

ICM AGRIFOOD AWARD

FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGRIFOOD

GUIDELINES

The ICM Agrifood Award recognises and acknowledges the outstanding work of two early career scientists or technologists who have achieved substantial peer/industry recognition for their work in a field critical to continued improvement of the overall Australian food sector in the past five years.

Winners each receive a cash prize of \$5000, sponsored by ICM Agribusiness, one of Australia's major agribusiness groups. The Award is administered by ATSE. One female and one male winner will be awarded at the Innovation and Excellence Awards dinner on 11 June 2020 in Melbourne.

Eligibility and nomination of candidates

Candidates for the 2020 ICM Agrifood Award must be nominated by an individual Proposer and an individual Secunder.

Self-nominations will be excluded.

Two awards are available: a female category and a male category.

The Proposer is to complete the 2020 ICM Agrifood Award nomination form and ensure all required supporting documents are legally certified, if required, and submitted by the closing time and date.

The Secunder will support the nomination with a letter clearly indicating her/his detailed knowledge of the work for which the nomination has been made. The Secunder should be an industry or technical expert in the nominee's field who can comment on the nominee's signature contribution to the field. It is strongly encouraged that Seconders not be the nominee's direct supervisor or manager.

Eligibility is limited to:

- Those with demonstrated excellence, innovation and impact in a field related to food and agriculture in Australia
- Persons who are 40 years or under on the first day of the year in which the Award is made (with allowance made for career breaks due to family or carer responsibilities)
- Those acknowledged by peers for outstanding contributions to the food and agriculture sector in the past five years
- Those who have advanced the standing of the broad profession of agriculture and food.

The Nominee must acknowledge the nomination by signature, thus confirming the facts attested in the nomination (electronic signature acceptable).

Winners of other professional, state, national or international awards are eligible for the ICM Agrifood Award providing they meet all other eligibility criteria.

Applications close

9:00am AEST Monday 23 March 2020

Assessment criteria and selection

All eligible nominations for the ICM Agrifood Award will be considered by the ICM Agrifood Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will be drawn from Fellows of Learned Academies or equivalent with an appropriate degree and career in a field of food and agriculture.

The Selection Committee will assess all eligible nominations against the following key criteria, that the Nominee has:

- demonstrated excellence, innovation and impact in a field related to food and agriculture in Australia;
- been acknowledged by peers for outstanding contributions to the food and agriculture sector in the past five years; and
- advanced the standing of the broad profession of agriculture and food.

The Nominee must be 40 years or under on the first day of the year in which the Award is made (with allowance made for career breaks due to family or carer responsibilities).

The Selection Committee will, at its absolute discretion, select the proposed winner of the ICM Agrifood Award on the basis of the key criteria.

In the event that a suitable candidate is not found in any one year, then funds allocated for that purpose would be carried forward for future years, to extend the duration of the Award rather than the amount.

The winner will be notified by ATSE by the end of April 2020.

All decisions taken by the 2020 ICM Agrifood selection committee shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Obligations of winner

Each nominee will give permission for details contained in the nomination to be released to the members of the Selection Committee (i.e. those listed in the nomination form) for the purposes of the selection process.

Whenever such material is considered by the Selection Committee, this information and details of their deliberations and recommendations will remain confidential. The Nominee should note that a description of the work being acclaimed and images of the winner will be publicised.

The winner of the ICM Agrifood Award will be expected to:

- attend the award ceremony, which will be held at the Celebrating Innovation and Awards Excellence Dinner on 11 June 2020 in Melbourne, and be available for any associated media activity;
- participate in activities within 12 months of receiving the award to promote the Award; and
- Interact with the Academy Agriculture Forum.

Nomination documents

The Proposer must complete and submit the following materials that constitute a complete submission, available from www.atse.org.au

PART A – Nominee, Proposer and Seconder details

PART B – Application Executive Overview (100 words)

PART C – Selection Criteria

CRITERION 1 – Demonstrated excellence, innovation and impact in a field related to food and agriculture in Australia (300 words)

CRITERION 2 – Been acknowledged by peers for outstanding contributions to the food and agriculture sector in the past five years (300 words)

CRITERION 3 – Advanced the standing of the broad profession of agriculture and food (300 words)

PART D – Eligibility Criteria

CRITERION 4 – Age (PDF evidence attached. This includes evidence of career interruptions, if applicable, in the form of a letter from the nominee’s employer(s) clearly stating the length and nature of the interruption.)

PART E – Proposer Statement (300 words)

PART F – Seconder Letter (attach)

PART G – Nominee Statement of Consent

DEADLINE – Lodgement must be before 09.00am AEST Wednesday 25 March 2020.

The Proposer and Nominee may be called upon by the Selection Panel to provide evidence of claims made within submitted documentation.

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The selection panel will only consider nomination material provided in the submitted nomination form by the closing date 9:00am AEST Monday 23 March 2020. Applications received after this time and date will not be considered.

All attachments should be named clearly, for example: ICM Agrifood Award Nomination Form: CITIZEN, Jane. Incomplete Nomination submissions will not be considered.

Only electronic submissions of nominations and attachments will be accepted.

Nominations must be lodged by 09.00am AEST Wednesday 25 March 2020 via email to icm.agrifood@atse.org.au

The ICM Agrifood Award Selection Committee is of the view that the confidentiality of information exchanges must be strictly observed and its deliberations will remain confidential.

All decisions taken by ATSE shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

In accordance with the Privacy Act, ATSE protects the privacy and security of information provided by you. By completing this form, you agree to the use of your personal information by ATSE for purposes related to the ICM Agrifood Award award program; that ATSE may contact you about our products and services; and that ATSE may use this information for internal purposes. If you do not wish to receive further information, please email info@atse.org.au or call 03 9864 0900.

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