"Prof. Saumen Kumar Maitra best Research paper award for young Scientist".

Life members of the Society of at least **five years standing** who are either faculty members or scientists are eligible for the two awards based on their research **work done in India** with an age restriction of **50 years**

The awardee shall receive a certificate and a cash award at the time of the Society's annual conference. The awardee should deliver an invited lecture at the Annual Conference of the Society based on the paper and additional work carried out by the nominee.

The nominee should have participated in at least three annual Society meetings during the preceding five years.

The nominee should have published at least one research article in the official journal of SRBCE, i.e., *Journal of Endocrinology and Reproduction (JER)*, during the preceding five years.

The nomination should be duly **proposed and seconded by Fellows** of the Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology (FREs). The proposer should have gone through the proposed research paper and the credentials required to be submitted by the nominee. The proposer should provide a brief write-up of about 50 -75 words. A mere signature of the proposer will not be sufficient, and such nomination shall not be considered for screening.

The award shall be for an original research paper published by the nominee in a leading peer-reviewed, indexed journal in the field of Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology, based on the research work carried out by him/her in India during the last three years before nomination.

The nominee should be either the paper's first author or communicating author. The nominee should provide the written consent of the co-authors for the award to be conferred in his/her name.

Papers published in predatory journals, which publish articles only based on payment, shall not be entertained.

Awardees will be selected by a jury of three past Presidents/Secretary /FRE of the Society, based on the citation index (baring self-citation), the journal's impact factor and h Index, i-10 index and g-index.

The decision of the Jury shall be final and binding on all.