engagements, title of the dissertations and projects, academic background, scholarship/fellowship received, if any, awards/ recognition, if any, externally funded projects, teaching experience, and complete list of publications along with Google Scholar citation and h-index.
9. Candidate must submit a full-length research paper (in the format prescribed for Clay Research) and CV along with the application to the Secretary, CMSI through email at [cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com](mailto:cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com) on or before November 30, 2025. Certificate and proof of claims may be scanned and submitted along with the application. Hardcopy of application is not required.
10. Judging Criteria:

1	2	3	4	5
Name of candidate	Academic background (Max. 20 marks)	Research article submitted with the application. (Max. 30 marks) Clay Related work will be preferred	Teaching clay mineralogy and/or Professional Contribution with emphasis on clay research (Max. 50)	Total 100

New Delhi  
Dated 10 November 2025

  
(Prasenjit Ray)  
Secretary, CMSI



## THE CLAY MINERALS SOCIETY OF INDIA (CMSI)

Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry,  
ICAR-IARI, New Delhi – 110 012

### Nomination Proforma for the Fellowship of CMSI for the year 2024

(Important: Scanned copy of the nomination should reach to the Secretary, CMSI through email at [cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com](mailto:cmsi.india.1981@gmail.com) by December 5, 2025)

1. Name of the Nominee

2. Date of birth

3. Nationality

4. Present position

5. Address

(a) Office

(b) Residence

Pin code		Pin code	
NSD code:	Phone 1 :	NSD code:	Phone 1 :
Phone 2 :	Fax :	Phone 2 :	Mobile :
Email :		Email :	

6. Educational qualifications from Graduation onwards

Sl. No.	Degree	University	Year	Subjects	Award/ Distinction

7. Any other relevant experience/ information.

8. (a) List of peer-reviewed publications in reputed journals (*Pl. exclude presentations made in conferences/ seminars/ workshops, etc.*)

(i) Clay Research

(ii) Other journals

(b) ***Attach soft copies of not more than five research papers which you consider the best out of which at least two must be from the Clay Research***

- (c) List of books/ book chapters/ reviews written:  
 (d) List of patents granted:  
 (e) Details of commercialization of technologies developed:
9. Outstanding professional contributions  
 (a) List TWO outstanding contributions (In two sentences)  
 (b) Brief resume of the outstanding professional contributions (in about 500 words)
10. Service rendered, if any, to The Clay Minerals Society of India. (*Pl. attach a brief resume in about **100 words***)
11. Overseas visits (*Pl. attach a statement indicating the country, duration, dates and purpose of visit*)
12. Particulars of Memberships in Academies/ Societies/ Professional Bodies
13. Professional recognition, awards, fellowships received (*Pl. give full particulars such as the agency/ organization which conferred the award, purpose, the nature of the award, etc. Use additional sheet, if more space is needed*)
14. Any other information in support of the nomination.

**I certify that the above information is correct.**

Date:

(Signature of the Nominee)

Place:

<i><b>FOR NOMINATORS' USE</b></i>	
We nominate the above nominee for consideration of the Fellowship of The Clay Minerals Society of India	
1. (Signature of the nominator) Name & Full Address	2. (Signature of the nominator) Name & Full Address
Place: Date:	Place: Date:

*List of enclosures:*

**Please note:**

- \* Each nomination shall have to be made by at least TWO Fellows of CMSI.
- \* A Fellow shall not make more than ONE nomination in a year.
- \* The Nominee shall have to be a sustaining Member of CMSI for at least FIVE consecutive years.

### Application form for the CMSI Young Scientist Award

1. Name:
2. Date of birth:
3. Postal address:
4. Phone number:
5. E-mail:
6. Citizenship:
7. Date of thesis viva-voce of Ph.D.:
8. Present designation & affiliation:
9. Educational qualifications: (Write NA in case a row is not applicable)

<i>Examination passed</i>	<i>Year of completion</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Board/University</i>	<i>Division/ OGPA</i>
Secondary (10 <sup>th</sup> )				
Higher Secondary (+2 Science)				
B.Sc.				
M.Sc.				
Ph.D.				

10. List of scholarships/fellowships received:
11. List of publications (along with NAAS 2025 score, if applicable):
12. List of awards/honours received so far:
13. Total citations, h-index, i10 index (from Google Scholar):
14. Title of the research article submitted:
15. Details of authors (including corresponding author) & affiliations:
16. No-plagiarism declaration: Self-verified declaration on no-plagiarism must be attached
17. Professional contribution in research and/or teaching in the field of clay science:
18. Membership of the Professional societies, if any:

19. Scanned copies of certificates and proof of claims.

20. Brief about the applicant (in 100 words):

**Certified that above statements and submissions are true to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature of the applicant (with date and place):**

**Name:**

**Application form for the CMSI Travel Grant Award (Ph.D. students)**

1. Name:
2. Date of birth:
3. Postal address:
4. Phone number:
5. E-mail:
6. Citizenship:
7. Date of thesis viva-voce of Ph.D. (in case you are pursuing Ph.D., mention the year of ongoing Ph.D. programme):
8. Name of the institute (where you have obtained your Ph.D. degree or pursuing your Ph.D. degree):
9. Present affiliation (in case you have obtained Ph.D. degree):
10. Educational qualifications: (Write NA in case a row is not applicable)

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15. Title of the research work:
16. Abstract:

- In no more than 250 words



- The abstract must contain appropriate title, complete author(s) name and affiliation with email address for correspondence.
17. No-plagiarism declaration: No-plagiarism declaration must be signed by the candidate and duly certified by the guide/ advisor of the candidate and must be duly countersigned by the Head of the Department.
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**Certified that above statements and submissions are true to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Name:**

**Application form for the CMSI Travel Grant Award (M.Sc. students)**

1. Name:
2. Date of birth:
3. Postal address:
4. Phone number:
5. E-mail:
6. Citizenship:
7. Date of thesis viva-voce of M.Sc. (in case you are pursuing M.Sc., mention the year of ongoing M.Sc. programme):
8. Name of the institute (where you have obtained your M.Sc. degree or pursuing your M.Sc. degree):
9. Present affiliation (in case you have obtained M.Sc. degree):
10. Educational qualifications: (Write NA in case a row is not applicable)

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