Fellows Award

The Fellows Award honors and recognizes IAFP Members who have contributed to the Association and its Affiliates with distinction over an extended period of time. The Award consists of a plaque and recognition as a Fellow of the Association.

Qualifications for nominees

- Nominee must be a current IAFP Member
- Nominee must have been an IAFP Member for 15 or more consecutive years
- Nominee must have a demonstrable record of service to IAFP and its Affiliates
- Nominee must be actively involved in the food protection community
- Information submitted will be evaluated based on a point system established by the Fellows Award Selection Committee
- Current IAFP Executive Board Members are not eligible

Note: Nominators are encouraged to consult with the nominee while gathering information for submission. Both IAFP Members and non-members may nominate colleagues.
Criteria for nominations

Provide adequate detail regarding your nominee’s service to IAFP in the following areas.

- IAFP involvement, including year nominee joined IAFP
- IAFP Annual Meeting attendance record
- IAFP Annual Meeting participation (presentations, convener, Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, etc.)
- Articles published in IAFP journals
- IAFP Journal Editorial Board service
- IAFP Committee and Professional Development Group service
- IAFP Executive Board service
- IAFP Foundation involvement
- IAFP Affiliate involvement, including length of service and detail of service
- Other IAFP involvement or service

Provide information about nominee’s food safety contributions to related organizations (e.g., ASM, ADSA, IFT, NEHA, AFDO and state or regional affiliated organizations). Examples include:

- Service as an officer to a related organization
- Committee service to a related organization
- Publication in a related organization’s journal or magazine
- Presentations at a related organization’s meeting
- Organizer of symposium or workshop at a related organization’s meeting
- Other service to a related organization

Provide details about nominee’s contributions to food safety or food protection and communication. Examples include:

- Develop and maintain a “cutting edge” research program with the primary emphasis on food safety or food protection
- Develop and maintain an outstanding program on issues of food safety or food protection within a regulatory agency (local/state/federal)
- Develop and maintain an outstanding program on issues of food safety or food protection within a company or an industry
- Contributions to communicating information about food safety or food protection, such as:
  - Teaching:
    - College courses with an emphasis on issues of food safety or food protection
    - Short courses (workshops) organized by a university, professional organization or industrial group
    - Guest lectures on food safety issues to appropriate high school classes
    - Presentations to trade associations or to individual companies
    - Providing training to employees of regulatory agencies (local, state, federal)
  - Participation in radio or TV programs dealing with issues of food safety
  - Preparation of pamphlets, bulletins, leaflets, etc. to provide information on food safety
  - Preparation of news releases on issues of food safety
  - Service on advisory committees of regulatory agencies (local, state, federal)
  - Other applicable avenues of communication
Additional points to consider under the criteria for evaluating nominee

Other activities or characteristics of the nominee that are not specifically covered under the above criteria may be provided to emphasize the nominee’s dedication to food protection and demonstrate the nominee’s high personal standards (e.g., volunteer and community activities, etc.).

In addition to a nomination cover letter,* nominator must provide at least 2 (maximum 3) letters of support* for the nominee from professional peers.

Submitting nominations

The nominator’s cover letter* should be clearly organized to summarize the nominee’s history in the following areas:
1. Service to IAFP and its Affiliates
2. Contributions to food safety through related organizations
3. Contributions to food safety or food protection and the communication thereof

Nominations must be submitted as one PDF to awards@foodprotection.org by Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Please follow directions carefully to avoid errors. Nominations received by email directly to the IAFP office or by mail will not be accepted. If you have any questions about this award or the required documents, please contact Susan Smith at ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Once you have submitted your complete nomination, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt from Susan within 48 hours. (If you do not, please contact Susan.)

*Nomination letter and letters of support cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member*