

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
- 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. One year after receipt of the award, the recipient will be invited to highlight their work for publication by AIC.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

It is expected that individuals nominated for the award will be under 40 years of age.

- AIC members and non-members
- Young individuals enrolled in a doctoral or postdoctoral program in a Canadian university, or who have completed such a program within the past five years and are working in Canada
- Young individuals who have completed a Masters' degree and have a minimum five year's work experience in Canada

INELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Individuals currently serving in political office and members of the Honours and Awards Committee.

ELIGIBLE NOMINATORS

Two individuals, one of whom must be a member of a faculty of a Canadian university.

CRITERIA

The candidate:

- shows 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.
- is an integrator and communicator who demonstrates the ability to convey knowledge, and work with, specialists in other fields and stakeholders such as business leaders, government policy makers, the media, or non-government organizations.
- understands and supports the economic, environmental and social elements of sustainability.

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.
- 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 February 26, 2010.
- 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.

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