



**KERALA UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES AND OCEAN STUDIES
DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH**

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**NOTIFICATION
Research Awards 2026**

Applications are invited for the following Research Awards 2026.

1. KUFOS Award for Best Young Faculty/ Researcher

Eligibility:

KUFOS faculty / researcher below the age of 40 working in the areas relevant to fisheries and ocean studies sector are eligible for the awards. The research work must be original and must have been conducted under an integrated, well-focused, research programme/ project in India. The award is meant for extraordinary, original, creative contributions in advancement of basic sciences concepts, development of new technology and enhancement of productivity, profitability and sustainability of fisheries/ocean studies. The applications and the nominations both shall be accepted. The forwarding/nominating authority may give a precise statement along with their recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist. The period of assessment will be the previous five years from the date of call of the awards. There will be a cooling period of three years once a candidate receives an award.

2. KUFOS Award for Best Research Faculty

Eligibility:

All KUFOS researchers are eligible for the award. The research work must be original and must have been conducted under an integrated, well-focused, research programme/ project in India. The award is meant for individual scientist for their extraordinary, original, creative contributions in advancement of basic sciences concepts, development of new technology and enhancement of productivity, profitability and sustainability of fisheries/ ocean studies/ allied sectors. The applications and the nominations both shall be accepted. The forwarding/nominating authority may give a precise statement along with their recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist. The period of assessment will be the previous five years from the date of call of the awards. There will be a cooling period of three years once a candidate receives an award.

3. KUFOS Award for Best Interdisciplinary Team Research

Eligibility:

All faculty/researchers of KUFOS engaged in interdisciplinary team research are eligible. The team members should be permanent staffs of KUFOS (A minimum of two members from KUFOS is must if the team includes scientists or researchers from outside KUFOS, Principal Investigator of research projects should be from KUFOS). The period of assessment will be the previous five years from the date of call of the awards. There will be a cooling period of three years once a candidate receives an award.

4. KUFOS Award for Best Interdisciplinary Team in Fisheries Extension/Social Sciences

Eligibility:

All faculty/researchers of KUFOS engaged in interdisciplinary team research in Fisheries Extension/Social Science are eligible. They must have been working on an integrated research project dealing with an inherently interdisciplinary problem in a system based, problem solving mode by addressing issues of social relevance. The team members should be permanent staff of KUFOS (A minimum of two members from KUFOS is must if the team includes scientists or researchers from





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outside KUFOS. Project Principal Investigator of research projects should be from KUFOS). The period of assessment will be the previous five years from the date of call of the awards. There will be a cooling period of three years once a candidate receives an award.

The application form shall be downloaded from the University website. The application shall be forwarded by the HoD. Applications in the prescribed format duly filled in shall reach the Office of the Director of Research, KUFOS, on or before 27-11-2026.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

To: Dean(FFS/FOST/FFM/FFE)/All HOD's/All Faculty members/Programmer for publishing in the website.

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