

Ocean Society of India

PROF. P. VETHAMONY EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARD 2026 IN COASTAL OCEANOGRAPHY

Announcement

The Ocean Society of India is pleased to announce the “OSI Early Career Professional Award 2026 in Coastal Oceanography”, sponsored by Prof. P. Vethamony, an eminent coastal oceanographer. The biennial award, open to all Indian citizens under 40 years of age as on 1st January 2026, aims to recognize and honour bright early career professionals who has finished his/her PhD and made significant contributions in the area of Coastal Oceanography. The themes considered for the award are processes related to the interplay of winds-waves-currents-tides, coastal hydrodynamics, coastal morpho-dynamics, transport of sediments, nutrients and pollutants, coastal pollution, estuarine processes, impacts of extreme events and climate change on the coastal zone and ecosystem, and other related themes. The work should have been done in a laboratory/university/institute in India. Apart from research contributions, the candidate should have maintained a good track record of the highest research ethics and integrity standards. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty only) and a citation. The selected candidate will be honoured during OSICON-27, the biennial Conference of OSI which will be held at IITM, Pune in January 2027.

Nominations are invited for the award from the Heads/Presidents/Directors of Institutes / Centres/ Science Academies/ Scientific Societies/University Science Departments or by Rashtriya Vigyan Shri Puraskar / Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners or other similar awardees or by Fellows of OSI. A nomination shall remain active for four years or until the age limit is reached, whichever is earlier. Nomination letters should specifically highlight the novelty of research carried out by the candidate and its global / national impact. It should highlight how the work done by the candidate has advanced the scientific understanding in his / her chosen field of research under the theme, Coastal Oceanography.

The format for nomination is given below. Nominations should be sent by email to the General Secretary, Ocean Society of India as a PDF file at osi.secretary@gmail.com. The last date for receiving nominations is June 30, 2026. Self-nominations will not be accepted. No subsequent correspondence on the nominations will be entertained by the OSI.

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PROFORMA FOR NOMINATION FOR
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(The nominations should be proposed by Heads/Presidents/Directors of Institutes / Centres/ Science Academies/ Scientific Societies/University Science Departments or by Rashtriya Vigyan Shri Puraskar / Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners or by Fellows of OSI/ National Science Academies. No self-nomination shall be entertained)

1. Name of the Nominee:
2. Email id and Contact no.:
3. Date of Birth:
4. Present Position:
5. Employment Record (chronological order)

S. No.	Period	Place of Employment	Designation

6. Academic Qualifications (Bachelor's degree onwards)

No.	Degree	Subjects	Class/CGPA	Institution	Country	Remarks, if any

7. Achievements:

- a) Significant contributions by the nominee (in about 500 words) during his / her entire research career
- b) Significant contributions in the area of the award by the nominee based on the work primarily done in India during the last 5 years (in about 500 words)-specific reference to be made to research papers published in the area.
- c) Summary of the most significant work of the nominee on which the recommendation is based (in 100 words).
- d) Important Journals or publications where this work has been reviewed / referred
- e) Whether functioned as a chair in any significant Scientific International Conferences/Symposia and/or delivered invited lectures in India / abroad (give details of the most important ones):

8. Whether the achievements have already been recognized by Awards by any learned body? If so, the name of the body, award and the year of award may be given. A copy of the citation may be enclosed.

9. The following may be enclosed with the nomination:

- a) List of significant publications in peer-reviewed journals (reprints of not more than 5 best papers to be enclosed)
- b) List of important Technical Reports/Review articles/ Citations received
- c) List of most significant full papers published in proceedings of Conferences, Symposia and Seminars
- d) List of any other important publications of general interest

10. Details of books published, if any

11. Candidate's involvement in community outreach programs related to coastal oceanography

12. Any additional information of relevance

Endorsement:

(The proposer shall give a brief citation of the nominee's work highlighting the novelty of research carried out by the candidate and its global/national impact. Shall highlight how the work done by the candidate has advanced the scientific understanding under the theme, Coastal Oceanography. The proposer shall enter his / her credentials as required below)

Signature:

Name:

Designation and Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Place:

Date: