Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS)

and

ForestAction Nepal (FAN)

Agricultural Ecology and Sustainable Agri-Food System

NOTICE

Selection of Research Grant Awardees

Master's Level | Academic Year 2026/27

Date: 27th November, 2026

Following the **Call for Research Grant Proposals** jointly organized by the **Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS)** and **ForestAction Nepal**, we are pleased to announce the applicants selected for the Postgraduate Research Grant. The grant program aims to motivate and support innovative, field-based research in **Agricultural Ecology and Sustainable Food System** by providing **two individual research grants of NPR 50,000 each** to best suited proposals submitted.

The submitted proposals were evaluated by the Review Committee based on their relevance to the priority thematic areas, scientific merit, originality, feasibility, potential impact, and overall quality of proposal writing, in accordance with the published evaluation criteria.

Selected Awardees

S.N.	Applicant Name	Research Title
1.	Mahesh Khadka	**Effect of Indigenous Microorganisms and Trichoderma Inoculants on Root-Zone Microbial Activity, Nutrient Uptake, Disease Suppression, and Yield of Tomato**
2.	Neeharika Pandit	**Effects of Mulching on Bio-Intensive Farming Practices and Smallholder Farmers' Willingness to Participate in Carbon Finance**

Important Information for Awardees

The selected applicants are requested to:

1. Confirm acceptance of the research grant within **seven (7) days** of this notice via email.
2. Complete all research activities according to the approved proposal and timeline.
3. Submit the required Mid-Term Progress Report and Final Research Report within the specified deadlines.

4. Acknowledge ForestAction Nepal and the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS) in all publications, presentations, and other outputs arising from the supported research.

The organizing committee sincerely thanks all applicants for their interest and the high quality of the proposals submitted. We encourage applicants who were not selected in this funding cycle to continue pursuing research and to apply for future grant opportunities.

Congratulations to the selected awardees, and we wish them every success in their research endeavors.

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