An Invitation to Join

The premier Societies for Agronomy, Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Professionals

American Society of Agronomy

Soil Science Society of America

Crop Science Society of America
The American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) are nonprofit international scientific organizations headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Each society is autonomous, yet all three Societies share a close working relationship and collaborate on projects, meetings, publications, educational outreach, certification, awards and scholarships, a science policy office in Washington, DC, and many other member services. Members may join one, two, or all three Societies.

Society members are dedicated to the conservation and wise use of natural resources to produce food, feed, fiber, forage, fuel, and pharmaceutical crops while maintaining and improving the environment.

ASA, CSSA, and SSSA members run the gamut of agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental science professionals, representing different specialties, areas of interest, education levels, work settings, geographic location, and age ranges.

Since their inception, the Societies have continued to evolve, modifying their programs and services to support the changing needs of members. Today, the Societies are seen as progressive, scientific organizations that a wide variety of scientists call their professional home.
Who Are Society Members?

When you join ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA, you’re joining over 10,000 agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental scientists worldwide. Members are employed by universities, business, government, and institutes. Applied professionals, consultants, and undergraduate/graduate students are also a vital part of the Societies. Nearly 20% of the Societies’ membership is international.

Which Society is right for you? It depends on your own interests. Members may choose to join one, two, or all three Societies.

**American Society of Agronomy (founded 1907)**
The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) is dedicated to the development of agriculture enabled by science, in harmony with environmental and human values. The Society supports scientific, educational, and professional activities to enhance communication and technology transfer among agronomists and those in related disciplines on topics of local, regional, national, and international significance.

**Crop Science Society of America (founded 1955)**
The Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) is an education and scientific organization comprised of members who advance the discipline of crop science by acquiring and disseminating information about crops in relation to seed genetics and plant breeding; crop physiology; crop production, quality, and ecology; crop germplasm resources; and environmental quality.

**Soil Science Society of America (founded 1936)**
The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) is the professional home for those throughout the world dedicated to advancing the discipline and practice of soil science by acquiring and disseminating information about soils in relation to crop production, environmental quality, ecosystem sustainability, bioremediation, waste management and recycling, and wise land use.
About Membership

Membership Categories

Active—Professional U.S. and international members
Graduate—Those working toward an advanced degree in agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences
Undergraduate—Those studying for a bachelor’s degree
Corporate—Companies who support Society activities

Membership Benefits

Members receive:
- Monthly CSA News magazine,
- Soil Horizons, formerly Soil survey Horizons (SSSA members only,
- Discounts on subscriptions to our highly regarded and well-cited journals,
- Discounts on our publications,
- Access to the online Membership Directory and Scientific Expertise Directory,
- Biweekly electronic newsletters—Science Policy and News Flash,
- Option to publish research in our journals at a reduced rate,
- Opportunity to present poster and oral papers at the International Annual Meetings,
- Free online posting of resumes and access to Career Placement Services,
- Membership in any/all ASA Communities/CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest, in those Societies in which you hold membership,
- Discounts on International Annual Meetings and regional meetings registrations

Membership Opportunities

Members may take advantage of these:
- Professional certification programs, the benchmark of excellence
- Awards, scholarships, and fellowships only available to members, including undergraduate and graduate programs
- Volunteering for Society committees and editorial boards for networking and visibility opportunities, and to hone leadership skills
- Science Policy office activities
- Special activities, programs, and services offered by each Society
- Undergraduate programs with Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES).
“My membership has been vital to my success as a soil scientist in so many ways. The relevance and quality of the journals I receive are one of the primary ways I keep current with new research findings and their potential applicability to my projects. Attending the Annual Meetings allows me to learn about cutting-edge research developments that have direct impact on my work.

My personal network has also expanded through my Annual Meeting attendance and participation in a variety of Societies committees. I’ve had the opportunity to interact closely with other scientists working in academia, government, and other public and private companies.

In my experience, there is no other professional organization where the input of members is taken more seriously or one that is working harder to exceed member expectations.”

Deborah Soukup  
Adjunct Professor  
University of Nevada – Las Vegas  
Geoscience Department  
Member 25 years
Current and future leaders in agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental science professions depend on ASA, CSSA, and SSSA for the information they need—whether it’s the latest advances in the field or cutting-edge research. Societies members have exclusive and preferred access to leading journals, books, monographs, CDs and DVDs, educational materials, and more, including a monthly magazine and electronic research highlights and summaries. The International Annual Meetings bring together professionals from around the world and feature thousands of poster sessions and oral sessions, as well as symposia and guest lecturers.

Web Sites
www.agronomy.org  www.acsmeetings.org
www.crops.org  www.careerplacement.org
www.soils.org

Our members say that visiting our websites and gathering valuable information from them is one of the most important benefits of membership. Each of the Societies has a website with access to publications (journals, publishing information, professional tools, online abstract and article access, research highlights), career information, member benefits (ASA Communities/CSSA & SSSA divisions of interest, branches, awards, society calendar), meetings, society information (mission, reports, officers, committees, position statements), public affairs, and much more.

CSA News
Members receive a subscription to CSA News, one of the top-rated benefits of membership. It features summaries of the latest research, science news, Society news, and more. It’s a great way to stay informed.

Publications Online
Access the Society Store online for a complete list of books, monographs, CDs, DVDs, brochures, and print-on-demand products. Members receive a discount on Society products.

Research Online
Members may access our journals online (see next page for a list of journals) and search abstracts by subject collections or the search terms of your choice. You may choose to be notified via email when new research is published that interests you. Annual Meetings abstracts are also searchable online.
“Membership in the Societies helps me to build relationships with other scientists from other states and countries. Through my membership, I am able to identify researchers and scientists that can help me to think outside the box to bring my research program to another level. It also helps me to get my research published and accepted by my colleagues through the review process.

I can also present my research at the Annual Meetings. In addition, socializing is also really important to see people that I went to graduate school with that I only have a chance to chat with once a year.

The Societies have greatly helped me move forward in my career and I am trying to do anything that I can to give back to the Societies, including reviewing manuscripts and participating on several committees.

Palle Pedersen
Technical Manager
Syngenta Crop Protection
Member 13 years
In a competitive environment, one of the best ways to advance in your career is to be recognized by your peers. Members may publish their research in our well-cited journals at reduced rates. Members may also submit poster and oral abstracts for the International Annual Meetings, one of the most prestigious venues for agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental scientists. Regional meetings, special publications, awards, fellowships, and volunteer opportunities all offer ways to gain professional recognition and advance your career.

**Journals**

Submit your articles for publication in one of our highly regarded, well-cited journals at a reduced rate. Editing and publishing assistance is available.

- Agronomy Journal
- Crop Science
  - includes supplement Journal of Plant Registrations
- Soil Science Society of America Journal
- Journal of Environmental Quality
- Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Education
- The Plant Genome
- Soil Horizons
- Vadose Zone Journal

**International Annual Meetings**

Join thousands of your peers from more than 50 countries for thought-provoking presentations, more than 2,500 poster/oral paper sessions, field trips, and career development programs. Members may submit abstracts for oral and poster sessions, which are recorded and posted to our website for additional exposure throughout the year.

**Career Development & Placement Center**

Learn how to get ahead in your career with special workshops and programs focused on career development. Past topics have included “Job Opportunities Outside Academia” and “Writing Manuscripts for Publication.” Members may also access job search resources through our Career Placement Center. You can post your resume online, post one free “position wanted” ad annually, search job listings, and more.

**Awards, Scholarships & Fellowships**

ASA, CSSA, and SSSA members nominate colleagues, students, and industry leaders for exceptional scientific achievements and service and award more than $100,000 in honorariums each year to recipients of 45 awards and scholarships.

**Certification**

ASA and SSSA administer the Certified Crop Adviser (CCA), and Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSS) certification programs. The professional standards these programs set are widely respected and referenced by or written into a number of state and local statutes.
“As an undergraduate, interacting with the Societies members at the International Annual Meetings was a very valuable experience. I could display research, knowledge, and enthusiasm for my area of study and meet many influential people in our industry. I explored a variety of topics that interested me during the poster and oral sessions and learned about new potential career paths.

Now, as a graduate student, I find membership in the Societies priceless. Networking at various meetings and conferences has allowed me to gain valuable information for my research and future in the industry. The journals provide reliable information on innovative research in my field. I also find the websites well organized and easy to navigate. I feel the Societies have done a lot in the past few years to become more appealing to the younger generation of agronomists and crop and soil scientists. All in all, I have found membership to be very rewarding.”

Courtney Schuler
Graduate Student
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Member 6 years
As a member, you can connect with your peers through exclusive access to the Member Directory, leadership opportunities, and more. No matter where you are in your career—student, just starting out, or at your peak—and whether you want to discuss a technical aspect of research or get career advice, membership helps you make connections that matter.

**Membership Directory/Scientific Expertise Directory**
Contacting other members is easy. The online Membership Directory makes searching by name, address, or Communities/Division of Interest as easy as typing a name.

**ASA Communities/CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest**
Each Society has specialized Communities (ASA) or Divisions of Interest (CSSA & SSSA), whose major activity is to present papers and symposia at the Annual Meetings within their specific topic areas. They also hold business meetings at the Annual Meetings and may present member awards. In addition, they may host listservs, web pages, contests, and newsletters. As a benefit of ASA membership, you may join ASA Communities. As a benefit of CSSA or SSSA membership, you may join their corresponding divisions. You’ll have the opportunity to develop focused peer networks, additional information resources, participate in elections, and serve through leadership opportunities.

**Leadership Development**
Networking connections made while volunteering can lead to research partnerships, personal fulfillment, and recognition. Volunteerism is widely recognized for its leadership-building capabilities and as a positive addition to resumes and curriculum vitae. More than 1,800 society members guide the direction and development of the Societies by serving on 200+ committees. They include governance boards, journal peer reviewers, book editors, award selection committees, division chairs, student club advisers, and mentors.

**Students of Agronomy, Soils, & Environmental Sciences (SASES)**
Undergraduate students have the opportunity to stimulate interest in agronomic, crops, soils and environmental sciences careers among other students, gain leadership skills and training, and associate with professionals in our sciences. Students hold regional meetings twice a year and also have an active program at the Annual Meetings.

**Undergraduate & Graduate Opportunities**
Thanks to the generous support of private industry and various individuals, the Societies offer a comprehensive awards and scholarship program for undergraduate and graduate students. The soils and crops judging contests are part of this program, along with achievement awards and the outstanding senior recognition program.
“As a director with an industry-sponsored research and education institute, my membership in the Crop Science, Soil Science and Agronomy Societies provides opportunities to efficiently network with scientific colleagues in universities and other institutions. An institute like the one I work with depends heavily on networking – which provides mutual benefits for academia and industry, and the resulting application and recognition of relevant science also benefits society at large.

Participating in the societies gives me opportunities to apply my talents to solving problems that advance sustainable crop production. It has been particularly rewarding to see the Societies engage the Certified Crop Advisers and meet the challenge of providing them relevant continuing education. The recognition of their efforts to become knowledgeable in the relevant sciences has enhanced their profile and helped them do a better job of delivering inputs essential to production. It also keeps me informed of new developments and publications in the sciences relevant to my Institute’s mission.

Tom Bruulsema
Director
International Plant Nutrition Institute
Member for 27 years
One important reason to join ASA, CSSA, and SSSA is to support your chosen profession. Whether you work in industry, government, or for a university, you have a vested interest in enhancing the awareness and understanding of the agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences. The Societies work on your behalf to educate public, affect public policy through our Science Policy office and activities, and ensure the future by attracting students to the fields.

**Advocacy**

The Science Policy Office in Washington, DC represents the views of agricultural, natural resources, soils, and environmental scientists before Congress, federal agencies, and other organizations. Activities focus on science policy leadership and initiatives, tracking policy issues, directing grassroots advocacy, and seeking opportunities for members to provide written and oral science-based information to policymakers. All of these are aimed at increasing the importance and awareness of research funding and raising the visibility of our sciences. Members may participate in Science Policy Action Alerts and receive the biweekly electronic newsletter, *Science Policy Report*.

**Public Affairs & Media Relations**

Raising awareness of the value of agronomy, crop, and soil sciences are a high priority of the Societies. The Societies regularly issue media advisories and press releases highlighting scientific advances and achievements.

**Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF)**

ASF assists members who wish to honor a loved one or colleague through a scholarship, award or lectureship. A new fund bearing their name can be established as a lasting tribute or a contribution can be made to an existing fund. Donations to ASF, a 501(c)3 organization, may be tax deductible as charitable contributions.

**K-12 Outreach**

Projects such as the SSSA K-12 “Soils Sustain Life: Educational Resources for Teachers,” an online soils resource for K-12 teachers, help bring our science into the classroom for the next generation. And both ASA and CSSA are actively forming K-12 outreach programs.
Join

Want more information?

Detailed membership benefit information may be found at:
www.agronomy.org/membership/benefits
www.crops.org/membership/benefits
www.soils.org/membership/benefits

Are you ready to join the more than 10,000 agronomy, crop, soil, and environmental sciences professionals around the world who call ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA their professional home?

Join Now

Joining is easy. You may join online at:
www.agronomy.org
www.crops.org
www.soils.org

Membership applications may also be downloaded from the “Membership” page of each of these websites and mailed or faxed.

Annual membership dues and subscription prices can also be found on the “Membership” page.

For more information, please contact us by email at membership@sciencesocieties.org or call us at 608-273-8080.
Top 5 ways to make the most of your membership

Publishing and presenting research to enhance your career

Attending branch meetings and Annual Meetings.

Becoming a member leader by volunteering for a committee or serving as a journal reviewer or editor.

Getting involved in ASA Communities/or CSSA & SSSA Divisions of Interest activities.

Reading CSA News and the News Flash for the latest news and opportunities to participate.