

PURPOSE

The AIC Sustainable Futures Award recognizes imminent leaders - young men and women - who are advancing and applying innovative scientific knowledge on the sustainable use of agricultural resources required to address challenges in areas such as:

- Human and animal health
- Food security
- Climate change
- Energy demand, and/or
- Resources and Biodiversity

THE AWARD

The award recipient will receive \$1,000 to further advance the development and application of new scientific knowledge, and a complimentary five-year membership in the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Within one year after receipt of the award, the recipient will be invited to highlight his/her work for publication by AIC.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AND CRITERIA

The award is open to AIC members and non-members. It is expected that individuals nominated for the award will be under 40 years of age.

A nominee must:

- be showing great potential as an innovation leader whose research or current employment is immediately applicable to the expanded and sustainable production of agriculture or agri-products in areas such as: human and animal health, food security, climate change, energy demand or resources and biodiversity.
- be an integrator and communicator who demonstrates the ability to convey knowledge to, and work with, specialists in other fields and stakeholders such as business leaders, government policy makers, the media, or non-government organizations.
- understand and support the economic, environmental and social elements of sustainability.

INELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

- Individuals currently serving in political office.
- Members of the AIC Honours and Awards Committee.

ELIGIBLE NOMINATORS

Two individuals, AIC members or non-members.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations, including documentation (see attached Nomination Form), must be submitted to the AIC Honours & Awards Committee no later than March 31, 2012.
- In order to obtain full and accurate information to complete the Nomination Form, nominators may contact and inform candidates of their nomination.
- Nominations must be supported by three detailed written testimonials, from individuals other than the nominators, on how the candidate meets the award criteria.
- Individuals cannot nominate themselves for the award.

REVIEW PROCESS

- The AIC Honours and Awards Committee will review the nominations and select one award recipient using a standardized rating system. In the case of no suitable nominee, the award will not be presented.
- The recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee is subject to the approval of the AIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- The Award recipient will be notified by the AIC CEO no later than May 15, 2012.
- AIC will promote the name and image of the award recipient and information about the recipient on the AIC website and in the public media. In accepting the award, the recipient agrees to the publication of this information.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented at a time and location mutually agreeable to AIC and the recipient. AIC will provide up to \$500 to the award recipient for reimbursement of travel costs to attend the ceremony.