

PURPOSE

The AIC Fellowship Award recognizes an individual AIC member who has made a distinguished contribution to Canadian agriculture.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Individuals who have had continuing membership in the Agricultural Institute of Canada for a minimum of five years.

INELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Individuals currently serving in political office and members of the Honours and Awards Committee are not eligible.

ELIGIBLE NOMINATORS

Three individuals, at least one of whom must be an AIC member

CRITERIA

Candidates must be of good character and integrity and will be evaluated by the AIC Honours and Awards Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Contributions to Building Scientific Capacity for Societal Good

Candidates must have made an outstanding contribution to building scientific capacity for societal good at the national level in two or more of the following areas:

- Scientific research and innovation
- Application of scientific research (extension/field work, corporate or other)
- Education
- Mentoring/encouragement of youth to enter the science professions
- Enhancement of financial/funding resources for agri-based science/research
- Technology transfer
- Public Policy
- Environment or Economy
- Building gender and diversity inclusiveness within and outside AIC

2. Integration and Collaboration

Candidates must have demonstrated leadership in building partnerships with other professionals and organizations, preferably across disciplines, for the advancement, application and understanding of the agri-resource base.

3. Communication

Candidates must have demonstrated excellence in improving professional or public understanding of the role of agriculture in providing solutions to societal challenges, as evidenced, for example, through publication and presentation of peer-reviewed research, effective communication to the general public and decision-makers on the importance of the agri-resource base; or effective networking.

4. Volunteer Activities

Information should also be provided on the candidate's volunteer services for professional organizations as well as community service not directly related to his/her profession.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations, including documentation (see attached Nomination Form), must be submitted to the AIC Honours & Awards Committee no later than December 31, 2009.
- In order to obtain full and accurate information to complete the Nomination Form, nominators may contact and inform candidates of their nomination on the understanding that there is no assurance that the nominee will be selected.
- Nominations must be supported by documented evidence of the character, contributions and accomplishments of the candidate(s).
- Individuals cannot nominate themselves for the award.

REVIEW PROCESS

- The AIC Honours and Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the award recipient(s) using a standardized rating system. In the case of no suitable nominee(s), the award will not be presented.
- Nominators may resubmit the nomination of a candidate who is not selected for the award up to a maximum three times.
- The recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee is subject to the approval of the AIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The Award recipient(s) will be notified by the AIC CEO no later than February 26, 2010.
- AIC will promote the name and the image of the award recipient(s) and information about the recipient(s) on the AIC website and in the public media. In accepting the award, the recipient(s) agree to the publication of this information.

PRESENTATION

The award(s) will be presented at the AIC Honours and Awards presentation ceremony or other time and location mutually agreeable to AIC and the recipient(s). AIC will provide up to \$500 to each award recipient for reimbursement of travel costs to attend the ceremony.

Approved by the AIC Honours and Awards Committee, September 28, 2009