

## Awards Criteria

The **Dr. Pankaj Parekh Research Innovation Award** will honor researchers and research teams who have made significant contributions to advancing the science of water.

### **Criteria:**

- Individual researchers or research teams may be considered.
- Nominations may be made by Foundation staff, subscribers, research partners or members of the Board of Directors. Self-nominations will be not be accepted.
- Awardees will have made a significant contribution to the water community through their body of Foundation-supported research.
- Awardees will have conducted Foundation-sponsored research that resulted in a key breakthrough related to water management, water treatment or delivery, wastewater treatment or collection, resource recovery, desalination, reuse, stormwater, utility management or customer communications, or other issue of importance to subscribers.
- Additional consideration will be given to researchers who have:
  - advanced research excellence through collaboration and/or interdisciplinary cooperation
  - effectively integrated research and application
  - guided sustainable development or environmental stewardship
  - incorporated resources with practical application that offer added value to utilities
- Only one Research Innovation Award will be granted each year.