Food Safety Advancement Award

The Food Safety Advancement Award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that has made a significant contribution to advancing food safety worldwide. The award honors achievements that demonstrate meaningful progress in protecting the food supply through a new or innovative idea, practice, process, program, technology, research contribution, educational initiative, policy advancement, or other significant accomplishment.

The recipient's contribution should demonstrate measurable or clearly identifiable impact on food safety and have the potential to influence practices, knowledge, systems, or outcomes beyond the immediate setting in which the work was developed. The award consists of an engraved plaque and a $2,000 honorarium. IAFP recognizes and appreciates the generous support of **Ecolab** in sponsoring this award.

Qualifications for nominees

- Individual, group, or organization from industry (including consulting), academia, or government involved in food safety program development and implementation, food safety research, technology development and/or transfer, education, policy, and/or information transfer.
    - Individual nominees must be an IAFP Member in good standing at the time of nomination and during the IAFP Annual Meeting when the award is presented.
    - For group or organization nominees, at least one member of the group or employee of the organization must be an IAFP Member in good standing at the time of nomination and during the IAFP Annual Meeting when the award is presented.
- Nominees should be involved in areas such as food safety research, program development and implementation, education, policy, technology, information exchange, training, or other activities that contribute to advancing food safety.
- The nominee must have played a significant role in developing, leading, implementing, or advancing the contribution for which they are being recognized.

Previous recipients of the Food Safety Innovation Award, Food Safety Award, IAFP Executive Board Members, and IAFP Awards Committee Members are not eligible.

Criteria for nominations

- **Advancement in food safety:** Provide a detailed description of the contribution, achievement, initiative, innovation, or body of work for which the nominee is being recognized. Please include how the work has advanced food safety knowledge, practices, systems, technologies, education, policy, or public health. Clearly identify the nominee's role in developing, implementing, leading, or advancing the work. The advancement may include, but is not limited to the below elements. All contributions must have occurred/published within the last four years:
    - Development or implementation of a new or improved food safety practice, process, program, or technology.
    - Recent research that has contributed important new knowledge or applications to food safety.
    - Development or implementation of policies, regulations, standards, or guidance that improve

food safety or public health.

  - Educational, training, or information-sharing initiatives that have strengthened food safety knowledge or practices.
  - Programs or systems that have improved food safety culture, performance, prevention, or risk reduction.
  - Other significant contributions that have meaningfully advanced food safety.

- **Significance and impact:** Provide a description of the significance of the nominee's contribution and the effect it has had on food safety. Please include specific examples or evidence demonstrating the results of the work. When possible, provide quantitative or qualitative evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of the contribution. This may include:
  - Improvements in food safety practices or outcomes
  - Reductions in level of hazard or risk of contamination or infection
  - Improvements in public health protection
  - Changes in industry, government, or organizational practices or policies
  - Increased access to food safety knowledge or resources
  - Other demonstrated benefits

- **Originality and innovation:** Provide a description of what distinguishes the nominee's contribution from existing approaches, practices, or knowledge. Please include an explanation of how the work introduced a new idea, addressed an unmet need, improved upon an existing approach, solved a significant food safety challenge, or changed thinking, practices, processes, or procedures. A contribution does not need to represent a completely new invention to qualify. Meaningful adaptation, implementation, or advancement of an existing concept may also demonstrate innovation when it results in significant advancements to food safety.

- **Reach, adoption, and broader influence:** Provide a description of the extent to which the contribution has influenced food safety beyond the nominee's immediate work, organization, or institution. Examples may include:
  - Adoption or adaptation by other organizations, professionals, industries, governments, or institutions.
  - Replication or expansion of the work in other settings, regions, or countries.
  - Incorporation into industry practices, standards, policies, guidance, education, or training.
  - Publication, presentation, or dissemination that has contributed to broader knowledge or practice.
  - Recognition or endorsement by professional peers, organizations, government agencies, or other relevant groups.

  For contributions that are relatively new, nominators may describe the demonstrated potential for broader adoption or influence when extensive adoption has not yet occurred.

- **Sustainability and continued advancement:** Provide a description of how the contribution has resulted in, or is positioned to result in, lasting improvements to food safety. Please include if/how the work has established practices, knowledge, systems, partnerships, resources, or other mechanisms that can continue to benefit the food safety profession or public health over time.

- **Supporting Documentation:** Provide documentation supporting the significance, effectiveness, and impact of the nominee's contribution. Supporting materials may include publications, research findings, data or outcome measures, industry or government documentation, examples of

implementation or adoption, awards or recognition, educational materials, media or professional publications, or other evidence relevant to the nomination.
    - For an individual nominee, include a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) (not to exceed 20 pages) with relevant professional accomplishments.
    - For a group or organization, provide a brief history or organizational summary and identify the specific individuals or teams primarily responsible for the contribution being recognized.

- **Participation in IAFP activities:** Provide IAFP Membership history and a list of past and present involvement in committees and PDGs, Annual Meeting attendance and program participation (e.g. speaker, symposium organizer, etc.) including other, and other IAFP leadership activities. For organization or team nominations, please document involvement of individual members.

- **Letters of support for nominee**: Nominator must provide nomination cover letter* as well as a minimum of two and a maximum of three letters of support* from professional peers that support or document the contribution and stating its relevance to food safety.
  **Nomination letter and letters of support cannot be from a current IAFP Board Member.*

Please note: IAFP Members can only receive one award overseen by the Awards Committee within the same year.
If an individual is selected for multiple such awards in the same year, the Executive Board will determine which award the individual will receive. An IAFP Member can additionally receive awards selected by the President, Executive Board, or other special committee (including the President's Lifetime Achievement, Honorary Life Membership, and Fellow Awards).

The award recipient and/or their employer or affiliated organization may not use the Food Safety Advancement Award in advertising, packaging, or other promotional materials in connection with the recognized contribution without prior written permission from IAFP.

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Judging Procedure

Procedure for evaluation of each nominee

This procedure was designed with the intention of providing a matrix to help the award jury select a winner with a relatively equitable, semi-quantitative method. Nominators have been instructed to provide specific information on the nominee that reflects the expectations and specific intent of the Food Safety Advancement Award. Each criterion listed in the next section has a weight factor reflective of its importance relative to the specific intent of the Food Safety Advancement Award.

The jury's task is to evaluate the nominee by measuring performance against the criteria listed and applying the 1 – 10 Rating Scale given below. To obtain each criterion's weighted score*, multiply the criterion's % weight (in decimal format) by the score that was assigned from the 1 – 10 Rating Scale. Nominees should be ranked for each criterion on their own merit and should also be ranked only in relation to other nominees.

Rating Scale

9.0 –10.0	**Outstanding:** Performance exceeds judge's expectations for criterion
8.0 – 8.9	**Above average:** Performance is above average expectation level for criterion.
7.0 – 7.9	**Average:** Performance meets average criterion expectations
6.0 – 6.9	**Below average:** Performance below expectations
5.9 or less	**Unsatisfactory or not applicable:** Performance does not meet criterion expectations or the criterion does not apply to the candidate

The following is an example showing a nominee receiving a perfect score (10 in each criterion).

Award Criteria	Criterion % Weight (x Factor)	Judge's Score	Weighted Score
Advancement in Food Safety	**30% (0.30)**	**10.0**	**3.0**
Significance and Impact	**20% (0.20)**	**10.0**	**2.0**
Originality and Innovation	**10% (0.10)**	**10.0**	**1.0**
Reach, Adoption, and Broader Influence	**10% (0.10)**	**10.0**	**1.0**
Sustainability and Continued Advancement	**10% (0.10)**	**10.0**	**1.0**
Supporting Documentation	**10% (0.10)**	**10.0**	**1.0**
Participation in IAFP	**5% (0.05)**	**10.0**	**0.5**
Letters of Support	**5% (0.05)**	**10.0**	**0.5**
	100 %		**10.0**

**Weighted score = criteria score given based on rating guideline x criteria weight factor (e.g., if Participation in IAFP score is 8, then 8 x 0.05 = 0.4 weighted score)*