

AIFST President's Award 2024

BACKGROUND

The Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology (AIFST) may recognise, acknowledge, and acclaim an individual or an organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to the Institute. This Award shall be known as the AIFST President's Award.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. A nominee for the Award may be a member of the Institute (Professional or Fellow), a non-member of the Institute, any organisation or company.
2. The nominated individual or organisation/company will have demonstrated a clear commitment to advancing AIFST's role in supporting Australia's food industry professionals.
3. The Award will be made at the discretion of AIFST.
4. There may be more than one recipient in any one year.
5. An Awardee cannot receive more than one AIFST President's Award.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- a) AIFST shall call for nominations for the Award via channels deemed appropriate and aligned with the overall AIFST awards program. The call for nominations shall outline the closing date of entries; provide the award guidelines and nomination form; and details for return nominations.
- b) A nomination for the Award is to be completed via the AIFST Nomination Form which includes a statement and supporting documentation, not exceeding 1000 words. The nomination shall be proposed by two Members (Professional or Fellow) of the Institute.
- c) Nominations are to be sent to the AIFST CEO for review. All nominations will be strictly confidential.
- d) No late submissions shall be accepted, although AIFST reserves the right to extend, or change the closing dates for entries at its discretion and without prior notice.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- a) The basis for the selection of a person to receive the Award shall be determined by the Board and CEO assessed against the following criteria:
 - the nature of the contribution to AIFST (25%)
 - the significance of the contribution to AIFST (25%)
 - the impact of the contribution on AIFST in assisting the organisation to deliver against its objectives. (50%)

JUDGING PROCESS

- a) The AIFST CEO will review each nomination against the judging criteria and present a summation and recommendation to the AIFST Board.
- b) The Board will review the recommendation and allocate the Award at their discretion.
- c) Following the Board recommendation, AIFST will invite the successful nominee(s) to accept the "AIFST President's Award" and shall inform the nominees of the time and place of the Award presentation.
- d) The President or the President's nominee shall present the Award(s) at an appropriate time and place decided by AIFST.
- e) In the event of the death of an Awardee before the time of presentation of the Award, the Award may be presented posthumously.

AWARD PRIZE

The Award recipient will receive the Award which will be presented at the Annual AIFST Convention.

AWARD DATES

Date	Action	Responsible
25 March 2024	Call for nominations	AIFST
20 May 2024	Close of nominations	AIFST
21 May - 7 June 2024	Judging of awards	Judging panel
17 June 2024	Nominees advised of outcome	AIFST
6 August 2024	Awards Ceremony @ AIFST24	AIFST